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Rob Curley Named Editor of The Spokesman-Review

Spokane - Rob Curley, digital news site pioneer and former editor of The Orange County Register, will be the next editor of The Spokesman-Review, Publisher W. Stacey Cowles announced Thursday.

“We are fully engaged in delivering news and information that decision-makers and voters need to realize the full potential of our region,” Cowles said. “Rob shares this commitment and has a proven record of delivering news that matters.”

Curley, 45, launched his career as a reporter at The Ottawa (Kansas) Herald. He built one of his first news websites at The Topeka Capital-Journal. Its popularity and his subsequent success at leading digital news teams led him on a meteoric career path that included stints at Morris Communications, The Lawrence (Kansas) Journal-World, The Washington Post, The Naples Daily News, The Las Vegas Sun and The Orange County Register. His innovative work helped his newspapers win top print, broadcast and digital journalism awards including a Pulitzer Prize and a duPont Award for public service journalism. His sites won “Best News Site in the Nation” eleven times and “Best Sports Site” four times from organizations like Editor & Publisher magazine, the Online News Association and the Newspaper Association of America.

“The Spokesman-Review is a jewel and such a great newspaper,” Curley said, adding that he feels honored to be able to “...help newspapers find new business models by connecting readers with their community in whatever ways they want, whether that is paper, online, mobile or things we haven’t even imagined yet.” He said he was attracted to Spokane because of the newspaper’s strong staff, its connection to its community and its growing subscription base. Against a national backdrop of circulation decline among daily newspapers, The Spokesman-Review grew daily and Sunday paid circulation by 5.2% and 5.7% respectively for the audit period ending in March 2016.

Curley plans to move from Kansas City next month and begin full time work at The Spokesman-Review in September. He will succeed Gary Graham who announced plans to retire last month.

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