

Alaska Public Media Selects Dorothy McGrath as Chief Operating Officer

McGrath will be responsible for translating AKPM’s mission, vision, values, and strategies into more public media programs and services.

ANCHORAGE, AK – December, 20, 2022 – Alaska Public Media (AKPM) is pleased to announce that Dorothy McGrath accepted an offer to serve as the organization’s Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Vice President of Administration. This is a new position for AKPM. McGrath, a 33-year public TV veteran, currently serves on the senior management team for Milwaukee PBS. She began her career in the production department at Nebraska Public Media and worked at KMOS-TV before moving to Milwaukee.

McGrath will work in partnership with the CEO and executive management on operationalizing strategic initiatives, leading cross-departmental projects, and ensuring organizational capacity building objectives. In short, she will help staff focus on turning AKPM’s mission, vision, values, and strategies into more public media programs and services for our community.

When asked about the new position, McGrath said, “It is an honor to join this award winning, dedicated, passionate team. I am looking forward to serving the needs of Alaska Public Media and its community, and I’m excited to explore the great state of Alaska.”

McGrath will also provide administrative coordination for all divisions of AKPM while providing direct supervisory responsibility for HR and business services, including external services such as the NETA Business Center.

“Dorothy will hit the ground running when she arrives in Anchorage in the New Year. She will help us stay focused on what matters most to our viewers, listeners, readers, and supporters,” said Ed Ulman, AKPM President & CEO. “I look forward to working in partnership with her, alongside our excellent executive leadership team. All of us are committed to continuing the growth and expansion of AKPM’s audiences and reach via TV, radio, journalism, and the wide variety of digital media services we offer Alaskans.”

While working with Milwaukee PBS, McGrath was responsible for development and execution of company long and short-term goals, and strategic plans. She also created strategic procedures for working during a pandemic that were requested by and distributed to 80 PBS stations.



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She led the local production and logistics support efforts during the PBS NewsHour's production of the Democratic National Convention from Milwaukee and collaborated with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra to produce a live production of their first performance in a newly renovated facility that aired nationally on PBS. McGrath's experience also includes participation in professional and community organizations, including the NETA Content Peer Learning Community where she was Chair from 2017-2021, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging where she was Chair from 2020-2022 and the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, where she founded the St. Louis Chapter while serving on projects at the national level.

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About Alaska Public Media

[Alaska Public Media](#) (AKPM) is a shared Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR) member and a 501(c)(3) organization. Committed to meeting the needs of our community and state, AKPM produces and presents news and content that provides lifelong learning opportunities in public affairs, health and leisure, science and nature, economic and social development, civic engagement, and world events. The company is located in Southcentral Alaska and is comprised of KSKA radio, KAKM-TV, Create TV, PBS KIDS, PBS KIDS 24/7, and alaskapublic.org. Alaska Public Media also operates the Statewide News network and a shared television service with KTOO in Juneau and KYUK in Bethel.

About Milwaukee PBS

Milwaukee PBS is the collective brand for two Public Broadcasting Service member television stations: WMVS and WMVT. Both stations are owned and operated by the Milwaukee Area Technical College.

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