

Draft Minutes

WBAI LSB January 13, 2021 meeting on Zoom

7 pm was the sign on time for the meeting. Quorum was reached at 7:12 PM and the meeting was convened. The agenda was moved and seconded. Marilyn Vogt-Downey accepted the role of time keeper.

Moved and seconded to move up the Treasures' Report from item # 21 to item # 13a, without any objection.

Motion to remove the wording "executive session" from #17 was defeated with 9 no to 7 yes (4 abstentions).

Move to adopt the agenda as amended. Time for the agenda approval being up, the Chair asked for the agenda to be approved as amended. The twenty minute limits for approval of the agenda was waived without objection to take up a request to extend the time for the report on communication with the Pacifica iED (agenda item #6) about the LSB Management Evaluation Report by 4 minutes. This was objected to. Vote passed to approve the additional 4 minutes 18 yes and 2 abstentions.

The agenda, as so amended, was then adopted at about 8:00 PM.

ROLL CALL Signed in and Attending:

Safia Albaiti, Charlotte Albrecht, John Brinkley, Mitchel Cohen, Jack DePalma, Jack Devine, Ana Garcia, Deedee Halleck, William Heerwagon, R Paul Martin, Basir Mchawi, Carolyn McIntyre, Hazel Pindar, Ralph Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Max Schmid, Alex Steinberg, Marilyn Vogt Downey, Michael White, Berthold Reimers.

Absent and excused without objection:

King Downing, Errol Maitland and Amy Wilson.

Approval of the minutes of 12-9-2020 postponed until a corrected version is available. Minutes of the last delegates assembly of January 2020 were approved without objection.

Iten # 6: Report from the chair that iED Lydia Brazon has received The WBAI LSB MEC report and that her response will be forthcoming in due time. Use of the voted for additional 4 minutes of time for this item was waived.

7 Reports from PNB Directors. Alex offered that

IF BY June 2021; 2019 and 2020 audits were completed CPB money can again be within reach. Alex and Grace were served legal papers from the case in California concerning the replay of the bylaws change attempt, and it is not expected to amount to very much. Alex expressed the many positive signs at Pacifica give him confidence that the loan would be extended. James talked about the network's financial situation. The 2021 WBAI budget was accepted at the recent national Finance Committee meeting by the PNB although WBAI is still \$110,000 in arrears. KPFBK seems to be running a deficit this year of over \$900,000. The first round PPP loan has been forgiven, and the second round PPP loan has been applied for. (Pacifica will receive the second round PPP of 1.2 million dollars as reported on 1/20/2020 by James Sagurton).

Statements Given by the Candidates for Listener'
Directors in Nomination for the 2021 PNB.

The LSB convenes into a Delegates Assembly now.

Alex Steinberg, Ralph Poynter, Sharonne Salaam, and James Sagurton are candidates for the PNB Listener Directors for WBAI at the Pacifica National Board; with Shawn Rhodes the unopposed Staff Director candidate for

WBAI at the Pacifica National Board. Vote will be held online using rank choice voting with Opavote for the listener candidates. Ballots will be sent by email. Please vote by Monday. The Listener Directors are determined by STV and the Staff Director by IRV voting.

Reconvene the WBAI LSB.

Agenda items #13a and #15 R Paul Martin talks of the Treasurer's Report as received and the General Manager answers related questions and offers his report with the Treasurer' Report. As best as can be determined, WBAI is \$109,000 in arrears yearly. The KPFK Finance Committee chair has been attending the WBAI Finance Committee meetings each month. KPFK is currently \$100,000+ in arrears monthly. Three important motions have been passed at the National Finance Committee meeting.

#1 NETA will have a transparent view of all credits and accounts of the five stations of the Pacifica network.

#2 Monthly accounts payable will be shared with NETA as well, and

#3 With Alligence data handling software all cash in and revenues will be available to NETA for all the Pacifica

stations. As stated above, in FY21 CPB monies may again be available for the Pacifica Network. As payroll must be paid, the second PPP loan to assist with payroll makes that easier. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Jan 20, 2020 at 7 pm by phone. The call-in number can be found at wbai.org. The NFC meets on Jan 19 to discuss the percentage formulae of Central Services as paid to Pacifica from the various stations. NETA is a professional organization, the National Educational Television Association, and they are paid by Pacifica. Pacifica benefits from working with NETA and their experts, and from their expertise. Not all Pacifica stations are cooperating fully with NETA. All need to be transparent with all needed audit information. Pacifica pays approximately \$100,000 monthly to service our debts. Committee members and Task force members from 2020 were identified. Next meeting new members will be elected to the various task force groups and committees for the 2021 LSB.

At 9 pm: Public Comments for 30 minutes included comments of programming concerns.

At 9:30 PM upon clearing the meeting space we convened into executive session for #17 discussion of instituting a

possible grievance procedure and to discuss matters of a confidential nature respecting certain personnel in regard thereto.

The meeting was adjourned, without resuming in public session, at 10:15 PM.

by J Depalma secretary

Draft Agenda // WBAI Local Station Board (“LSB”)

7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Meeting Via Zoom

1. Convene meeting.
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: December 9, 2020 (5 minutes)
6. Chair’s Update About Pacifica’s Executive Director’s Response to Management Evaluation Report and Recommendations. (1 Minute)
7. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (10 minutes) — Alex Steinberg, Ralph Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton

8. Recess to Delegates Assembly.
9. Convene Delegates Assembly to be chaired by the LSB Chair.
10. Adopt minutes of January 8, 2020 Delegates Assembly. (2 minutes)
11. Nomination of Directors for Election to PNB (Voting to follow by Opavote after meeting)
 - a. One Staff Director IRV (10 minutes)
 - b. Three listener Directors STV (15 minutes)
12. Vote on Approving Proposed Bylaw Changes/Resolution Disapproving Changes. (15 minutes)
13. Reconvene LSB meeting.
14. Review of current Population of Committees and Task Forces preparatory to February Meeting. (3 Minutes)
15. General Manager's Report. (8 minutes for report & 6 minutes for discussion) — Berthold Reimers
16. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must always begin no later than 9:15 PM.)
17. Executive Session- Discussion of Instituting Possible Grievance Procedure. (30 Minutes)
18. Update from Radio Committee. (3 minutes) — Shawn Rhodes

19. Report of LSB Committee of Inclusion. (3 minutes) — William Heerwagen

20. Report From Program Director Search Committee, continued work of committee. (5 minutes) — Shawn Rhodes

20. Programming Updates. (3 minutes report, 5 minutes Q&A) — Linda Perry

23. Treasurer's Report. — (5 Minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin

2. Report & Discussion: Google groups — (3 Minutes) — R. Paul Martin

24. Raising money for COVID affected people. (2 minutes) — Errol Maitland

25. Resolution Supporting Use of Rotating Fundraising Slots in New 52-Week Schedule As Opportunity For Content-Based Fundraising That Builds Listenership. (5 minutes) — Michael D. D. White

26. Discussion: Improving WBAI and Pacifica Reputation and Brand. (10 minutes)

27. Motion respecting hiring a full time Pacifica Foundation Executive Director and Funding That Person's Compensation. (4 minutes) — Mitch Cohen

28. Unfinished Business. (12 minutes)
 - a. Vote on Finance Committee Motions. (10 minutes)

29. New Business. (5 minutes)

30. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM. (ET)

