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Dear Fellow WAPC Member,

The new year brings our annual call for membership renewal. WAPC depends greatly on membership dues to fund our operation. Every year our Board volunteers many hours to craft a budget that lives within our means, yet plans for a future that preserves and expands WAPC's ability to serve its members.

I think we were very successful in 2009 and we hope to repeat that in 2010. Last May, our Spring Conference was the best ever, not only in terms of useful presentations, but also in the greatest number of attendees and revenue for WAPC. Last year also marked the release of our new monthly e-newsletter. It's a great way to keep our members and stakeholders informed about community television news.

The year 2009 brought the introduction of remedial legislation to help correct the harms from Act 42. Sen. Gary Hebl's bill has momentum in the form of 31 co-sponsors in the Senate and Assembly. WAPC has secured the services of an experienced part-time lobbyist to help represent our views to the legislators in Madison.

Best of all, WAPC is growing. I think this confirms we're providing useful services to our members. We now represent 62 stations in Wisconsin. As in years past, if you bring a new member into WAPC, you'll earn a discount on your next year's dues.

The Board has approved a small increase in dues. Our membership dues are based on your station's budget. For a station with a budget between \$50,000 and \$100,000 the increase is only \$15. A new dues category was created, meaning our largest stations are being asked to make a greater contribution than before.

Please return the enclosed Membership Form by the February 28 deadline. With your contribution, WAPC will be able to continue to serve community television stations like yours.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference in Wisconsin Dells on April 30!

Sincerely,

John Foust
Board President