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## **Mark Auburn Appointed Board Chair of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio**

*Community-volunteer appointment is first in organization's history*

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KENT, Ohio — Nov. 6, 2006 — Mark Auburn, community volunteer and former dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts at The University of Akron, has been appointed chair of the board of directors at Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, which owns and operates PBS 45 & 49. Also appointed to leadership positions on the board were Allen Bartholet, vice chair, and Renee Pipitone, secretary. Bartholet is executive director/general manager of WKSU-FM. Pipitone is a resident of Copley and an active community volunteer. The appointments were announced Thursday, Nov. 2, at the organization's quarterly board meeting.

Auburn was dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts at The University of Akron from 1998 until 2005. An honors graduate of both The University of Akron and the University of Chicago, he taught full-time at The Ohio State University from 1971 to 1980. He has been a Rotarian since 1983 and has consulted widely for colleges and universities.

"This is a significant event in the history of PBS 45 & 49," said Trina J. Cutter, president and CEO. "For the first time, a community volunteer will serve as the chairman of the board, where up until this time it was always a university president. Mark Auburn's commitment to public television and strong support of PBS 45 & 49 make him an ideal individual to lead the board."

PBS 45 & 49 comprises separate stations operating under one 501(c)(3) corporation, Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc. The corporation is owned and operated by a consortium of The University of Akron, Kent State University and Youngstown State University. Its board of directors has 15 members, including the presidents of the three universities.

### **About PBS 45 & 49**

PBS 45 & 49 is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation. A trusted community resource, PBS 45 & 49 uses the power of noncommercial television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. For more information about PBS 45 & 49, visit [www.pbs4549.org](http://www.pbs4549.org) or call 1-800-854-4549.

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