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Dan Skinner takes the helm at Texas Public Radio

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Dan Skinner, currently the general manager of radio stations WBAA AM & FM at Purdue University has been appointed president and general manager of Texas Public Radio, effective Nov. 1.

"I'm honored to be selected as the next president and general manager of Texas Public Radio," Skinner says. "KSTX, KPAC and KTXI are providing a great public service to their listeners, and I'm proud to join the organization. I'm excited to have the opportunity to build upon the legacy of Joe Gwathmey and lead Texas Public Radio into the future."

Gwathmey is retiring from radio after 50 years. Before coming to San Antonio to establish Texas Public Radio and put radio station KSTX 89.1 FM on the air, Gwathmey worked for National Public Radio in Washington D.C. He was general manager of KUT radio station in Austin when he was invited to Washington to conceptualize and create a radio service arm of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The end result was National Public Radio. He worked at National Public Radio in various capacities until 1988.

Dan Skinner comes to San Antonio with 32 years of experience in radio broadcasting. Prior to his work at Purdue, he served in various positions at radio stations throughout the Midwest, including WBST at Ball State University; KHCC at Hutchison Community College in Hutchison, Kansas; and KJRG/KOEZ in Newton, Kansas.

Rose Mary Fry, board chair at Texas Public Radio, says, "The board is pleased to announce our hiring of Dan Skinner as the new general manager for Texas Public Radio. With his extensive public radio experience, Dan can position the station as a critical community resource in San Antonio and the Hill Country. He brings a fresh pair of eyes and mind to the station; he will build on the many assets of the stations and see new ways for Texas Public Radio to be more visible in the communities we serve."

A native of Hutchinson, Kansas, Skinner, 50, earned his bachelor's degree from Wichita State and master's degree from Ball State. He and his wife, Barbara, have two grown daughters and one granddaughter.