

## **Pacifica National Board – Teleconference (Open Session) Sunday, June 7, 2009**

Originates: 8:00 pm Eastern Time, 7:00 pm Central Time, 5:00 pm Pacific Time

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Business. 8:00 pm (ET)**
- a. Roll Call / Establish Quorum. Establish time keeper- SCO. (3 Min.)
- Box Legend Attendance:** *X* Present; *Ab* Absent; *Exc* Excused Absence; *AL* Present-Arrived Late.
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| KPFA - Berk., Ca.: | KPFB – L.A., Ca.: | KPFT – Houston, Tx.: | WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.: |
| Sherry Gendelman   | Grace Aaron       | George Reiter        | Nia Bediako        |
| Bonnie Simmons     | Shawn O’Brian     | Sandra Rawline       | Carolyn Birden     |
| Andrea Turner      | Leslie Radford    | Wendy Schroell       | Kathy Davis        |
| Joseph Wanzala     | Ricco Ross        | Susan Young          | James Ross         |
- WPFW – Wash. D.C.:   AFFILIATES:   Staff & Counsel:
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|--------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Jim Brown    | David Beaton  | LaVarn Williams, Interim CFO       |
| Acie Byrd    | Efia Nwangaza | Ricardo De Anda, Int. Gen. Counsel |
| Luzette King |               |                                    |
- (Vacant Position)
- b. Agenda Approval (5 Min)
- c. Approve date of in-Person PNB Meeting in New York in July: (5 Min.)
- d. Minutes: (5 Min)  
    April 24, 25, 26, 2009
- e. Consent Items (2 Min)
- II. Acknowledgements (5 Min.)**
- III. Report of interim Executive Director (Joe chairs) (10 Min.)**
- IV. Report of interim Chief Financial Officer (10 Min.)**
- V. Report of the National Election Supervisor (10 Min.)**
- VI. Committees and Working Groups Reports:**

ACTIONS/REPORTS:

- 1. **Elections Committee (combine with NES?)** (Min.)
- 2. **Finance Committee: Jamie Ross** (Min.)
- 3. **Personnel Committee (portions in closed session)** (Min.)

4. **Affiliates Task Force.** (Min.)

5. **Audit Committee** (Min.)

6. **Governance Committee:** (Min.)

Motion (passed by Governance Committee without objection): The PNB requires that the LSB’s review the following proposed motion regarding the Community Advisory Boards, and provide feedback to the PNB by June 30, 2009 in the form of proposed amendments, revisions or critiques. The PNB may proceed with consideration of this motion at any meeting subsequent to that date:

“WHEREAS the Pacifica Foundation is a current Corporation for Public Broadcasting grantee, and WHEREAS the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 396, et seq., dictates requirements for Community Advisory Boards (CABs) for Public Broadcasting grantees (see [http://www.cpb.org/statins/certification/cpb\\_certification\\_req.pdf](http://www.cpb.org/statins/certification/cpb_certification_req.pdf)), IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Minutes, attendance records and the names of the members of the CAB shall be posted on each Pacifica station web site respectively; and a document establishing annual programming goals for the station be produced by station management and submitted to the CAB for review; and the CAB shall produce an annual report advising the governing body of the station – the Local Station Board (LSB) – whether the programming and other policies of such station are meeting the specialized educational and cultural needs of the communities served by the station, making appropriate recommendations to meet such needs; and the CAB of each station shall comprise a minimum of 3 members. Each LSB will develop a form to be posted on the station web site so that community volunteers can nominate themselves or be nominated. No CAB member may serve more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms, or more than six years in total. Nominations of the CAB membership shall be made to the LSB by self-nomination, Outreach Committee, Committee of Inclusion of the LSB or any current member of the LSB. Those responsible for soliciting memberships shall consider soliciting a member representing organizations or stakeholders in the community that have an interest in Pacifica. Each new member shall be appointed by a majority of the LSB for a term of two years. The LSB shall strive to stagger CAB members to ensure continuity of action and leadership. Each CAB member is subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms, with a minimum spacing of 4 years between non-consecutive terms.”

Motion (passed by GC without objection): Be it resolved that the Pacifica Foundation’s Ethics Policy dated October 2005 be distributed to each employee, board member and volunteer unpaid staff member with a sign-off form stating the party has read and understood the policy. The policy covers the reporting of ethics violations and in combination with the adherence to the California State Whistleblowers Act and the posting of same in all stations constitutes the Whistleblower policy of the Pacifica Foundation.

Motion (passed by GC without objection): Sexual harassment training shall be made available at all times

to Paid Staff, Unpaid Staff and LSB members and is required of Paid and Unpaid Staff.

Motion (passed without objection): Pacifica Board Chair and iED Grace Aaron is commended for her well planned and decisive intervention in the WBAI crisis. The PNB supports her efforts as iED to turn WBAI around and reinvent itself as a powerful mission driven station by and for the entire progressive left of the greater New York City area.

Motion (passed 6-1-1): LSB chairs will be responsible for getting the names and contact information of everyone on the PNB committees from their LSB to the Secretary of the PNB within two days of the conclusion of the January PNB meeting.

Motion (passed 5-5-0): It is recommended that the PNB rescind the motion of 2004 that eliminated excused absences on standing committees.

In addition to the motions above, "The Governance Committee recommends to the PNB to consider compensation for current iED." (passed without objection).

**7. Three-person committee named to draft editorial statement regarding military escalation and occupation of Afghanistan and Pakistan. (5 Min.)**

HAVE NOT MET:

- 8. Archives Task Force
- 9. Committee on Racism, Sexism and Other Forms of Discrimination
- 10. Programming Committee
- 11. Strategic Planning Task Force

**VI. Unfinished Business:**

Motion by Brown, Byrd regarding current eligibility of Campbell Johnson to serve on the Pacifica National Board. (10 Min.)

Motion by Ross (on behalf of KPFK LSB) to ensure the collaborative processes enshrined in National Programming Policy passed by the KPFK Local Station Board without objection: We urge the PNB to ensure compliance with the letter and spirit of the collaborative process between governance and management throughout the network "in the development of any new regular program or long-term series that is produced nationally;" and further, which mandates that any such proposals "shall be brought to the PNB Programming Committee for review to assure that both network and local needs are met." (5 Min.)

Motion by Radford (on behalf of KPFK LSB) to initiate discussion on re-structuring and the recruitment and training of volunteer programmers passed by the KPFK Local Station Board without objection 4/21/09: In

light of the current financial crisis and the Pacifica networks' identify as community radio, and to conform specifically with Article 5.0 (New Voices) of the National Program Policy adopted in 2006, the KPFK LSB submits the following motion to the PNB: In accordance with Article 5.0 of the National Program Policy, which calls on stations to train current a new volunteers in order to bring new voices to the air, every station shall initiate discussions regarding the role of paid producers and volunteer staff and initiate programs to recruit and train community volunteer programmers. (5 Min.)

Motion by Radford (on behalf of Yosh Yamanaka): Whereas the United States has wasted precious years during the Bush Administration and failed to take decisive steps to control greenhouse gas emissions, Pacifica urges the nation's leaders to take action by endorsing the National Call to Action on Global Warming attached hereto (note: not attached). (5 Min.)

Motion by Simmons to rescind elections procedure. (5 Min.)

Motion by Simmons to rescind policy regarding change in status. (5 Min.)

## **VII New Business**

Motion by Rawline, Young (passed without objection by KPFT LSB): The KPFT Local Station Board recommends to the Pacifica National Board that Pacifica sponsor a vehicle and attendees for the humanitarian convoy that will travel from Cairo to Gaza on July 4, 2009. This convoy is one of several that is being organized by British Member of Parliament George Galloway who spoke in Houston on May 17. (5 Min.)

Motion by Wanzala: Resolved that LSBs, GMs and PDs present the reports requested in the motion passed by the PNB on April 27, 2009 regarding the bylaws provision of collaborative programming decision making no later than August 30, 2009. (5 Min.)

Motion by Wanzala: Whereas the PNB passed a motion at the April 10, 2009 meeting making it Pacifica policy that a change in status of a Local Station Board member, once elected, will not be deemed a "disqualifying act" unless decided otherwise by the Pacifica National Board, or until such time as there is an amendment made to the relevant section of the Pacifica bylaws." and, whereas, the KPFA LSB majority refused to seat Noelle Hanrahan pursuant to this motion on the grounds that (1) they did not understand it to be retroactive, (2) they questioned the PNB's authority to set Local Station Board policy; and (3) a motion to rescind the motion is pending before the PNB; and; whereas removal of Noelle Hanrahan was procedurally improper as the KPFA LSB failed to follow the provisions laid out in Section 9 (Removal of Delegates) of the Pacifica bylaws, and; whereas the failure of the KPFA LSB to reinstate Noelle Hanrahan pursuant to the change of status resolution passed on April 10, 2009 undermines the authority of the PNB and the institutional coherence of the Foundation. Be it resolved that Noelle Hanrahan be immediately reinstated to the KPFA LSB. Those LSB members who do not allow her to be reinstated will be immediately removed from the Local Station Board. (5 Min.)

## **VIII. Adjournment:**

**10:00 pm EST**

**\*\*Closed Executive Session Meeting to follow the above adjournment\*\***