

## WHRO CAB Meeting Minutes 6/9/20

6-7:30 pm

In attendance via Zoom: Nancy Rogan, Sibel Galindez, Richard Dyer, Thomas Isenhour, Season Roberts, Lisa Godley, Kevin Martingayle, Lacy Kuller, Denise Fisher, Thomas L. Isenhour, Valeria Jessup, Felicia Mebane, John Miller (Chair), Christopher O'Brien, Marcy Germanotta, Alison Schoew, Alicia DeFonzo, Alvin Schweitzer, Margie Wiley, Peg Volk, Charlotte Hudgins Zito, Uday Khambhammettu (Vice Chair)

At 6:00 pm, John Miller welcomed the group virtually. Nancy and Uday thanked John for his dedicated service as Chair of CAB over the past two years.

The March meeting minutes passed unanimously. Lacy Kuller moved to accept the minutes, and Alison Schoew seconded the motion. John reminded the group to read them online prior to each board meeting.

The Chair ceded his time for comments so that the producers could introduce their latest projects and hear about current community trends and issues. Charlotte Zito offered kudos to Cathy Lewis for covering issues of race and news misinformation in recent shows.

- Current Community Trends and Issues with Producers:  
Richard Dyer and several other board members asked if WHRO could share more specific information about active cases of COVID-19 locally.
- Lacy Kuller recommended that everyone listen to the special Another View dedicated to race that aired in June. She also asked Nancy for information regarding use of smart speakers and Alexa to listen to WHRO.
- Al Schweitzer offered kudos to Nancy for completing the Vietnam Wall of Faces. Nancy Rogan responded that WHRO is producing a new television piece to commemorate the Wall of Faces.
- Alicia DeFonzo offered thanks to WHRO for putting radio pieces online for listeners (like herself) who are working from home and unable to listen when shows air live. She asked for more coverage regarding daycare and education plans that impact working parents.
- Tom followed up with a suggestion that WHRO feature best practices for parents at home and gather parent questions.
- One CAB member discussed how COVID-19 will impact a rising enrollment crisis that colleges across the country, including Norfolk State University and other local universities.
- Lacy Kuller said that she wants WHRO to hold local leaders accountable for and report on their responses to COVID-19.
- Sibel Galindez said that she hopes other programs will point to the exceptional Another View two hour special on race and she hopes that there will be a way for listeners to engage and respond after radio shows air. Lisa Godley responded that Another View plans to host more shows and at least one community Zoom with Nancy as well.
- Peg Volk let us know that the Eastern Shore communities are hosting a series of events called Showing Up for Racial Justice to further discussion of race relations on the Shore.

- Nancy Rogan shared WHRO's upcoming Facebook Live events airing a documentary about Easter Island and "Asian America."
  - Richard talked about the next level of advanced technology coming for WHRO.
  - Nancy assured us that the station is protecting radio personalities, hosts, and staff with social distancing measures and allowing those who can work from home to do so.
  - Denise Fisher took a screenshot photo of our Zoom meeting.
  - Chris O'Brien thanked WHRO for providing programming that has been so helpful to rely on as we all remain isolated at home
  - Nancy reported that Giving Tuesday and May donations have been better than projected. The station received \$54,000 on Giving Tuesday alone.
  - Kevin Martingayle expressed frustration over the issue of "immunity" for police and government officials. He hopes that we will all start to demand accountability from people in positions of power. He also said that he appreciates "Left, Right, and Center" which provides great civilized dialogue.
  - Marcy Germanotta talked about how the nonprofit sector is struggling during the COVID crisis. Girl Scouts have cancelled camps and are losing income and impact on families.
  - Lacy agreed, saying that event fundraising has been impacted and is an important source of money for nonprofits.
  - Nancy discussed the ELB "ELBow" plans for a virtual trivia night and plans for other hybrid events in the future.
  - Season Roberts works with a non-profit organization that addresses child abuse and neglect. She said that when children don't have contact with teachers and doctors, they aren't getting the help they need. She announced that Virginia Beach has it's first black Circuit Court Judge now and she also discussed the monuments debate.
  - Nancy Rogan announced that Tom Morehouse is retiring as CFO and that Amy Sokol has been hired as the new CFO at WHRO. She also reported that WHRO has received lots of great feedback about televised academic courses that they started to air when schools closed. She also discussed the new "Work Like A Girl" campaign to encourage women to join the skilled careers workforce.
- VIII. Committee Reports: John Miller thanked Kevin Martingayle and Valeria Jessup for their years of service on CAB. The Membership Committee hopes to introduce new members at a virtual welcome event in August. The Membership Committee also discussed the roles of Chair and Vice Chair for the coming season. Lacy announced that starting in September 2020, Uday Khambhammettu will serve as Chair and Charlotte Hudgins Zito will serve as Vice Chair.
- The meeting concluded at 7:30 pm.