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PACIFICA FOUNDATION

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Pacifica National Board – Teleconference (Open Session)

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

Originating in Various Locations

October 4, 2009

MINUTES

(Approved Jan. 15, 2010)

I. Call to Order/ Opening Business. PNB Chair Grace Aaron called meeting to order at 8:17 pm (ET). Shawn O'Brien served as timekeeper.

a. Roll Call/ Quorum. Carolyn Birden called the roll and a quorum was established. Staff Recording Secretary, Richard Uzzell joined the call shortly afterwards.

For Attendance. X Present; Ab Absent; Exc Excused Absence; AL Arrived Late.

KPFA - Berk., Ca.: KPFK – L.A., Ca.: KPFT – Houston, Tx.: WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.:

X Sherry Gendelman	X Grace Aaron	Ab George Reiter	X Nia Bediako
Ab Bonnie Simmons	X Shawn O'Brien	X Sandra Rawline	X Carolyn Birden
X Andrea Turner	X Leslie Radford	Ab Wendy Schroell	X Kathy Davis
X Joseph Wanzala	X Ricco Ross	X Susan Young	X James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.: AFFILIATES: STAFF & COUNSEL:

X Jim Brown	Ab David Beaton	X Ricardo deAnda
X Acie Byrd	X Efia Nwangaza	X LaVarn Williams
X Luzette King		
X Billy Ray Edwards		

b. Agenda Approval. Chair asked if there were any additions or changes proposed for the Agenda. O'Brien moved the approval of the Agenda. HNO, Agenda Approved.

c. Minutes. O'Brien moved that consideration of any Minutes be postponed until upcoming In-Person meeting. HNO motion Approved.

II. Acknowledgements.

** *Bonnie Simmons for her work (the past 9 years) as on of the four producters*

for the “Hardly Strickly Blue Grass Festival;” a free concert in Golden Gate Park w/Friday for school children. ** by Gendelman.

** *Dedicated and hard working staff and volunteers for recent Fund Drive.* ** by Radford.

** *Thanks to Phi Slamma Hamma, John Chachere and Richard Uzzell for their recent project of coming to WBAI from Houston an organizing and conducting a Clean-Up/ Painting Project. “Thank You.”* ** by Davis.

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III. a. Arbitration Agreement. Aaron reported that the feedback requested at the Sep. 25, 2009 PNB meeting re: GM response to the proposed agreement was that the GMs, the Affiliates Director, the Archives Director and the Technology Director all agreed that this policy would be a good idea. Aaron moved that from this date forward, October 4, 2009; signing an Arbitration Agreement will be a prerequisite for all management hires. Motion voted Approved, 9-6-1. [See Below.]

For Vote. Y Yes; N No; Ab Abstain; PNV Present No Voting.

KPFA - Berk., Ca.:	KPFK – L.A., Ca.:	KPFT – Houston, Tx.:	WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.:
N Sherry Gendelman	PNV Grace Aaron	George Reiter N	Nia Bediako
Bonnie Simmons	Y Shawn O’Brian	Y Sandra Rawline	Y Carolyn Birden
N Andrea Turner	N Leslie Radford	Wendy Schroell	Y Kathy Davis
Y Joseph Wanzala	Ricco Ross	Y Susan Young	Y James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.:	AFFILIATES:	
N Jim Brown	David Beaton	Approved, 9-6-1
N Acie Byrd	Y Efia Nwangaza	
Y Luzette King		
Ab Billy Ray Edwards		

b. Recall Election Issue At KPFA. When the PNB passed the recently approved Recall Election Policy (Sep. 3, 2009), a subsequent motion by Reiter stated that “*the PNB Delegate Recall Procedures shall be used to conduct existing recall elections; except for the current election at KPFA, where the procedure, shall begin at section 2.*”

Several PNB members asked for a legal opinion of whether two recalls may be dealt with Differently. Ricardo deAnda began his report.

Young called a Point of Order re: comments being made by

*the Counsel
with*

*do not address the question of "how can two recalls be dealt
differently. No ruling made.*

Time expired. Young moved to extend time for five minutes. HNO, motion Approved.

Young moved that, based on what our attorney advised, that 1. seeking legal advice is the appropriate threshold, and 2. that differentating between these two situations is ill-advised; and therefore move to recind the above mentioned motion that would exempt the KPFA Recall from the adopted procedure. There was a question of proper notice to recind. It was determined that Schroell had provided sufficient notice.

Time expired. O'Brien moved to extend time for five minutes. Motion failed by a vote 5-9-3. [See Below – Next Page]

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Bonnie Simmons	Y Shawn O'Brian	N Sandra Rawline	Y Carolyn Birden
N Andrea Turner	N Leslie Radford	Wendy Schroell	Y Kathy Davis
Y Joseph Wanzala	Y Ricco Ross	N Susan Young	N James Ross

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N Jim Brown	David Beaton Failed, 5-9-3
N Acie Byrd	Ab Efia Nwangaza
Ab Luzette King	
Ab Billy Ray Edwards	

Motion to Recind voted Approved, 11-2-4. [See Below.]

For Vote. Y Yes; N No; Ab Abstain; PNV Present No Voting.

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Y Sherry Gendelman	PNV Grace Aaron	George Reiter Y	Nia Bediako
Bonnie Simmons	N Shawn O'Brian	Y Sandra Rawline	N Carolyn Birden
Y Andrea Turner	Y Leslie Radford	Wendy Schroell	Ab Kathy Davis
Ab Joseph Wanzala	Y Ricco Ross	Y Susan Young	Y James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.: **AFFILIATES:**
 Y Jim Brown David Beaton Approved, 11-2-4
 Y Acie Byrd Y Efia Nwangaza
 Ab Luzette King
 Ab Billy Ray Edwards

IV. National Election Supervisor’s Report and Motion from Election Committee.

NES Report. NES, Les Radke gave his report. [Audio available at kpftx.org]

Election Committee Report w/ Motions. Committee member Caroyln Birden presented a report then presented the five motions. Time expired for the Open Session. Radford moved to extend for 30 minutes. Motion voted Approved, 13-2-2.

[See Below.]

For Vote. Y Yes; N No; Ab Abstain; PNV Present No Voting.

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N Sherry Gendelman	PNV Grace Aaron	George Reiter Y	Nia Bediako
Bonnie Simmons	Ab Shawn O’Brian	N Sandra Rawline Y	Carolyn Birden
Y Andrea Turner	Y Leslie Radford	Wendy Schroell	Y Kathy Davis
Y Joseph Wanzala	Y Ricco Ross	Y Susan Young	Y James Ross

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 Y Jim Brown David Beaton Approved, 13-2-2
 Y Acie Byrd Y Efia Nwangaza
 Ab Luzette King
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Motion 1. The Elections Committee recommends that the LES/NES consider disruptions of Pacifica’s meetings or events as possible grounds for disqualification.

Motion Failed by a vote of 7-9-1. [See Below.]

For Vote. Y Yes; N No; Ab Abstain; PNV Present No Voting.

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N Sherry Gendelman	PNV Grace Aaron	George Reiter N	Nia Bediako
Bonnie Simmons	Y Shawn O’Brian	N Sandra Rawline	Y Carolyn Birden
N Andrea Turner	N Leslie Radford	Wendy Schroell	Y Kathy Davis
Y Joseph Wanzala	Y Ricco Ross	Ab Susan Young	Y James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.:	AFFILIATES:	
N Jim Brown	David Beaton	Failed, 7-9-1
N Acie Byrd	Y Efia Nwangaza	
N Luzette King		
N Billy Ray Edwards		

Motion 2. At any station at which there is reason to believe that a significant number of voters did not receive a ballot, a postcard should be immediately mailed to the entire membership with Address Correction Requested. The postcard should ask anyone who has not received a ballot to contact the LES. The voters whose postcards bounce should be mailed a second ballot to the corrected address, or if no corrected address be available, that voter should be contacted by phone or email to get a corrected address.

R. Ross moved to disregard the motion. HNO motion to disregard Approved.

Motion 3. The Election Committee requests that the PNB send out a directive to all LESes to produce and air ANNOUNCEMENTS that instruct members what to do if they have not received a ballot, as well as, encourage voters to return their ballots, and that all such ANNOUNCEMENTS be put into regular and repeated rotation until October 15th, 2009. Further, that all Pacifica website be updated to provide information for requesting ballots.

HNO [Gendelman Abstained] Motion Approved.

Motion 4. The PNB Elections Committee recommends that the PNB ask the National Election Supervisor to immediately correct the Pacifica website and any Pacifica station websites that have a deadline for returning Delegate election ballots that differs from the deadline printed on the ballots. Motion MOOT.

Motion 5. This committee recommends to the PNB Chair to immediately send a letter to the NES requesting that he address all of the issues expressed tonight and report back to the PNB his resolution of these issues including: (1) Non enforcement the unfair campaign rule; (2) Mailing of ballots, AND THAT THE CHAIR ASK THE NES TO MEET WITH THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HNO, Motion was referred to Election Committee.

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V. **Adjourned.** Nwangaza moved to adjourn. HNO, meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm (ET)

Minutes Scribed and Prepared by: Richard Uzzell, PNB Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Pacifica National Board:

Grace Aaron, PNB Chair

Jan. 15, 2010

Witnessed By:

Date: