The Iowa Public Radio board of directors held its monthly meeting on Feb. 9, 2007, in the Attaché Room of the 801 Grand Building, Des Moines. Present for the meeting were board members Art Neu, Kay Runge, Steve Carignan, Warren Madden, Steve Parrot and IPR executive director Cindy Browne. Also in attendance were IPR management team members Robin Fraser, Wayne Jarvis, Todd Mundt and Don Wirth. Also in attendance was Peter Brown, Des Moines real estate broker.

Chair Neu called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Runge moved and Carignan seconded approval of the December board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Browne distributed copies of the IPR capital budget requests to be submitted to the Iowa Legislature through the Board of Regents. She noted that the $2.5 million request had been included in Governor Chet Culver’s budget. Browne was scheduled to present the budget to the Senate Infrastructure, Capital and Budget Subcommittee on Feb. 14.

Browne asked for board authorization to transfer $100,000 from the WOI budget to IPR to cover Wirth’s salary and benefits as director of finance. The action would equalize the expense of station managers because Kjaer (WSUI/KSUI) and Jarvis (KUNI) are still paid directly from their respective university/station. Runge moved approval of the request; Carignan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Browne introduced Peter Brown, who has been retained as IPR representative in the search for rental office and studio space in downtown Des Moines. Brown led all members on a tour of four potential spaces. Afterwards, the group returned to the 801 Grand Building for a presentation from the owners of the Lovejoy Building, one of the potential rental properties. It was the consensus of the board that Browne and Brown should further examine the possibilities for three of the sites: the Lovejoy Building, 1300 Walnut Street, and Capitol Center in the East Village.

Carignan moved for adjournment, Parrott seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Parrott
Secretary