

July 27, 2010

To: KPFA LSB
From: Akio Tanaka
Re: Draft Minutes of 07-10-10 LSB Meetings

The meeting was held on July 10, 2010 11am-4pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

1. Call to Order [11:20am]

Meeting was called to order by the Chair.

Pamela Drake, Sherry Gendelman, Conn Hallinan, Matt Hallinan, Susan McDonough, Henry Norr, Tracy Rosenberg, Akio Tanaka, Joe Wanzala, Shahram Aghamir, Anthony Fest, Renee Yang-Geesler, Rych Withers, Simon Pius, Chandra Hauptman, John Van Eyck, Sureya Sayadi, Sasha Futran

2. Excusing Absent Members [11:25am]

Warren Mar, Andrea Turner, Brian Edwards-Tiekert, Dan Siegel, Banafsheh Akhlaghi, Andrea Prichett, Naji Ali

3. Announcements [11:27am]

4. July Agenda Review and Approval [11:30am]

Motion approve the agenda – [Tracy Rosenberg]
[Passed 17Y- 1A]

5. Next LSB Meeting [11:31pm]

Next two LSB meeting will be Saturday August 14 and September 11.

6. April and July Minutes Approval [11:35pm]

Motion to pass April meeting minutes
[Passed w/o objection]
Motion to pass July 1 teleconference meeting minutes
[Passed 7Y-6N]

7. Public Comments [11:37am]

Virginia Browning, Daniel Borgstrom, Max Blanchet, Aqueila Lewis, Nancy Delaney, Stan Woods, Vivian Worthington

8. CAB Report, Nominations, Elections [11:56am]

Motion to elect five people to the CAB: Steve Martinot, Mary Prophet, Rahman Jammal, Judith Gips, Hep Ingham [Joe Wanzala]
[Passed 9Y-6N]

9. Treasurer Report [12:22pm]

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

Recess [10min]

10. PNB Report [1:05pm]

Joe Wanzala, Tracy Rosenberg, Shahram Aghamir,

11. KFCF Report [1:25pm]

Rych Withers

12. GM Report [1:28pm]

Ahmad Anderson sent a written report.

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

13. LSB Committee Report [1:31pm]

13.1 Program Committee

Motion on Program Council [Henry Norr]

Amendment to item h,i, change from 3/5 to simple majority. [Shahram Aghamir]

[Failed 5Y-10N-1A on roll call]

Motion to end debate on main motion

[Failed 8Y-7N]

Motion to table to next meeting [John Van Eyck]

[Passed 9Y-7N]

Because of confusion over table and postpone to next meeting, a re-vote was taken:

Motion to table the main motion [Tracy Rosenberg]

[Failed 6Y-8N]

Motion to postpone the main motion to next meeting [Sherry Gendelman]

[Passed 11Y-6N]

13.2 Personnel Committee

Motion on ranking the GM candidates [Shahram Aghamir]

Be it resolved that the ranking of the candidates for the General Manager position, by members of the personnel committee at the time of the ranking, will be factored in selection of the candidates for the interview irrespective of whether the ranking was made at the personnel committee meeting or was sent in by email.

[Passed 14Y-1A]

14 PNB Committees [2:48]

14.1 Ethics Policy

Left up to individual to sign or not

15. Unfinished Business [2:55pm]

1. Motion: Access [Chandra Hauptman]

[Passed w/o objection]

2. Motion: Budget Reporting [Chandra Hauptman]

[Failed 1Y-6N-6A]

3. Motion: Program Policy [Tracy Rosenberg]

[Withdrawn]

4. Motion: LSB Committees [Akio Tanaka]

[Passed w/o objection]

16. New Business

None

18. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

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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;
- d) other Pacifica stations currently have Program Councils in place.

Therefore be it resolved that:

- a) KPFA shall immediately reconstitute its now defunct Program Council;
- b) the revived 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;
 - the managers of the training, music, news, and public affairs departments or, if any of these positions is vacant, someone else appointed by the general manager to represent the area of programming in question;
 - 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.
- c) KFCF shall be entitled to send one non-voting representative, and all Program Council materials will be shared with the general manager of KFCF.
- d) The Program Council shall elect a chair from among its own members or, if it prefers, appoint a non-member as facilitator. A simple majority of PC members shall constitute a quorum.
- e) The Program Council shall establish its own procedures for:
 - regularly evaluating KPFA's overall program grid to assess its effectiveness in meeting the needs of listeners, fulfilling the station's mission, and attracting new listeners, and proposing changes;
 - 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.

f) The Program Council shall make recommendations about grid changes, new programs, and special programming, in written form, to the program director or, if that position is vacant, to the general manager.

g) If the program director or, if that position is vacant, the general manager decides not to accept the recommendations of the program council, she or he shall deliver an explanation of this decision, in written form, to the Program Council within one month.

h) In the event that the program director or general manager rejects a decision of the Program Council, the council may, by a three-fifths vote, appeal to the Local Station Board.

i) The Local Station Board may, by a three-fifths vote, overrule the decision of the program director or general manager to reject a recommendation from the Program Council.

j) Copies of this resolution should be presented to all candidates interviewed for the positions of program director and general manager.

i) 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.