

Participating Members Ballot for KFAI 2017 Board of Directors Election

This is the Participating Members ballot for KFAI's 2017 Board of Directors election.

The KFAI Board of Directors is the group that governs Fresh Air Incorporated. Members are elected for two year terms by KFAI's Participating (volunteer) Members and Contributing (financially supporting) Members.

Ballots and candidates are divided according to candidate and voter involvement in KFAI.

Anyone who both volunteers AND contributes financially must vote as a Participating Member. This is the correct ballot to use if you are a Participating Member.

You may vote for THREE names on this ballot.

Contributing Members (those who have given financial support but have not volunteered) vote for a separate slate of candidates on a different ballot. [Here's a link to that ballot:](#)

The deadline for voting is end of day, Monday, December 4th.

* 1. Enter your Name, Phone Number and e-mail address. (Name and contact information will be used to verify voter eligibility. It will not be shared with the candidates.)

Name

Phone Number

E-mail

* 2. Your level of KFAI Involvement

Below are the names of six people, listed in alphabetical order, who are candidates for participating member spots on the KFAI Board of Directors.

You may vote for three names on this list.

Chris Edwards (incumbent)

I am currently on the board of directors and would like to stay on.

Wendy Gaskill (incumbent)

I am currently on the Board and President. I am proud of our station and want to continue to serve. We are planning 40th anniversary celebration and Gala in 2018. I want to be a part of this.

Bianca Rhodes (incumbent)

Serving on the KFAI board would mean a lot to me, to continue my service to community. I truly believe in KFAI's mission and vision and currently, serve on other boards that have similar ideals. My background in media, in TV and Radio would add to the vibrancy of the organization along with my network. I would gladly volunteer on different events and make sure that all policies are reflective of the community at large.

Ron Thums

I have been an active KFAI volunteer for over 20 years, and for 17 co-hosted a Friday night music show -- Radio Rumpus Room -- that consistently ranked in the Top 15 KFAI programs in pledge drive contributions. I was a volunteer-elected member of the Program Committee for 10 years, and a volunteer-elected Board member in 2009-2010. I managed KFAI's gift fulfillment for 20 pledge drives. I am one of two KFAI'ers ever to receive the NFCB's Volunteer of the Year Award (2010). I have served as Interim Program Director (2012), and more recently served as KFAI's Interim General Manager for nine months (Fall 2014-Summer 2015). During that time I engineered the 2015 Spring Membership Drive, which brought in over \$98,000 in listener contributions. Over the years I have worked closely with the Board, staff and volunteers. I have been critical when I thought matters warranted it, but have always tried to provide solutions to problems I observed. Equally, I recognize the value of a simple "pat on the back" -- publicly or privately -- whenever someone deserved it. Our successes need to be recognized, because to do so breeds more of them.

My lengthy stint as Interim GM during what was a very difficult time for our station bore out what I have always believed: Prompt, clear, frequent, informative communication is vital to any endeavor. This is something the current Board has failed to provide, and something that I would make a priority. Also, I am not satisfied with attitudes that seem to accept that hovering with "just enough" money or "just enough" listenership is the best that KFAI can aspire to. Community radio stations like ours face many challenges, but "non-profit" is a tax category, not a fiscal requirement. I think we need to bolster our confidence and sense of self-respect, and to adjust our sights higher. KFAI will be 40 years old this Spring; I have invested literally thousands of hours as my contribution toward getting us this far. I still have confidence in the old girl; I think she still has a lot to offer that we haven't yet asked of her. If I am elected to the Board I will use my two years to prove that point.

Quinn Villagomez (incumbent)

I want to continue to serve on the Board for KFAI Radio as I am passionate about Radio, my community, my activism for Social Justice/Change, and LGBTQ Rights. It is very important for me to keep LGBTQ Rights in the forefront with KFAI Radio. I have now served 2 Years on the Board.

Steve Wilson (incumbent)

I am running for re-election to the KFAI board because I deeply cherish the role KFAI plays in the community and want to continue helping the station succeed in whatever way to I can. My first pledge to KFAI 25 years ago was a nod to the safe space made available to the LBGTQ community. And since then I've seen and heard the importance of KFAI's ability to be that same welcoming voice for our immigrant communities. And I believe that as our community grows more diverse KFAI becomes even more important. And yes, there's the music-- just as our station's founders created a home for special music shows, now we get be that same home for new generations of artists and programmers.

We don't need to convince ourselves that KFAI is worthy of our support. We support it. And while the only person who knows whether you are doing all you can is you, we can all reach out to people who are not our usual listeners and get them to turn their ear to a station that helps this area be one of the best places to live. I would love your support in helping KFAI continue to grow and change into its second 40 years.

Participating Member (Volunteer) Candidates

* 3. You may choose up to 3 candidates.

- Chris Edwards
- Wendy Gaskill
- Bianca Rhodes
- Ron Thums
- Quinn Villagomez
- Steve Wilson

4. KFAI's Board of Directors has proposed a revision of the bylaws that govern the organization. [KFAI's current bylaws](#), [the full text of the revision](#) and an [executive summary of the proposed changes](#) can be viewed at the [Board of Directors page](#) at KFAI.ORG. You may read a summary of the proposed changes from the Board of Directors by [following this link](#).

- I approve the proposed changes in KFAI's bylaws
- I do not approve the proposed changes in KFAI's bylaws

Thank you for voting in this KFAI Board of Directors Election.

Results of this election will be announced on December 6th.