



RTDNA

RTDNA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2026 / 9 a.m. – Noon Eastern

National Press Building, Washington, D.C.

ATTENDANCE: Colin Benedict, Sheryl Worsley, Vince Duffy, Jennifer Seelig, Robert Thomas, Monika Diaz, Stephanie Bertini, Alex Silverman, Tyler Chance, Liz Alesse; (Zoom) Kim Wilhelm; (Staff) Tara Puckey, Michael Sanserino, Christine Cordial, Christen DeBard

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Benedict calls the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and congratulates staff on the First Amendment Awards.

RTDNA FUTURE FOCUS

The board worked in groups to discuss prompt questions about the future of newsrooms and the industry, returning to have a group discussion about things the organization should be addressing as it explores the future of RTDNA.

ADVOCACY DISCUSSION

Silverman moves to enter executive session to discuss a sensitive legal matter. Worsley seconds. The board unanimously approves.

Worsley moves to leave executive session. Chance seconds. The board unanimously approves.

- Rule 230

Worsley would like the board to consider taking a public stance and instructing staff to make a strong push to overturn Rule 230, which provides immunity to online platforms for things published and shared. The board broadly supports the idea but recognizes the political challenges of overturning the rule. The board brainstorms various strategies to approach the issue that might not be traditional advocacy avenues.

Puckey says staff will explore various strategies to address the issue and report back to the board.

- When advocacy hits close to home

Several recent issues have involved companies who are corporate members of RTDNA. While they have not been journalism-related, Puckey says staff anticipates that likely will happen. The board engages in a discussion about how they should handle such issues to ensure conflicts of interest are addressed so the board can effectively serve the interests of journalists working in the trenches.

President/ED Report

- Advocacy update

Puckey shares the various statements and issues RTDNA has addressed since the most recent board meeting. They include court cases in Utah, Pentagon press policies and more. She also shares a test version of RTDNA's Advocacy Map, which will allow the organization to share activity and members to better understand where and how RTDNA is involved.

- Murrow Awards Updates

Puckey reports that the Murrow Award deadline was a success as entries increased compared to 2025. Income was down, due to early bird rates, but income exceeded budget projections.

- World Tour Updates

RTDNA had its first stops of 2026 for its World Tour at CMA in New York and NICAR in Indianapolis. Both events help RTDNA reach journalists who might not otherwise know or engage with RTDNA.

- Membership Meeting: June 25, Virtual (Tentative)

Puckey asks board members to pencil in this date, which will take place of the annual conference in terms of board turnover.

Treasurer Report

Duffy reports things are going well financially as Murrow entries came in over budget. The accounts are in good shape, and investments were up at the end of February. While markets have been volatile in March, Duffy says investors at PNC have positioned RTDNA's accounts well.

Duffy also shares the money donated at the Paddle Raise will help the organization's bottom line as it puts the Foundation in good shape.

RTDNA FOUNDATION MEETING

Duffy moves to adjourn as the Foundation and reconvene as the Association. Chance seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Chair Report

Worsley follows up on the Paddle Raise at the First Amendment Awards on Thursday, which was discussed briefly during the Association meeting.

Treasurer Report

Seelig says the Foundation accounts are in good shape, and she thanks board members for their generosity during the Paddle Raise.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Chance moves to adjourn as the Foundation and reconvene as the Association.
Thomas seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS***New Business***

Colin Benedict

None

Old Business

Colin Benedict

None

Meeting Minutes Approval

Silverman moves to approve the [minutes](#) from the Jan. 29 meeting. Worsley seconds.
The motion carries unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT