

August 31, 2010

To: KPFA LSB
From: Akio Tanaka
Re: Draft Minutes of 08-14-10 LSB Meetings

The meeting was held on August 14, 2010 11am-4pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

1. Call to Order [11:50am]

Meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Pamela Drake, Matt Hallinan, Susan McDonough, Warren Marr, Brian Edwards-Tiekert, John Van Eyck, Dan Siegel, Henry Norr, Tracy Rosenberg, Akio Tanaka, Shahram Aghamir, Anthony Fest, Simon Pius, Chandra Hauptman, Sasha Futran, Naji Ali

2. Excusing Absent Members

Banafsheh Akhlaghi, Andrea Prichett, Joe Wanzala, Renee Yang-Geesler, Sureya Sayadi, Sherry Gendelman, Andrea Turner, Rych Withers, Conn Hallinan, Laura Previus

3. Announcements [11:53am]

Motion to adjourn [Brian Edwards-Tiekert]

[Failed 7Y-7N, Chair votes N to break the tie]

4. August Agenda Review and Approval [11:57am]

Add to new business item regarding proceeds from SaveKPFA benefit. [Sasha Futran]

Motion to approve agenda as amended

[Passed 7Y-6N]

5. Next LSB Meeting [12:05pm]

Next LSB meeting will be September 11, location TBD

Brian Edward-Tiekert said the Performance studio available for GM interviews.

Anthony Fest said we might need to schedule an August 29 meeting if budget is ready.

Proposal for October 16 meeting to be put on the Consent Calendar.

6. July Minutes Approval [12:08pm]

Motion to pass July 10 meeting minutes [Tracy]

Amendment to add text of the Program Council motion to the minutes [Brian Edwards-Tiekert]

[Passed w/o objection]

7. Public Comments [12:10pm]

Daniel Borgstrom, Rahman Jamaal, Oriana Saportas.

8. CAB Report, Nominations, Elections [12:20pm]

Report from Judith Gips and Steve Martino on the Listener Survey.

9. Treasurer Report [12:48pm]

Simon Pius handed out the financial report and gave a summary.

Recess [10min]

10. PNB Report [1:05pm]

Tracy Rosenberg, Shahram Aghamir.

11. KFCF Report

Rych Withers was not present.

12. iGM Report [1:28pm]

Ahmad Anderson was not present.

Chandra Hauptman requested an executive session with the IGM regarding staff cuts at the next meeting.

13. LSB Committee Report [1:31pm]

13.1 Personnel Committee

Sasha Futran reported 11 people were interviewed and there are 6 people left in the pool.

14 PNB Committees [2:48]

14.1 Finance [Tracy Rosenberg]

14.2 Audit Committee [Chandra Hauptman]

15. Unfinished Business [2:55pm]

15.1 Program Committee Motion

Substitute Motion on Program Council [Tracy Rosenberg]

Amendment to remove sub paragraph f) [Dan Siegel]

[Failed 5Y-7N]

Amendment to add one representative elected by the paid staff. [Brian Edwards-Tiekert]

[Failed 3Y- Pamela Drake, John Van Eyck, Brian Edwards-Tiekert

7N - Sasha Futran, Chandra Hauptman, Henry Norr, Tracy Rosenberg, Akio Tanaka, Shahram Aghamir, Naji Ali]

Amendment to remove the three community representatives [Brian Edwards-Tiekert]

[Withdrawn]

Amendment - Replace 'the managers of Training, Music, News, and Public Affairs..' with 'the managers of Training, Music, News, and Public Affairs as non-voting members, and one representative each from Training, Music, News, and Public Affairs, elected by the paid staff in each department'. [Shahram Aghamir]

[Withdrawn]

Amendment- Replace 'the managers of Training, Music, News, and Public Affairs..' with 'One representative each from Training, Music, News, and Public Affairs, elected by the paid staff in each department' [Chandra Hauptman]

[Passed 8Y-2A]

Amendment - The members shall serve for two year terms, except those elected by an organization with bylaws that specify shorter terms. [Shahram Aghamir]

[Passed 7Y-3A]

Motion to close debate

[Passed 7Y-3N]

Program Council substitute motion as amended [Tracy Rosenberg]

[Passed 7Y – Sasha Futran, Chandra Hauptman, Henry Norr, Tracy Rosenberg, Akio Tanaka, Shahram Aghamir, Naji Ali,

3 N- Pamela Drake, John Van Eyck, Brian Edwards- Tiekert]

16. New Business

None

18. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40PM.

Program Council Resolution

Whereas

a) One of the "specific powers & duties" of Pacifica's Local Station Boards, according to Article 7, Section 3, part g of foundation's by-laws, is "To work with station management to ensure that station programming fulfills the purposes of the Foundation and is responsive to the diverse needs of the listeners (demographic) and communities (geographic) served by the station, and that station policies and procedures for making programming decisions and for program evaluation are working in a fair, collaborative and respectful manner to provide quality programming;"

b) Any properly functioning media outlet should regularly evaluate its existing programming and consider proposals for new programs and special broadcasts;

c) KPFA for decades relied on a Program Council to help fulfill these functions; the LSB in April 2004 adopted a resolution affirming the composition and powers of the Program Council; and that body functioned effectively as recently as 2007;

Therefore be it resolved that:

a) KPFA shall immediately reconstitute its Program Council;

b) The Program Council shall consist of the following as voting members:

- The station's program director or, if that position is vacant, someone else appointed by the station's general manager;

- One representative each from Training, Music, News, and Public Affairs, elected by the paid staff in each department;

- Four representatives of the unpaid staff, plus two alternates, elected by the Unpaid Staff Organization;

- Three members of the Local Station Board, elected by the board;

- Three community representatives, elected by the LSB.

The members shall serve for two year terms, except those elected by an organization with bylaws that specify shorter terms.

c) The program director is the chair/facilitator of the program council. If the position is vacant, then the body may select a chair/facilitator from among the membership. A simple majority of PC members shall constitute a quorum.

The program council observes confidentiality procedures, but must release promptly and post publicly minutes recording all decisions of the body.

d) The Program Council's duties are:

- Regularly evaluating each individual program and presenting the results of its evaluations to the relevant department head and programmer(s), with the goal of helping the programmer(s) improve their work;

- Soliciting and evaluating proposals for new programs;

- Soliciting and evaluating proposals for special programming;

- Regularly evaluating KPFA's overall program grid.

e) In the event that the program director or general manager rejects a recommendation of the Program Council, the council may appeal to the Local Station Board.

f) The Local Station Board may overrule the decision of the program director or general manager to reject a recommendation from the Program Council.

g) In carrying out its bylaws-mandated evaluations of incumbent program directors and general managers, the Local Station Board shall consider, among other issues, how well said managers have worked with the Program Council and complied with the terms of this resolution.