

Minutes:

WPFW Local Station Board Special Meeting
2390 Champlain Street NW, Washington, DC 20009
25 September 2006

Note: This meeting was convened in 2 sessions, each of which may technically be considered a separate meeting: the first convening as the WPFW LSB to review the proposed Budget for the Station; the second convening as Delegates of the Pacifica Foundation to vote on a proposed Amendment to the Foundation's Bylaws.

I. Review and Approval of the Budget

Quorum declared about 7:40, Jane Gatewood serving as Chair.

Board Members present at the call to order: Jim Brown, Acie Byrd, Billy Ray Edwards, Joni Eisenberg, Jane Gatewood, Ayo Handy-Kendi, Ambrose Lane, Dan Logan, Norberto Martinez, Kalonji Olusegun, Rob Robinson, Amanda Sweet, Gloria Turner.

Later Arrival (8:45): Luzette King.

Absent: Mark Berman, Joe Chiara, Mark Roberts, Thomas Ruffin, Zarinah Shakir, Hakam Takash.

Excused Absence: Carol Wolfe.

Also Present: Ron Pinchback, WPFW General Manager, and Carl Pfluger, LSB Secretary.

Discussion and Approval of 2007 Budget. A 3-page printed outline of the budget, prepared by LSB Treasurer Jane Gatewood, was presented, together with oral comment and explanation by Jane, WPFW Development Director Tiffany Jordan, WPFW Business Manager Robert West, and General Manager Ron Pinchback, and many questions and suggestions were offered by various members of the Board. It was observed several times that in some sections the Budget should have been broken down into more detail, but some of that depends on information as it comes from the National Office. After about 2 hours of discussion, all sections of the Budget were approved without objection, following the adoption of one reservation and one amendment:

Reservation: Jane proposed that the LSB approve the section on Salaries with the understanding that it is approving the total figure, not necessarily any detailed allocation of payments. Agreed without objection.

Amendment: Dan Logan proposed that \$4,000.00 be added to development expenses, as an increased investment in advertising and promoting the Station, and that \$4,000.00 be added to the anticipated income from pledge drives. Motion passed, 10-2.

Resolution on Strategic Planning: Throughout the discussions, concern was expressed over an apparent lack of overall vision of goals and strategies, and after the Budget was approved, Luzette King introduced a motion which, after amendments added by Ayo, Gloria, Kalonji, and Dan, was put to a vote in the following words:

The LSB resolves that, within the next 3 months, the General Manager, in cooperation with all the committees of the LSB, shall produce the first installment of an overarching, integrated, and long-term strategic document which shall address the Station's intended priorities and develop a time-line for their achievement.

The motion passed, 11-0.

Adjournment: About 10:15, without objection, the meeting adjourned, to reconvene immediately as a "Delegates' Meeting" to consider the proposed Bylaws Amendment.

II. Consideration of Bylaws Amendment

Delegates present at the reconvening: Jim Brown, Acie Byrd., Billy Ray Edwards, Joni Eisenberg, Jane Gatewood, Ayo Handy-Kendi, Luzette King, Dan Logan, Norberto Martinez, Kalonji Olusegun, Rob Robinson, Gloria Turner, Amanda Sweet.

Discussion and Vote on Proposed Amendment. Six Directors of the Pacifica National Board (PNB) had proposed amending Article 5, Section 1(C) of the Pacifica Bylaws so as to allow the PNB to elect two at-large directors, where the current Bylaws allow only one. Since this proposal is a Bylaws amendment, approval [according to Article 17, Section 1(B)(3) of the Bylaws] would require a majority of all 21 currently serving WPFW Delegates, i.e., 11 votes in favor. After about half an hour of discussion, a roll call vote was called, at the request of Luzette King. Results were:

In favor: Acie Byrd, Joni Eisenberg, Dan Logan, Norberto Martinez, Rob Robinson. Total: 5.

Opposed: Jim Brown, Billy Ray Edwards, Luzette King, Kalonji Olusegun. Total: 4.

Abstaining: Ayo Handy-Kendi, Gloria Turner, Amanda Sweet. Total: 3.

Acting Chair Jane Gatewood cast no vote.

Failing to attain a majority of the total membership, the Amendment did not pass.

Adjournment: Moved by Kalonji shortly after 11:00, seconded by Gloria, agreed without objection.