



## **NETA Announces Its FY 2018 Executive Committee**

NETA members elected **Tom Rieland**, general manager at WOSU Public Media in Columbus, Ohio, to be chair of its board of directors. **Molly Phillips**, executive director and general manager of Iowa Public Television, was elected vice chair and chair-elect. The executive committee members re-elected **Glen Cerny**, director of broadcasting at New Mexico State University, overseeing KRWG-TV and KRWG-FM in Las Cruces, as treasurer, and chose **Gene Purcell**, executive director of the Educational Communications Board in Madison, Wisconsin, as the board's secretary.

**Roy Clem**, executive director of Alabama Public Television, and **Vickie Lawson**, president and chief executive officer at East Tennessee PBS in Knoxville, Tennessee, are the executive committee's members at large. **Ronnie Agnew**, executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting, is the immediate past chair. These positions are effective July 1, 2017.

NETA's new chair Tom Rieland said, "It's incredibly gratifying to be selected to serve as chair of NETA, one of public media's most vital national organizations and an organization I've been involved with for over 25 years. The coming year promises to be an exciting and transformative time as NETA's board, executive committee, outstanding staff, and devoted council members work together to energize a new strategic framework that will make NETA an even more valuable service to public television stations."

"Throughout our fifty years as a public broadcasting organization, first as SECA and since 1997 as NETA, we have been fortunate to have strong board leadership. The FY 2018 executive committee continues that tradition," said NETA president Skip Hinton. "The staff and I look forward to working with these visionary leaders who represent our profession so well."

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 leadership, professional development and support services to individual public media licensees, their affinity groups, and the public media system as a whole.

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