

DRAFT MINUTES MINUTES August 21, 2021 (Call to order 7:13pm-est) August 23, 2021 (Call to Order 5:38pm-est) August 30, 2021 (Call to Order 12:12pm-est) *Teleconference* Elections Committee Meetings

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Jeanine Rohn elected Secretary pro temp.
- 3. Attendance and establishment of quorum.

			(CONTIN	UATION)
	_	8/21/21	8/23/21	8/30/21
Bill Crosier	1			Х
Susan da Silva	2	Х		
William Heerwagen	3	Х	Х	Х
Susie Moreno	4	Х		
Renee Penaloza	XXX		Х	Х
Sandra Rawline				
Lawrence Reyes	5	Х	Х	Х
Shawn Rhodes	6		Х	
Jeanine Rohn	7	Х	Х	X
Mansoor Sabbagh	8			
Akio Tanaka	9	Х		
Andrea Turner	10	Х		

Members :

KPFA: Andrea Turner; Susan da Silva, Akio Tanaka KPFK: Lawrence Reyes; Jeanine Rohn, Mansoor Sabbagh KPFT: Sandra Rawline; Bill Crosier, Susie Moreno WBAI: Shawn Rhodes; Charlotte Albrecht, William Heerwagen WPFW: ??

4. Lawrence Reyes election as chair pro tem .

5. Review of Delegates' election timeline <u>https://elections.pacifica.org/wordpress/voter-guide/:</u>

8/16 –	Balloting begins.
10/1 –	Last day for paper ballot request.
10/3 –	Last Day for e-ballot request.
10/15 —	Voting ends (10:59pm-
11/1 -	NES Certified results due: Mon. 11/1/2021

- 6. Report from NES unavailable (was not present).
- 7. Discussion of membership lists incl. cash, labor, waivers.
- 8. Discussion of on-air election information. (See Addendum)
- 9. Public Comment ** Public comment interspersed with each agenda item **

10. New Business

MOTION:

Motion that the PNB Elections Committee form a task force and/or working group to itemize the grievances heard during the 8/21/21 open meeting and also list any bylaws violations in order to call for a emergency open meeting of the PNB's closed session on 8/26 to address the violations and the concerns.

- 11. Continuation meetings set as above. Next meeting 9/7/21 (9p-est; 8pm-cst; 6pm-pst)
- 12. Working Group/ Task Forde established. (See Addendum)

13. Adjourn

NES Report - 8/23/21

LISTENER

ballot_type				
station	eballot +	paper	postcard	Total
KPFA	7,727	30	6,067	13,824
	31.54	22.22	36.07	33.35
KPFK	5,789 23.63	69 51.11	5,783 34.38	
KPFT	2,316	0	1,044	3,360
	9.45	0.00	6.21	8.11
WBAI	4,782 19.52	30 22.22	1,435 8.53	
WPFW	3,882	6	2,492	6,380
	15.85	4.44	14.81	15.39
Total	24,496	135	16,821	41,452
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

STAFF

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station		t_type postcard	Total
KPFA	231	16	247
	27.43	25.81	27.32
KPFK	255	18	273
	30.29	29.03	30.20
KPFT	120	6	126
	14.25	9.68	13.94
WBAI	236	22	258
	28.03	35.48	28.54
Total	842	62	904
	100.00	100.00	100.00

<u>Task Force/ Working Group</u>: **Next Meeting: Mon. 8/30 @ 12n-est/ 9a-pst**. Weekly meetings TBD (on a regular basis).

Carolyn Birden	(Volunteer)
Alan Burdan	(Volunteer)
Sue Cohen	(Volunteer)
Angela Sanchez	(Volunteer)
Cerene Roberts	(Volunteer)
William Heerwagen	(Cmte member)
Lawrence Reyes	(Cmte member)
Jeanine Rohn	(Cmte member)

Issues/ Grievances:

Membership list not confirmed to be reliable.

Staff knowledge of Allegiance varies - so list requested may not be the same (or all encompassing)

E-ballots not received - by member who receives other regular emails from station.

E-ballot not received by sustaining members.

E-ballots not received after emailing NES.

No validation process/ confirmation of ballots received by members.

Previous membership director/ coordinator as listener candidate.

No response to grievances filed.

Volunteers not informed their hours make them members.

Listeners not informed about election (that carts are pending, procedure etc.)

GMs are sitting on carts because there's a fund-drive. NES not enforcing what their requirements are (bylaws)

Candidates not properly notified of recorded forums.

Youtube is a serious disconnect for radio audience. (& shows Pacifica disconnect w/ stakeholders)

Some committee members were available to help. NES seems overwhelmed.

If nothing is done about these issues, it shows the powers that be don't care.

Can't tell whether issues are nefarious.

No assurance that iED and NES have informed the GMs on their obligations for on air carts & debates..

No assurance questions on youtube forums actually came from membership ("audience") Unfair election - people voting without hearing from candidates.

This many issues deeply disturbing.

Violations:

(Art. 4; Sect. 6)

- Ballots mailed during fund-raising drive

(Art. 4; Sect. 6)

- Not promoting the election on-air.

- Not airing Candidate statements carts.

- Not providing live Q&A period with call-in listeners

Suggestions:

Immediate cart from NES/LES recommending members wait for on-air carts & debate before vote.

Should ask for involvement from membership in reporting if they aren't hearing them Phone help during fund-drive need to take accurate email addresses

Need to eliminate household membership. Each person should have their own membership.

NES & iED ask the PNB to support action to make sure live debates asap protecting rights of candidates who are running or the possible candidates so that people would hear their voices before they vote.

Campaign finance reform needed (level playing field with access to members contact info) - transparency needed as well.

Delivery issues need to be communicated back to station for the future.

Candidate forums should be a link in a prominent place on the station website.

Candidate statement could be recorded on Pacifica zoom.

Should be uniform cart from NES on process and procedure. (including the ability to "reset" their ballot.)

PNB and LSB members be provided with contract for the NES - to review powers, duties specified.

NES provide committee for list of things volunteers and Cmte members can help with.

Contact PNB members directly uging an open mtg on Thurs 8/26 (from the 8/21 Cmte motion -see below

Carts - On-air Status reports:

WBAI - (William) 8 min. NES or LES info about election & 1 on-air debate prior to balloting.

KPFA - (Susan) Heard logistics, but not carts or debate

KPFT - (S. Moreno) No carts on the air yet.

KPFK – I cart from NES reporting candidate statements could be found online.

WPFW - report not avail at this time (need recording on kpftx to report)