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**RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY**  
**WSBE/Rhode Island PBS**  
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DATE: November 2, 2009  
TIME: 3:05 P.M. (**QUORUM NOT PRESENT**)  
PLACE: WSBE Rhode Island PBS  
50 Park Lane  
Providence, RI 02907

**PRESENT**

Mr. Michael Isaacs (Chairperson)  
Hon. Judge Robert Flanders  
Ms. Lisa Pelosi  
Mr. Charles Roberts

**EXCUSED**

Hon. Judge Frank Caprio  
Mr. James Leach  
Ms. Karen Shuster  
Mr. Peter Wells

**ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Robert Fish (President & CEO, WSBE)  
Mr. David Piccerelli (Vice President & CFO, WSBE)  
Ms. Laurie Brayton (Senate Fiscal Staff Analyst)

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority convened on Monday, November 2, 2009.

With a quorum of members **NOT** present, Chairperson Isaacs decided to use the meeting for informational purpose and to be updated on the operations of WSBE.

**Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Isaacs had nothing to report

## **President's Report**

Mr. Fish reported to the Board the following:

### Engineering Operations

- Exploring the possibility of operating 24/7 with special monitoring software.
- Some signal reception issues with are being looked into.
- We are in need of \$35K-\$40K for the removal of the analog equipment from out old transmitter site.

### Programming

- We will be airing an informational special on the H1N1 virus live on November 4, 2009 from 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM. The Governor will be here as well as Dr. Gifford from the Department of Health. It will be a call in format with all the RIBA member stations participating.
- Principals video shoots completed with editing and packaging remaining.
- Ken Burns's national parks special series running for six weeks every Wednesday night.
- We are working on more cross promotion of the Learn Channel.
- Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM are now dedicated to locally produced programs.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> we will be airing a program featuring Navy heroes from Rhode Island. This is a locally produced program.

### Development

- We are slightly behind the revenue plan for the year.
- Janet Zwolinski, our Development Director, is no longer employed with us.
- Membership:
  - (see attached summary)
- Auction:
  - The wine event at the Breakers in Newport with the Newport Preservation Society was a big success.
  - Wine Auction at Roger Williams Park Zoo Botanical Garden will be February 6, 2010.
  - Art Auction – we had 300 pieces donated and we raised \$35,000.
  - 33% of Art Auction bidders were from out of state.

### Video Streaming

- Our relationship with the RI Department of Education has ended and the video streaming program will now be operated 100% back here.

## **Financial Report**

- Mr. Piccerelli entertained questions on the written report that had previously been distributed.
- The auditors Management Letter was distributed and discussed. It was noted that all of the recommendations pertain to the Rhode Island PBS Foundation and not the RI Public Telecommunications Authority.
- Mr. Piccerelli was directed to contact the auditors to make a differentiation between their recommendations.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Communications**

None

**Future Agendas**

It was suggested that the next meeting be held in February 2010.

**Adjournment**

With a quorum not present, this informational meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of my notes taken at the time of said meeting.



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David W. Piccerelli, Vice President & CFO

May 3, 2010  
Date