

Contact Information

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Member Type?

Participating Member

Current Occupation

Retired

Any past felony convictions?

No

Background:

Please indicate your involvement with WORT, past or current.

For the last few years I have produced, and obtained underwriting for, a podcast feature for the Wednesday night news on Madison history (which has won two awards from the Milwaukee Press Club). I hosted "A Public Affair" and the former "Breakfast Special," in the late seventies/early eighties. I have been on the Board of Directors for six years, for a while as president, now as vice president. I have been approved to begin a new show on local authors and book events, "Madison BookBeat," starting this fall. I have also been a listener sponsor and donor for many years, and have further raised money for the station by donating copies and giving presentations of my book on early Madison history.

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

I was president of the Bassett Neighborhood Association 1980-1985, and obtained the \$50,000 CDBG grant to develop the large studio (vinyl library), and represented the downtown area on the Dane County Board of Supervisors 1982-1987. I have served on the Madison Development Corp./ board of directors since 1980, and have helped develop affordable housing and socially responsible economic development throughout downtown Madison. Since 1981, I served on/chaired several city commissions, including the Madison Community Development Authority, Plan Commission and Landmarks Commission.

Ideas

What are your goals for WORT?

1. Survive.
2. Thrive.
3. Expand podcasts and other internet offerings to successfully manage the decline of traditional terrestrial radio.

4. Expand use of large studio for production/broadcasting of live music.

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

Continue to be a source of innovative music programming and independent news and public affairs commentary.

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.

I have enjoyed, and believe I have been productive, chairing the Policies and By Laws Committee and assisting Susan Sheldon and Doug Holtz in their listener sponsor and business development activities. I would like to continue in these two areas, in addition to general board work.

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

WORT has been important to Madison and south central Wisconsin since we went on the air in December 1975. It has been important to my life since I first heard Rockin' John one Saturday night in the summer of 1977. I believe I have been a productive member of the board and vice president, and would very much like to continue to give back to the station.

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.

I am retired, and since my last election to the board have completed a major project which has occupied me the last few years. I easily have at least ten hours a month, in addition to board meetings, available for WORT work.

Feel free to add any additional relevant material.

WORT is one of the great things about Madison. It has been a great honor to serve on our board, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue to do so. Thanks.