
New BOD Application from | Jan Miyasaki

Background:

Please indicate your involvement with WORT, past or current.

Worked with the Her Turn collective for 5 years. Learned to write, produce, engineer, host WORT's feminist news program. Learned a great deal about political analysis and organizing from this formative experience. I have produced and hosted the Wednesday 8:00 Buzz since 1993 and have been committed to bringing alternative news, information and opinion from local, state, national, and international perspectives every week. Most importantly, I served on the WORT Board (and for a period of time as BOD President) in the early 1990s and understand the issues the Board faces around fairness, power and the station's mission.

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

As director of a non-profit agency addressing sexual and labor exploitation and human trafficking, I deal daily with the impact of classism, racism, and gender inequality and how these issues intersect with homelessness, mental health care, mass incarceration, and the need for legal services and protection of immigrants -- at both individual and systemic levels. I am actively involved with community organizers around these issues.

Ideas

What are your goals for WORT?

WORT is a member-controlled community radio station. One of our primary goals is to maintain a balance between the need for producing radio in alignment with the WORT Mission Statement, following its core values, and commitment to shared power --- with its need for money to provide good jobs and work conditions, and advancing the technology of community radio.

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

To empower marginalized voices and provide diverse content that commercial stations overlook.

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.

- community outreach and engagement
- board/staff development and training

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

WORT is a transformative place. At its best, it is revolutionary. I respect the diversity of voices, ideas, and capabilities of our membership. I wish to serve on the Board of Directors to work to preserve WORT's non-commercial radio space.

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, am able to attend Board meetings regularly.

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.

Can commit 10 hours a month in addition to Board meetings.