

PNB Elections Committee Meeting of 2022-07-19

Draft Minutes

Via Maestroconference

Call In Number

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1. Call to order/Roll Call

Teresa Allen, Violetta Diamond, Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, DeeDee Halleck (late), William Heerwagen, Evelia Jones (late); Mike Lewis; Sean Kelly McPherson; Michael Novick (chair), Myla Reson; Shawn Rhodes, Minerva F. Sanders (late); Carol Wolfley. New member Lily Kimura, replacing Akio Tanaka who was elected to be PNB director by the KPFA LSB, was seated and present.

2. Approval of draft agenda was moved and seconded. Carol Wolfley moved to place her motion first under the business section (item 7). Amendment to the agenda was approved 6-5

Ayes: Allen, Lewis, McPherson, Reson, Kimura, Wolfley; Nays: Diamond, Dixon-Briggs, Heerwagen, Novick, Rhodes.

3. Setting of time certain for adjournment: Proposed for 9 PM Eastern (6 Pacific), agreed without opposition.

4. Approval of minutes submitted by Aki Tanaka, without opposition.

5. Volunteers to take minutes and for timekeepers. In the absence of the (former) secretary and any volunteers, the chair agreed to call the roll and keep the records. Vanessa Dixon-Briggs expressed a willingness to do it in the future.

6. of secretary (if there is a contest, will require an authorizing motion)

The chair offered a motion. Carol Wolfley moved to postpone to the next meeting, seconded. Adopted.

7. Review of zoom working group and discussion of cost-cutting and fundraising proposals and vote on any motions

a. Carol Wolfley presented a motion, seconded, motivated by Wolfley:

The Pacifica National Elections Committee moves that the Pacifica National Board work with Pacifica management to:

- Notify the Pacifica membership that Pacifica Management has stated that there are no funds available for the bylaws mandated 2022 Local Station Board Elections.
- In the event that bylaws mandated 2022 Delegate Elections do not occur, ensure that as Local Station Board Delegates term out or resign in December of 2022, vacant Delegate seats will not be extended for those terming out or be filled by those defeated in a past election and that the Local Stations Boards will be smaller for part or all of 2023 until elections are held. And further ensure that the smaller 2023 Local Station Boards will elect PNB Directors in January of 2023 and these new Directors will be on the boards for part or all of the year 2023 depending on when new elections are held.
- Implement plans to reduce the costs of elections, raise funds for an election including creating a mechanism for Pacifica members to donate specifically for elections, develop a workable timeline for an election based on the availability of funding and contract only with neutral persons to be involved in making election rulings.

The maker motivated the motion and discussion ensued. Violetta Diamond moved to divide the motion, which was seconded. Discussion ensued, and a vote was taken.

Ayes: Diamond, Dixon-Briggs, Heerwagen, Novick, Rhodes. Nays: Allen, Lewis, McPherson, Reson, Kimura, Wolfley. Motion to divide was defeated.

Discussion ensued, Wolfley offered an amendment to her motion, striking the language "term out or resign" and replace it with "end their terms".

Discussion ensued and the amendment was put to a vote:

Ayes: Allen, Lewis, McPherson, Reson, Kimura, Wolfley Nays: Diamond, Dixon-Briggs, Heerwagen, Novick, Rhodes. Amendment was adopted

The motion as amended was discussed further and put to a vote.

Ayes: Allen, Lewis, McPherson, Reson, Kimura, Wolfley. Nays: Diamond, Dixon-Briggs, Heerwagen, Novick, Rhodes. Motion was adopted.

The chair presented a motion, which was seconded:

Moved that the EC recommends to the PNB to launch an immediate and on-going off-air membership drive, with high-quality design and implementation, focusing on identifying supporters and allies with influence in mass-membership organizations and communities in general alignment with Pacifica's mission, to seek and encourage large-scale enrollment of their members as listener-sponsors members of Pacifica's stations.

Further moved that the EC recommends to the PNB that it mandate a series of twice-monthly national days of special programming, beginning in August and continuing to and through the November elections, focusing on overcoming voter suppression and other threats to democracy, and on suppression and censorship of critical social, economic and political issues not being sufficiently addressed in corporate media coverage of the elections, to raise funds nationally to help balance Pacifica's books and fund the already delayed delegate elections.

The maker motivated the motion and discussion ensued. Carol Wolfley offered an amendment to strike the language "to help balance Pacifica's books and", which was seconded. Discussion ensued on the amendment and a vote was held

Ayes: Allen, McPherson, Reson, Kimura, Wolfley. Nays: Diamond, Dixon-Briggs, Heerwagen, Lewis, Novick, Rhodes. Amendment was defeated. Additional members joined the call, and further discussion ensued of the main motion. A vote was conducted:

Ayes: Diamond, Dixon-Briggs, Heerwagen, Jones, Lewis, Novick, Rhodes; Nays: Allen, McPherson, Reson, Kimura, Wolfley. Abstain: Halleck. Motion carries.

The chair introduced a second motion, regarding cost-cutting, which was seconded.

Moved that EC recommends to the PNB that it direct the ED to swiftly, and before the end of the current fiscal year, require station management to complete the process of developing and maintaining accurate, current and de-duped membership lists of all listener-sponsor members of each station and of staff members (paid and unpaid) at each station, including the vetting of staff lists with the existing staff to ensure this an accurate and complete roster of all staff members with accurate current contact information.

The maker motivated the motion and discussion ensued. An amendment was offered by William Heerwagen to strike the language (paid and unpaid), but failed for lack of a second, and the motion was adopted without opposition

8. Additional meetings:

The chair moved after some discussion that the EC schedule a working group meeting open to public participation via zoom on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 7 PM EDT (4 PM PDT, 6 CDT) for brainstorming on a timeline for holding the already delayed delegate elections.

Ayes: Diamond, Dixon-Briggs, Halleck, Heerwagen, Novick, Rhodes, Sanders. Nays: Allen, Jones, Lewis, Reson, Wolfley, Kimura. The motion carries. The chair will set up a working group meeting to plan the zoom brainstorming session. The next regular committee meeting will take place on the usual schedule, 3rd Tuesday in August at 4 PM Eastern, 7 Pacific. The chair will post the zoom brainstorming session and the EC meeting to KPFTX.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Novick, Election Committee chair