

NPR president *and* CEO will step down at the end of his 5-year term in June. Jarl Mohn has opted not to renew his position as NPR president and CEO. Rather, as president emeritus, he'll focus on building NPR's financial stability. Along that line he and his wife Pam will donate \$10 million to NPR to help the organization carry on its mission of providing fact-based journalism. Here's an excerpt from his letter to General Managers:

“As president emeritus, I'll focus on building relationships with people who believe in the importance of NPR's fact-based journalism and want to invest in the next chapter in our history. The vital work of this organization and its Member stations – your work – is changing lives and building a better future for this country. That isn't an exaggeration.

“I'm thrilled that I will maintain my connection with you and your work in this new role, and continue the tremendous momentum we have begun together. We have made so much progress in strengthening NPR and public radio. For the last four and a half years we've beaten our budget targets and achieved surpluses at a time when commercial media companies are fighting for shrinking ad revenues, reducing workforces, and lowering their standards in the process. We are creating new, high-quality content for all the ways audiences are consuming media. NPR and Member stations are coming together in a renewed spirit of partnership. There is no other news organization doing what NPR does, and that work deserves the support of more philanthropists and foundations.”

NPR has begun the search for the next leader.

Connecting and binding is what WPM's is all about! We were honored to be mentioned by the Wyoming Humanities' Shannon Smith for the work WPM does in the area of community outreach https://www.thinkwy.org/gratitude_to_wy_cultural_network-3-2/. Apart from broadcasting, public media's core responsibility is to reflect and support community activity. We provide an annual report to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting detailing our activity, which becomes part of the congressional record.

Greater Sheridan area listeners, please bear with us. We're upgrading our facility at the new Red Grade site and were caught between new UW Regulations, vendor schedules, and now snow at the site that prohibits access until spring. This is an example of a situation our engineers strive to avoid, but alas, we aren't always in control of procedures or weather. Thank you for your patience – we hear you!

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Happy Holidays!

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