The National Federation of Community Broadcasters Announces a Search for Its Next Leader

Paonia, CO, June 1, 2023--The Board of Directors of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters (NFCB) will be selecting a new CEO. After 10 years at the helm, CEO Sally Kane will be stepping down from NFCB to pursue other projects in media and performing arts.

NFCB represents 200 member stations from Alaska to Florida and from the East to the West Coast. Founded in 1975, it is the oldest and largest national organization dedicated to community radio stations. NFCB is committed to enhancing collective impact and innovation in public media’s service.

“As a nation, we need resilient local communities — healthy, socially connected, and equitable — that have the ability to address and manage a range of situations and opportunities. Small-market public media is a critical resource for preserving, uplifting, and enhancing the well-being of local communities. Sally Kane has worked diligently to position this organization to be a thought leader and an impactful presence in public media circles. We are thrilled to see her embrace new opportunities while handing off an organization that is spinning like a top and ready to rise to the changing world our industry is navigating,” said Kerry Semrad, Chair of NFCB’s Board of Directors.

Kane has worked in Public Media for 25 years with deep roots in community radio. In 1979, her parents helped start KVNF Community Radio in rural western Colorado. Sally started hosting music and interview shows while still in high school. A trained facilitator, accomplished fundraiser, and impassioned public speaker, she led NFCB through a comprehensive restructure, grew its membership, stabilized its finances, and launched a host of new services. She has been a lifelong advocate for serving the information needs of rural and minority communities on the local, state and national levels.

“The past 10 years have been one of the greatest chapters of my working life. To be able to share my passion for local media in my home community and then translate that to national service in the industry has allowed me to hone knowledge and render it into profound wisdom and action. I am humbled by the faith NFCB placed in me and thrilled to be passing the torch to a dynamic new leader who can take the organization to the next level,” said Ms. Kane.

NFCB is looking for a leader who can navigate an industry that is changing fast and faces unprecedented challenges. This pivotal role requires someone who admires the grassroots and local nature of community radio stations and sees a future for them to thrive and become even more deeply embedded in the hearts and minds of the people who listen to and rely on them.

The application window will open on July 10, 2023. Further details about this exciting opportunity for a dynamic new leader can be found at nfcb.org/careers.