

Minutes — approved with no modifications

WBAI Local Station Board March Meeting

Remote meeting of the WBAI Local Station Board due to Governor's shelter in place order. Held via Zoom on Wednesday March 11, 2019.

Presided over by Carolyn McIntyre with *Jack DePalma substituting as Secretary*, as Charlotte must monitor and troubleshoot the Zoom Call.

[Link to Zoom audio recording.](#)

Jack DePalma joined zoom from his home desktop at 7:50 pm from prompts received in an email. There were already two phone in (Edie) and one video (Rachel Barr) attendees. Carolyn McIntyre, Michael DD White operating the camera phone, and Safia Albaiti opened and managed the meeting.

Attendance

Voting members in attendance: Charlotte Albrecht, Mitchel Cohen, Jack Devine, King Downing, Dee Dee Halleck, William Heerwagon, Errol Maitland, R Paul Martin, Basir Mchawi, Hazel Pinder, Ralph Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, Jim Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Max Schmid, Alex Steinberg, Marilyn Vogt-Downey, Carolyn McIntyre, Safia Albaiti, Michael White, and Amy Wilson (arrived late).

Absent with notice are Randy Credico and Ana Garcia.

Discussion of validity of this remote meeting

The first issue was the question: Is this really an official meeting of the LSB? Stack was used to speak to the issue. An hour was needed to resolve that and accept and rearrange the agenda for approval. There is a quorum in attendance. Carolyn opens by explaining extenuating circumstances. An alternative space needed when two in-person meeting spaces (YWCA and Commons Cafe) cancelling last minute due to the WHO declaring a pandemic. It was acknowledged there was an emergency situation, with the best option available being proper universal access to phone and internet and zoom (including listeners). An informal vote was taken on whether or not to continue the meeting, which passed.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was read aloud for all to consider at 8 pm. The original agenda was:

1. Convene meeting.
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call, including verifications respecting telephone attendees. (2 minutes)

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4. Excuse absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: Minutes February 12, 2020. (5 minutes)
6. Report from Interim Program Director. (3 minutes 3 minutes for questions)
7. Resolution to Form LSB Program Director Search Subcommittee. (40 minutes)
8. General Manager's Budget Report. (8 minutes report and 8 minutes for questions)
9. Resolution Requesting Pacifica National Office Take Corrective Action To Enable Deposit of Donations to WBAI. (5 minutes)
10. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (5 minutes report and discussion 5 minutes)
11. Report on Fight Back Activities. (4 minutes)
12. Treasurer's Report. (5 minutes report and 5 minutes for questions)
13. Review status of WBAI Management Evaluation Committee. (2 minute)
14. Resolution to Form Governance Committee. (William Herrwagon) (10 Minutes)
15. Report of Community Advisory Board. (3 minutes)
16. Public Comment. (Beginning no later than (9:15 PM, 30 minutes- 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in line)
17. Motion Re U.S. Military Actions- Iran. (2 minutes)
18. Unfinished Business. (5 minutes)
19. New business. (5 minutes)
20. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM. (EST).

The agenda was rearranged to suit these exigent circumstances after much discussion. The items addressed in order are: #9 Resolution Requesting Pacifica National Office Take Corrective Action To Enable Deposit of Donations to WBAI; #7 Resolution to Form LSB Program Director Search Subcommittee; #8 General Manager's Budget Report; #10 Report from Pacifica National Board Directors; #11 Report on Fight Back Activities. Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution to Form LSB Program Director Search Subcommittee

The LSB acted to address unfinished business from the past meeting. The LSB PD search committee need to raise membership determined last meeting as offered by Shaun as a need to populate that PD search committee with members, staff and listeners.

The motion passes 15 yes and 5 no.

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Resolution Requesting Pacifica National Office Take Corrective Action To Enable Deposit of Donations

[Link to resolution.](#) Safia and Carolyn, working with Berthold and Alex, offered the LSB a motion sourced from the Finance Committee concerning access and control of WBAI/Pacifica bank accounts. I had also met with Carolyn, Berthold and Safia, the fundraising subcommittee, concerning this; and it passed unanimously I think?

Notably our credit card clearance company had been interfered with by the PAA Pirates in October to revert to PN control – (those who lost! HELL NO!) – and now (march) needs be returned to full local control of WBAI management so monies we raise and use both in and out of WBAI accounts (WBAI/Pacifica accounts in NYC) are fully under local control, managed by local managers in all situations. I voted yes.

General Manager's Report

Given by Berthold Reimers. Notes here are incomplete.

The meeting ended about 10 pm after some comments from the public. Jack's opinion: it is impossible to assume normalcy then as given the looming bylaws change; and now with the covid 19 situation warranting extraordinary measures, we seriously need evaluate and adjust too.