

KPBS Announces New General Manager Tom Karlo

The current associate general manager will take on the new leadership role starting Monday

SAN DIEGO – (January 29, 2009) – Tom Karlo has been named the new general manager of KPBS, it was announced this evening.

Karlo, a longtime employee and current associate general manager of KPBS, and alumnus of San Diego State University, was selected after a nationwide search and becomes only the fifth general manager in the public broadcasting station's nearly 50 year history. His new position will become effective on Monday, Feb. 2.

“Tom is truly a champion for KPBS,” said SDSU President Stephen L. Weber. “His long-standing commitment to the station has no doubt played a key role in making it one of the most respected public broadcasting stations in the nation. Tom's leadership will help guide KPBS through tough economic times and into the future.”

KPBS is a public service of SDSU.

Karlo began at KPBS as a student intern more than 30 years ago and has worked in various roles. He has served in his current role as associate general manager since 1992. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the California Public Television Board of Directors and is a member of the SDSU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

As general manager, Karlo will be responsible for the strategic vision of San Diego's most valuable resource for news and information. He will also serve as the public face of the organization, representing KPBS in the community and deepening relationships with new and current donors.

About KPBS

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