

2005-01-14 PNB Meeting Minutes

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FRIDAY, [January 14, 2005]

Meeting called for 6 p.m.

Unofficial discussion no quorum

Chair discusses changes in agenda. 2:30 management/staff reports will include reports from archives and affiliate director. LSB chair reports will be later in the day, the next day.

Rosalinda asks a question about format of reports.

Bob suggests that reports be given in four minutes.

6:12: Half of board members seated; meeting is being streamed.
Pacifica.org has documents available to see as meeting continues.

Webcasting versus broadcasting board meetings

Ted Weisgal, former Parliamentarian of National Board, discusses the merits of broadcasting versus streaming. Mr. Weiss suggests that broadcasting shows the democracy and models for other organizations, whereas streaming does not. He suggests that a recap with highlights could be broadcast, as a first step, by the news departments of the radio stations during prime time over a period of weeks to see if there is interest.

6:19: Two-thirds of board members present; 30 individuals in attendance.

Convene - 6:24 pm

Chair pays tribute to PNB members who served and are not returning to the board:

Vice-chair Henry Cooper, KPFT; Secretary Roger Manning, WBAI; Carol Spooner and Gerald Sanders, KPFA; Kalonji T. Olusagun, WPFW; Miguel Maldonado, Alice Shields, WBAI; Samuel Kiteka, KPFT; Vicki Santa, WMNF; Sonali Kolhatkar, KPFK.

Chair expresses appreciation for Leslie Cagan for support. Thanks KGNU for support and understanding, and thanks Pacifica affiliates.

Provisions in bylaws pertaining to affiliates

Timing of officer elections in January versus seating of representatives in March:

-Affiliate representatives cannot serve as officers of foundation due to timing of elections.

-Finance committee special provisions for who can serve on committee, so difficult to have affiliate serve on committee.

Chair strongly supports bylaws generally; only needs tweaking, not overhaul.

Due to bylaw issues and other issues (KGNU purchased an AM commercial frequency in the Denver market and increased potential audience by two million people), chair states that she has been honored to serve, and hopes to be an affiliate representative.

Thanking Chair

Executive Director Dan Coughlin and others present Marty Durlin, Chair of the PNB, with flowers (daisies and roses), and thanks her for her service.

Agenda revisions

Management and staff reports should include archives and affiliate directors.

Change break at 4:30, reports at 4:45 to 5:00 break and 5:15 LSB Chair reports, of three to four minutes, leaving time for questions.

Movement to approve agenda.

One amendment, to excuse absence of Michael Warren of New York. Unavailable due to surgery. No objection.

Dave Adelson unavailable due to medical emergency.

Bob Lederer asks about whether there is a legal reason in the code of conduct of why discussion cannot happen in open session, and is told no.

Bob then moves that the agenda be amended to move the code of conduct discussion to this evening.

Marty suggests that this issue be moved to the next day at 6:25, due to the agenda item set for that time needing less time than proposed.

Mark Roberts concerned that the reports Marty was speaking of for the next day not be too brief.

Patty Heffley asks if other committees can be added to the 11:00am election of committee members set for the next day. The answer is yes.

Agenda accepted without objection.

Point of order: Skipped over the selection of the secretary pro tem. Maria has graciously volunteered to be the secretary pro tem. Accepted without objection

Approval of minutes

Minutes of previous meeting approved without discussion.

PNB Member Introductions

Sarv Randhawa

Mark Roberts, WPFW

Mike Martin, KPFT

Joe Montes, KPFT

Rob Robinson, WPFW

Ambrose Lane, WPFW

Fadi Saba, KPFA

Maria Armoudian, KPFK

Donna Warren, KPFK

Marty Durlin, KGNU

William Walker, KPFA

Bob Lederer, WBAI

Ray LaForest, WBAI

Julie Rodriguez, KPFK

Lavarn Williams, KPFA

Patty Hefley, WBAI

Theresa Allen, KPFT

Zarhinah Shakir, WPFW

Lonnie Hicks, CFO, Pacifica

Dan Coughlin, Executive Director, Pacifica

Wendy Schroell, KPFT

Public Comments

Kwazi Nkrumah

Sherna Gluck

Rafael Renteria

Sheldrin

Ted Weisgal

Jane Jackson

Lawrence Reyes

Leslie Radford

Delores Bernal

Dele Ailemen

Luis Garcia

Tony

Mansoor

Five minute break taken

During break a discussion is held for listeners on the radio.

Meeting reconvenes

Public comments, continued

Kelly Barnes

Grace Aaron

Jacqueline

Israel Foyer

Ted Weisgal (again)

Lawrence Reyes (again)

Jan Goodman

Luis Garcia (again)

Leslie Radford (again)

Terry Goodman

Several people participate in discussion about when to respond to public comment.

Agenda and Schedule changes

Bob proposes changes in Sunday schedule. Proposes that at 1:00 Ambrose Lane and others will do presentation on questions regarding the history of Race and Nationality; at 1:45 there will be a break; 2:00 reconvene with Race and Nationality resolutions, until 6:00, which shall include one hour of public participation. At 6:00 go to new business, until 7:00. Then adjourn.

William Walker proposes moving the 1:00 break to a different time.

Bob concurs.

Ray Laforest wants it to be stated that there was a motion to amend the agenda.

Fadi Saba asks the purpose of the amendment to the schedule and Bob responds.

Mark makes comments regarding schedule change and about Bob's proposal.

Bob responds to Mark's comments, explaining his thoughts on his proposal for the agenda change.

Mike Martin explains that they do what Bob is proposing regarding public discussion. Mike asks where the motions came from, and whether they can be looked at ahead of time.

It is stated that board members should have them in the morning, and that an open public conference on the future of Pacific was held in 2002, and from a workshop there came a report on Race and Nationality issues, with recommendations that the board adopted as guidelines and later made policy for Pacifica. The motions on the agenda are the effort to implement those policies.

Wendy Schroell is opposed to the motion. She opposes telling people what they can comment on, and also as to time constraints.

William states that copies of the motions should be made available to the public audience, not just the board members.

Bob states that is the plan.

William suggests putting the motions on the web as well, and states that individuals listening on the webstream be able to make comments, perhaps through email.

William agrees with Wendy in regard to not telling people what they can comment on. William makes some suggestions regarding Bob's proposal.

Ray agrees with Wendy's comments, and makes some suggestions.

Mark makes comments regarding the time management issues in the Race and Nationality section of the agenda.

Motion to amend the agenda for Sunday

Proposal that at 1:00 presentations by Ambrose Lane and others; 1:45 Race and Nationality resolutions; at approximately halfway through a 15-minute break;

6:00 new business. Makes a motion that they adopt a special order to start at 1:45, which means that under Robert's Rules whatever business the body is doing at 1:45 will stop in order to cover this issue.

Discussion ensues about this motion.

William makes a recommendation for an amendment regarding two ten-minute breaks.

Ray seconds Bob's motion.

Bob seconds William's amendment.

Vote taken.

Yes-12

No-5

Motion carries

Someone asks if two-thirds is required to amend agenda. Vote is one vote short of two-thirds.

Point of order: When a vote requires two-thirds, Robert's Rules says that the chair may either make or break a tie. If the chair chose to vote for the motion it would have two-thirds and would pass, so it is up to the chair as to whether she wants to exercise that prerogative or not.

People do math in various ways.

Call for a revote.

Discussion regarding numbers.

Call for revote.

Vote taken

Yes-12

No-5

Motion does carry

Establish meeting time in New York, in March

Discussion about third or fourth weekend in March.

Teresa Allen suggests the last weekend in March or first week in April, due to length of time between meetings, and spring break constraints.

Further discussion about timing of meeting.

Julie unable to attend first week of April.

Someone notes that page 19 of bylaws states, & the board shall also regularly meet in March, June, and September of each year. The four regular board meetings shall rotate through the five foundation radio station areas so that meetings do not take place twice in the same radio station area until a meeting has been held in all other station areas. It is not equivocal. This person then suggests amending the bylaws.

It is suggested that the bylaws be amended right now.

Further discussion held on this issue.

Motion to have New York meeting April 1, 2, and 3

Seconded by Ambrose

Yes-13

No-1

Abstentions-2

Motion passes

Adjourn for the day

End of transcript of minutes for Friday, January 14, 2005.

Respectively Submitted by _____, Secretary of the PNB