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New Board Positions Announced for Western Reserve Public Media

Dr. Bryan DePoy of Youngstown State University is named chairman

NORTHEAST OHIO — Monday, June 2, 2014 — On Tuesday, May 27, Dr. Bryan DePoy, Youngstown State University dean of the College of Creative Arts and Communication, was elected chairman of the board of directors of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio Inc., which owns and operates Western Reserve Public Media. He replaces David Hunter, a partner at Brouse McDowell business law firm. Hunter will continue serving as a general board member.

“I am personally honored and excited to move into this new phase of service for Western Reserve Public Media,” Dr. DePoy said. “The station is an integral and relevant point of arts and culture, education and community engagement to over 5 million people in the state of Ohio, and it is something of which the entire region should be proud. I am excited to support and emblemize the vision of President and CEO Trina Cutter and her staff during my term as chairperson.”

Dr. DePoy was chosen to lead YSU’s College of Creative Arts and Communication in 2009. He holds music degrees from Florida State University, Indiana University and the University of New Mexico. Dr. DePoy is active in the arts and culture advocacy community and has a diverse background in music performance, teaching and music pedagogy. Prior to his appointment at YSU, he served on the music faculties and as a higher education administrator at Delta State University and Southeastern Louisiana University.

“Bryan has an impressive and extensive cultural arts background that makes him perfectly suited to be the chairman of the board of a public television station, so we are most fortunate that he is willing to serve

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Western Reserve PBS,” said Trina Cutter, president and CEO of Western Reserve Public Media. “I look forward to his thoughtful and creative leadership.”

Also serving in leadership positions on the board are Eileen Korey, vice-chair, and Mark Auburn, secretary. Korey is associate vice president/chief communications officer at The University of Akron. Auburn, who has served as board chair in the past, is a community volunteer and former dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts at The University of Akron.

About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population of Ohio’s eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of Northeast Ohio. It is available to 5.13 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

Through funding from the Ohio Department of Education, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in 10 Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

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