Coordinating Committee Minutes: March 3, 2010 5:30pm PST

Roll Call:
Present: George Reiter, Richard Uzzell, Joe Wanzala, Nia Bediako, Ricco Ross, Tracy Rosenberg, Arlene Engelhardt, Alonzo Brown

Absent: Efia Nwangaza, Lavarn Williams

Agenda suggested by the members of the committee and approved as follows by unanimous consent.

I – Purpose and Role of the Committee 20 mins (Ricco)

II – Dates for Future In-Person Meetings 20 mins (George)

III – Agenda Planning for April In-Person Meetings 20 mins (George)

IV – Time of Telephone Meetings 10 minutes (Nia)

I – Purpose and Role of the Committee

The Bylaws say “coordinate events between meetings”. Historically the committee has coordinated the in-person meetings. Committee members would like to develop the in-person agenda and really think about it. The Coordinating Committee has also sometimes been assigned particular tasks from the PNB (such as the affiliate election last year).

Definition: The Coordinating Committee will coordinate the agenda and review the logistical arrangements for the PNB in-person meetings, address issues with the telephone meetings as they arise, and accept any assignments from the entire board for additional tasks.

Committee approved this definition unanimously.

II – Dates for Future In-Person Meetings - 20

a) April meeting
KPFK expressed to the ED that the April 23-25 date is not the best for them.

Discussed toll on staff and board, National Staff challenges, roles and responsibilities of NO, LSB and host station staff. Motion introduced to reconsider the date and then motion withdrawn after objection. Next in-person meeting of the PNB remains April 23-25 in Los Angeles as voted on by the PNB on February 21st.

b) July and October meetings
Arlene to check with KPFA, George to check with New York and Houston in collaboration with Efia to check with station managers and poll the PNB to bring proposed meeting dates to the PNB as soon as possible.

Passed unanimously

III – Agenda Planning for April In-Person Meetings 20 mins (George)

a) Request for a brainstorm outreach for the next in-person meetings. Proposal for a Committee of the whole – 90-120 minutes discussion on more effective outreach techniques. Arlene Engelhardt to co-chair or facilitate the session. (George)

Passed unanimously

b) Request for a financial discussion with outside experts in financial-legal-marketing – to lay out rules and recommendations – including debt-restructuring options. Suggested duration 4 hours – (Nia)

Amended motion: Lavarn and Arlene to convene a dedicated financial board conversation and board members are encouraged to refer any outside consultants they think might be useful to the conversation.

Amended motion passes unanimously

IV – Time of Telephone Meetings

The PNB chair to poll the members on alternate times for the Sunday PNB calls of 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.

Passed unanimously

Adjourned at 7:08 pm Eastern Standard Time