

Contact Information

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Member Type?

Listener Sponsor Member

Current Occupation

Director of Operations/HR

Any past felony convictions?

No

Background:

Please indicate your involvement with WORT, past or current.

For over 15 years, I've been a listener and supporter of WORT. Currently I contribute financially on a monthly basis and through the pledge drives. Recently, I assisted Molly Stentz who was exploring a background check policy for the station, its employees and its volunteers. This was done on a pro bono basis through my work at The Employer Group. In addition, I've attended fundraisers, block parties, and consistently share my love for the station with friends, colleagues, and anyone interested in news and music.

Please indicate your involvement with communit(ies) in WORT's listening area.

Since 1996, I've lived in Madison. As my son went through Madison's public schools, I was active in fundraising for Midvale-Lincoln by starting and coordinating their annual plant sale, and volunteered through PTO. I've supported the school system in a variety of ways, including tutoring, fundraising, and providing teacher support. Currently, I work part-time with the UW's Master of Science in Biotechnology, at which I provide professional and career coaching and support to its graduating students. I also provide pro bono career counseling.

In addition to my dedication to education, I'm also a supporter of environmental issues. I am a member of Madison's Healthy Lawn Team, a group that educates our community on non-toxic lawncare, and I support Wisconsin Wetlands Association, among other organizations. (We're very proud our son is now a natural resources student at UW-Stevens Point!)

As part of the Madison area's business community, I've been fortunate to provide pro bono services to many organizations, including Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, the Mt. Horeb Chamber of Commerce, the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center, and the Verona High School.

Ideas

What are your goals for WORT?

1. Continue to provide valuable information through news and community information.
2. Continue to develop programming that reaches all members of the community.
3. Develop a long-term strategy to involve younger listeners and volunteers to sustain WORT's mission.
4. Provide opportunities to bring together people who normally don't get the opportunity to meet other members of their communities.

What do you see as WORT's major responsibilities to the community?

1. Strengthening the ties among the diverse populations in our community.
2. Educate its listeners by offering a myriad of programmings, both spoken and music.
3. Provide information the community members can use to make a difference.
4. Ensure Madison's culture is one of inclusion and celebration.
5. Get us to sing and dance - whether at home or together!

There are many areas where WORT could improve and many new activities WORT could undertake. Please list specific tasks on which you would be willing to work.

1. Strategic planning - I have experience as several organizations on facilitating and participating in strategic planning.
2. Fundraising - As a Board Member, I recognize the role I would play in fundraising and would do it to the best of my ability.
3. Programming - I'd be interested in helping the station strive to meet its mission on being a place/service for all members of the community.
4. Employment issues - My 20 years' of HR experience may be helpful to management and staff.

Why do you wish to be on WORT's Board of Directors?

When I think about what makes Madison special, WORT always comes to the top. I truly believe the station works hard to meet its mission to provide inclusive educational and cultural opportunities for our community. My personal mission is to help people and organizations succeed. I think if you were to replace "organizations" with "communities", you'll see our missions are aligned. I'd like to share my knowledge, skills, abilities and passion for the community with the WORT Board, staff, volunteers and listeners.

The Board currently meets monthly on a Wednesday night. Meetings are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. and may finish as late as 11 p.m.. Are you able to regularly attend Board meetings?

Yes.

WORT's Board is an active participant in station affairs. Board members do committee work and participate in pledge drives and other fundraising events. Board members are expected to commit to five to ten hours a month in addition to meetings. Roughly estimate the time you have available for work in addition to Board meetings.

5-10 hours per month

Feel free to add any additional relevant material.

Thank you for this opportunity!