



FPA PLAYBACK

Annual Member Meeting and Election Set for September 27

The Fairfax Public Access annual member meeting and election for the Board of Directors will be held at the FPA studio on September 27, 2009 from 1pm to 5pm. The annual meeting, chaired by Board President Georgia Graves, is open to all FPA members to learn about the work done by the Board in the last year and their plans and concerns for the upcoming year and beyond. Elections will also be held for two Director positions, to commence when a quorum of 10% of the active membership is reached and conclude three hours afterward. Any FPA member who is a resident of the County of Fairfax including any incorporated town therein, the City of Fairfax or the City of Falls Church is eligible to vote in the election providing that they are a member in good standing of FPA as of the Date of Record, Friday August 21, 2009, and are able to provide photo identification issued by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (or public school district verification where age appropriate) or can provide proof of residency in the jurisdictions listed above at least 10 days prior to the election (by September 17, 2009) as listed on the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles website at

www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/pdf/dmv141.pdf

All votes must be cast in person. No member may vote by proxy or by mail. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot, supervised by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

A person may be nominated for the office of Director by filing a statement of candidacy with FPA Board President Georgia Graves or FPA Secretary Ayme Pointer no later than August 28, 2009. Statements of candidacy may be hand-delivered or mailed to the attention of FPA Board President Georgia Graves or FPA Board Secretary Ayme Pointer at the following address:

Fairfax Public Access
2929 Eskridge Rd.
Suite S
Fairfax, VA 22031

Mailed statements of candidacy should include the candidate's full name, street address and a work or home telephone number, and must be received by August 28, 2009. A postmark of August 28 will not be sufficient, as the statement must be received at FPA by that date. In addition to the statement of candidacy, a candidate may also include a current resume and/or a statement of 100 words or less as to why the candidate has chosen to run.

Lunch will be catered by Bubba's Barbeque. FPA strongly encourages all members to attend the annual meeting and participate in voting if eligible to do so.

FPA Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

FPA kicked off its 25th Anniversary in style with a gala and awards banquet on May 16, 2009 at the Kena Temple in Fairfax, attended by over three hundred members, friends and guests.



Entertainment was provided by a talented group of jazz musicians, high school students associated with the Virginia Music Adventures program, a non-profit organization that allows local student musicians the opportunity to practice and perform their craft on a semi-professional level.

A buffet dinner featuring several stations, a variety of foods and a chocolate fountain for dessert was catered by Capital Cuisine



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FPA received congratulations from Sen. Mark Warner's and Rep. Gerry Connelly's offices and was presented with an American flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in commemoration. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins both attended and provided their congratulations, and representatives from the League of Women voters and the Prince William Committee of 100 presented letters of appreciation for FPA's service to the community.

Former WJLA-TV anchor John Harter presided over the awards program as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the awardees and sharing jokes and anecdotes about his time as a reporter.



Achievement awards were given to TV and Radio producers with 500 or more shows.

Service awards were handed out to members in radio, television and the Nova.org internet group who have volunteered years of service to other members and to FPA.



FPA Internet Service Award

Tom Piergallini

FPA Radio Service Award

Doug Goffus & Paul Porzio

FPA Spirit Award

Jim Flynn

FPA Television Service Awards

<i>Gail Cafardi</i>	<i>David Cawood</i>	<i>Pat Coffey</i>	<i>Ed Cooney</i>
<i>Woody Everett</i>	<i>John Gecan</i>	<i>Mary Hartzler</i>	<i>Donnie Lowther</i>
<i>Jim Respress</i>	<i>Sid Sachs</i>	<i>Rick Sapp</i>	<i>Wolf Schubert</i>
<i>Ahmed Selim</i>	<i>Leo Torrezao</i>	<i>Steve Vlahovich</i>	

500 Shows Achievement Awards

<i>Herb Archey</i>	<i>Patrick Barney</i>	<i>Gelareh Bassiry</i>	<i>Liem Bui</i>
<i>Dallas Burnette</i>	<i>Manhoman Chawla</i>	<i>Ed Cooney</i>	<i>Tom Gavin</i>
<i>Nafissa Ghorwal</i>	<i>Doug Goffus</i>	<i>Lindsey Gustin</i>	<i>Alan Haber</i>
<i>Vincent Jack</i>	<i>Melvin James</i>	<i>R. Neville Johnston &</i>	<i>Mary Phelan</i>
<i>Robert Karnes</i>	<i>Ted Little</i>	<i>Mike & Kathy Maser</i>	
<i>John Monsul</i>	<i>Matthew Moore</i>	<i>Brian Nern</i>	<i>Phillips Nguyen</i>
<i>Don Pierson</i>	<i>Paul Porzio</i>	<i>Ken Rostkowski</i>	<i>Debbie Sears</i>
<i>Marwan Silbak</i>			

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Holidays and Closings

For the remainder of 2009, the station will be closed to members and the general public on the following dates:

September 7 - Labor Day

November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24 and 25 - Christmas Holiday

The station will be open to members from 4pm -10pm only on these holidays:

October 12 - Columbus Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

From the Engineering Department

The engineering department has learned that when taping shows in any of the three television studios, a few producers have tried substituting DVD's for DVC-Pro tape as a way to record masters. We do not endorse or recommend this practice, for a number of reasons. While it's perfectly acceptable to record a DVD in addition to your master tape, for quality purposes alone relying on DVD as your sole master isn't a wise choice, as the compression rate is only 9Mbps, and that's in the HQ setting! DVC-Pro tape records at 25Mbps, which gives you more than twice the quality of DVD and results in a sharper image. DVD's are also more prone to fail than tape, whether it be an imperfection in the disc or errors in the burning process. Better to be safe than sorry, and make it a point to always have your master on digital tape.

“It is impossible to disregard such an important medium as television. We should know how to use it, learn to work in it and express new values in it.” - Tabar Ben Jelloun