

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING December 12, 2023

**CAB Members Present:** Denise Fisher, Marcy Germanotta, Megan Higgins, Thomas Isenhour, Felicia Mebane, Season Roberts, Al Schweizer, Peg Volk, Stephanie Robinson, Lacy Shirey, Margie Wiley, Charlotte Hudgins Zito

**WHRO Staff Present:** Nancy Rogan, Mechelle Hankerson

**Meeting started at 6:06PM**

**Welcome** – Charlotte Hudgins Zito welcomed everyone and passed to Season for the Ice Breaker

**Ice Breaker** – Favorite holiday tradition, could be Public Media related.

**June and September Minutes Approval** – Approved

**New business:** Charlotte Hudgins Zito discussed the terms for Chair and Vice Chair are two years. As the two years are up in June, Season will be stepping into the Chair role at end of June and CAB will need a new Vice Chair for the upcoming FY24. If interested, please let Charlotte, Nancy, or Season know.

**Mechelle Hankerson represented the newsroom as well as Lisa Godley who was not available**

### **Current Community Trends**

- Journalism holiday coverage. Slows down but will continue.
- General political coverage information
- Looking to hire Vice President of News to oversee newsroom
- Launching a weekly 60 minute news roundup. 30 minutes of local, 30 minutes of NPR. Early next year. Will replace Watching America which ends in December.
- Newsletter has had some design tweaks.
- Lisa Godley finishing up Against the Current documentary. Airing in Spring
- Hired new O host. Make classical accessible to people.

### **General**

- Nancy Rogan reported on new VA Humanities opportunity
- Margie Wiley shared Suffolk News Pub was great and suggested that all members attend one. Nancy Rogan mentioned that was the last one. May be more opportunity to engage with journalists in community.
- General discussion on how libraries are great places to connect to community.
- New library coming to Suffolk
- Discussion around CAB Volunteer Chart. Member requested to be added to volunteer emails. Nancy mentioned they should be getting them and some members said they are. NR to follow up with Development
- NR share how grateful she is for the commitment and dedication of this board.
- Early convening at 6:50 to planned holiday merriment.