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IPR BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL GARTNER

The Iowa Public Radio Board today approved an agreement with Michael Gartner sending to arbitration his contention that the closed session portion of our October 30, 2013 board meeting may have violated open meetings laws. The Iowa Public Radio Board of Directors fully intends to comply with the Iowa Open Meetings law. We have agreed to this arbitration to clarify the question of whether we lived up to that intent.

In the last year and a half, IPR has had a number of distractions around personnel issues and lawsuits. And amidst those distractions, our staff has done an incredible job, keeping high quality content on the air and serving our 230,000 listeners statewide. Our listeners have stayed loyal and our audience has grown. Our underwriters have continued their support. We have new organizational leadership, and an almost entirely new board. The Board of Regents have increased university funding for the first time in several years. IPR is poised to realize our vision of strengthening our impact; growing and engaging our audience and enhancing civic and cultural connections across the state. We are committed to accomplishing our goals using transparent and open processes.

Minutes of today's meeting will be posted on the board section of our website when approved by the board at its next meeting. The minutes from our March 13 and April 18 Board meetings will be posted today at <http://iowapublicradio.org/board-directors>.