

Board of Directors Application : Entry # 10736

Contact Information

Name

Doug Ranney

Address

Email Address

Home/Cell Phone

Member Type?

Participating Member

Length of term

Until June 2029

Current Occupation

Retired

Any past felony convictions?

No

Background:

Please indicate your involvement with WORT, past or current.

I have volunteered since 2023, helping to design and create WORT's archiving project.

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

I have been a member of The Bodgery, Madison's largest Makerspace, since 2017.

Ideas

What are your goals for WORT?

I want WORT to continue evolving as a dynamic community hub while staying true to its founding principles. This means adapting to newer technologies and social concerns without abandoning the Seventies sensibilities WORT was founded upon- adding to the culture rather than replacing it.

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

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In a nutshell, WORT should function as an alternative to mainstream media content rather than competing against it on the same terms. Much of the niche programming will never have a wide audience, but it serves an audience that would be totally ignored otherwise- and that's the point.

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 would like to work on continuing to improve the physical facilities. Embracing the plucky, shoestring operation vibe doesn't have to mean looking neglected and haphazard. I would like to explore cooperation with other community radio stations and Madison non-profits and find ways to pool our efforts to achieve things we couldn't pull off alone.

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

After years of working on-site at the station and interacting extensively with staff, I think I have a decent grasp of the day-to-day machinations and pain points at WORT. As a board member I would expect to learn much more about the bigger picture and then be able to offer a perspective that perhaps most people wouldn't have.

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 would certainly have 10 or more hours a month available.