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IOWA PUBLIC RADIO BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Action Requested: Appointments to the Iowa Public Radio Board of Directors.

Background: In December 2004, the Board of Regents created Iowa Public Radio to consolidate the radio stations at the three Regent universities. In February 2006, Iowa Public Radio was formed. The Board of Directors is currently comprised of 14 members, including 11 community directors, representing the interests of the community, and three licensee directors representing the interests of the station licensees. In October 2018, IPR approved a by-law change allowing for an increase in community board members from eight to a maximum of 15.

The current community member appointees are Katherine Byers, Lijun Chadima, Robert Downer, Nora Everett, Steve Firman, Mary Kramer, Warren Madden, Zachary Mannheimer, Julie Monson, Marsha Ternus and Douglas West. IPR requests re-appointment of Julie Monson for an additional three-year term. In addition, IPR proposes adding three new community board members, effective Oct. 1: Helen Miller, Mary Rayburn and Greg Schnirring. Bios for the new potential community board members follow.

BOARD NAME	RATIONAL E	LAST APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE	END OF TERM	Proposed Representative	NEW/CONTINUED TERM
Iowa Public Radio	BOR Policy § 1.10	vacant	9/30/23	Helen Miller	9/30/23
		vacant	9/30/23	Mary Rayburn	9/30/23
		vacant	9/30/23	Greg Schnirring	9/30/23
		Julie Monson	9/30/20	Julie Monson	9/30/23
		Katherine Byers	9/30/22	Katherine Byers	9/30/22
		Lijun Chadima	9/30/22	Lijun Chadima	9/30/22
		Nora Everett	9/30/22	Nora Everett	9/30/22
		Warren Madden	9/30/22	Warren Madden	9/30/22
		Vickee Jordan Adams	9/30/22	TBD	resigned effective 8/27/20
		Mary Kramer	9/30/22	Mary Kramer	9/30/22
		Douglas West	9/30/21	Douglas West	9/30/21
		Steve Firman	9/30/21	Steve Firman	9/30/21
		Robert Downer	9/30/21	Robert Downer	9/30/21
		Zachary Mannheimer	9/30/21	Zachary Mannheimer	9/30/21
		Marsha Ternus	9/30/21	Marsha Ternus	9/30/21
		Jacy Johnson, ISU	Open	Jacy Johnson	Open
Jeneane Beck, UI	Open	Jeneane Beck	Open		
Cassie Mathes, UNI	Open	Cassie Mathes	Open		

Helen Miller



Born in Newark, NJ, Helen Miller received a BA degree (Howard University, Washington, DC), MS in Library Science (Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX) & Juris Doctor (Georgetown University, Washington, DC). She has accumulated more than 45 years of experience and leadership as an attorney, legislator, mediator, legislative bill drafter, volunteer, arts educator, executive director of several nonprofits, and board member of numerous local and national organizations. Miller represented the 9th District in the Iowa House of Representatives from January 2003 to January 2019.

Former Rep. Miller has participated in numerous leadership programs and received numerous national and state awards including the lifetime achievement award from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and the Herbert Hoover Uncommon Public Service award. She is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Links Inc.

Known for her ability to work in a bipartisan fashion, Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Miller to chair the Iowa Board of Parole in 2019.

Mary Rayburn



Mary Rayburn's love for fine arts and music began with her move to New York City in the 1970s, working at cultural institutions such as the Museum of Modern Art's P.S.1, the Dia Art Foundation and the Brooklyn Museum of Art. It was her role in the finance departments at New York City's public radio station, WNYC, and WBGO, one of the nation's few all-Jazz public radio stations, that established a long-standing belief that cultural programming and journalistic freedom are critical to every community.

Her dedication to the arts continued in Davenport, Iowa where she and her husband Chris raised two daughters while growing a family business. There she served on the board of the Friends of the Davenport Museum of Art (Figge Art Museum) and various leadership roles volunteering in the music and theater departments of Davenport Central High School and First Presbyterian Church. Mary and Chris enjoy visiting their two grown daughters, who currently live in Chicago.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Rayburn earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Kalamazoo College, Michigan, and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and continued with advance degree classes at Manhattan's Marymount College while employed in New York City.

Greg Schnirring



Prior to retiring in October 2019, Greg Schnirring served for five years as Vice President, CSG and Station Initiatives at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) in Washington, D.C. Schnirring was responsible for policy implementation of the Community Service Grant (CSG) program, CPB's largest grant program. This included directing the operations of the Office of Grants Administration, which distributes over \$300 million to public TV and Radio stations across the country. He also collaborated with management, staff, and system leaders on policy development for the TV CSG program. In addition, his portfolio included initiatives to help public TV stations provide strong public service to their communities through greater efficiencies, effectiveness, and collaboration achieved by entering into significant partnerships, or when right for the communities, mergers.

Previously, Schnirring served for 10 years as the CPB Vice President, Radio, where he worked with the Radio Program Fund, radio system investments, station relations, and the CPB Radio Department's administrative activities. Schnirring worked full-time in public media for 40 years serving also as the Director of Radio at both Wisconsin Public Radio and South Dakota Public Radio. He has served on the boards of the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, Public Radio in Mid-America, and on the executive committee of the Integrated Media Association.

Schnirring holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA and an M.A. degree in Mass Communication from the University of South Dakota. After retiring, Schnirring returned to his family farm in Sac City, Iowa.