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Jack Valinski Named as new KPFT Interim General Manager

Valinski wants to apply his years of experience to help KPFT

Houston – Grace Aaron, interim Executive Director of the Pacifica Foundation, has named long-time volunteer programmer Jack Valinski as the new interim General Manager at KPFT, effective August 5, 2019.

Valinski, long-time producer of KPFT's Queer Voices program, has a BS in Radio-TV from Syracuse University, and more than 40 years of professional business and volunteer nonprofit support experience, including fundraising, community organizing, software customization, FCC regulatory compliance oversight, and technical project management. He was the founder and Executive Director of the Pride Committee of Houston. He was the national operations manager for Metro Networks, and has extensive experience with volunteer management, data bases, and computer systems. His more recent work with the City of Houston involved community outreach, communications, and problem solving for City Council and the Mayor's Citizen's Assistance Office.

Aaron said, "I'm glad that Valinski will be able to use his vast experience and skills working for the community to lead KPFT in better serving the needs of people throughout the Houston area. We are very grateful that he has decided to take on this challenging but critical role as we work to increase listenership and better fulfill the Pacifica mission."

Valinski said, "I look forward in working with our staff and volunteers of KPFT to reach more listeners and serve the Houston area with great programming in serving the public interest."

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