



The National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA) announced its executive committee for fiscal year 2017.

NETA members elected **Ronnie Agnew**, executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting, to be the board chair. **Tom Rieland**, general manager at WOSU Public Media in Columbus, Ohio, was elected vice chair and chair-elect. The executive committee members selected as **Glen Cerny**, director of broadcasting at New Mexico State University, overseeing KRWG-TV and KRWG-FM in Las Cruces, to be treasurer, and **Molly Phillips**, executive director and general manager of Iowa Public Television, as the board's secretary. **Mary Anne Alhadeff**, president and chief executive officer of North Texas Public Broadcasting (KERA), and **Gene Purcell**, executive director of the Educational Communications Board in Madison, Wisconsin, are the executive committee's members at large. **JoAnn Urofsky**, general manager of WUSF Public Media in Tampa, is the immediate past chair. These positions were effective July 1, 2016.

NETA's new chair Ronnie Agnew said, "I am humbled to have been selected to serve as chair of NETA, one of public media's most vibrant and important organizations. I've always been impressed with NETA's commitment to education, its invaluable business center, and its dedication to ensuring that all public media professionals are exposed to the best in training opportunities. This is an exciting time for NETA, as its talented executive committee, outstanding staff, and devoted council members work collaboratively to build an organization that strengthens its status as a system leader."

"We have enjoyed a remarkable history of strong leadership and this year's executive committee is certainly continuing that tradition" said NETA president Skip Hinton. "Our leadership is representative of the profession, and their service will provide support and guidance for a dedicated staff. We look forward to working with these exceptional professionals."

The National Educational Telecommunications Association is a professional association of 94 public broadcasters representing 97 public television licensees in 43 states, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. NETA serves all public television licensees by providing high quality general audience content, professional development resources, management support, and national representation.

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