

MINUTES
PNB Elections Committee
Monday, July 23, 2007

Roll Call & Call to Order 8:15 pm EDT

Committee Members Present: Bob Lederer, Carol Wolfe (left call 10:08 pm), Carolyn Birden, Cerene Roberts, Henry Norr, Jack VanAken, Jane Gatewood, LaVarn Williams, Lydia Brazon, Sandra Rawline, Teresa Allen, Terry Goodman

Also Present: National Election Supervisor Casey Peters

Committee Members Absent: Ambrose Lane, Deb Shafto, Rosalinda Palacios

1. Amend & Approve Agenda
2. Review and Approval of Minutes (5/20/07, 6/3/07, 6/17/07)
No minutes are available for approval

3. Special Reports

- A. Elections Supervisor

Four Local Election Supervisors are in place; WPFW LES selected but not finalized. Craig's List was best source for applicants in all cities. In process of re-writing material for clarity and brevity. Draft sent to corporate council for distribution at upcoming PNB meeting. New scanner will be purchased. Work in process for elections web site.

- B. Update from Director members on any PNB motions relevant to the committee's work

Seven directors submitted proposal for bylaws amendments drafted by this committee. 60-day notice of September consideration should be running in all cities.

Allen asked about likelihood of the amendments being passed at the LSB level.

Action item –

Casey Peters agrees to prepare informative letter about amendments to be sent individually to each LSB member at their home address and posted to various lists and sites.

Committee members from each station agree to provide Casey with correct mailing address for their members: KPFA-Norr, KPFK-Goodman, KPFT-Allen, WBAI-Birden, WPFW-Gatewood

C. Committee Report to PNB

Chair asks that anyone with information for his report send that to him at his new address:
tgoodman@ispwest.com

4. Workgroup Reports and Issues

- A. Technology Follow-up (Williams) – No report
- B. Staff Lists (Lederer)

Workgroup has begun to meet and identify issues; Will meet again tomorrow. Bob has arranged for it to be streamed

C. Motion on Composition of Staff Lists Workgroup (Birden)

Whereas, Article Seven, Section 6.C of the Pacifica Foundation Bylaws requires meetings "open to the public and to all Members, with the exception of those meetings dedicated to, or predominately regarding, personnel, proprietary information, litigation and other matters requiring confidential advice of counsel, involving commercial or financial information obtained on a privileged or confidential basis or relating to a purchase of property or the use of engagement of services whenever the premature exposure of said purchase or sale or, in the LSB's sole opinion, may compromise the legitimate business interest of said radio station or the Foundation," and

Whereas, the same section of the Bylaws states that "No person shall be required, as a condition for attendance at any public meeting or to publicly comment, to register his/her name or to provide any other information, " therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all meetings including teleconferences of the Elections Committee and its subcommittees, workgroups, and other organized meetings of its members shall be webstreamed or, if webstreaming is not possible for technical reasons, teleconferences shall be open to members of Pacifica. Members of Pacifica other than members of the Elections Committee and those appointed or elected to a work group or subcommittee who are joining a teleconference may take part in the deliberations if such participation is approved by a majority vote of the EC members on the call. No member taking part in the deliberations after such approval shall be required to register his or her name or provide any other information in order to participate. Be it further

RESOLVED, that all such workgroup and subcommittee meetings shall be publicly announced at least five days in advance, with the announcement to include instructions for interested parties who wish to listen to the webstream or the teleconference.

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Substitute motion from Gatewood: that future meetings of the staff lists workgroup be webstreamed and that efforts be made to broaden the input through public email lists.

Motion by Brazon to table. Passed without objection.

D. Membership Lists (Roberts) Workgroup has not yet begun to meet regularly. Roberts will send potential dates tomorrow for workgroup to meet after PNB meeting. Invitees will include persons from each station that are involved with preparation of this lists.

E. Motion on Teleconference Phone Systems (Birden) (5 min) – No item presented

5. Unfinished Business

A. Station Policies on Membership Waivers – all members are encouraged to post their stations policies, if any, to the National Election Yahoo group

B. Participation Workgroup Recommendations – no report / action

C. NES/LES/Committee Recommendations -

1) Campaign Use of Membership Lists (Lederer)

Chair notes need for workgroup, proposes that it be called “Campaign Finance Reform Workgroup”. Asks for volunteers: Birden, Lederer, Goodman, Van Aken, Norr, Peters. Asks for convener: Birden volunteers

Birden makes substitute motion that we establish a Campaign Finance Reform Subcommittee, with members: Birden, Lederer, Goodman, Van Aken and Norr, with Casey Peters as participant. The purpose of the subcommittee would be to investigate the influence of private funds on delegate elections.

Proposed membership amended to include Williams and Roberts

Motion to accept substitute motion as main motion is passed 7 y, 3 n

Motion to approve motion is passed 7 y, 3 n

6. New Business – TABLED BY ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion that Directors report PNB actions regarding election matters to the Elections Committee (Birden) (5 min)

B. Other New Business (5 min)

MOTION TO ADJOURN (Norr) 10:43 pm Passed without objection

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Gatewood (WPFW-LSB)
Secretary
(These minutes were approved on 8/27/07)