

Finance Committee September 18, 2005

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 pacific standard time by David Adelson, Chair.

Attendance

Present: Dave Adelson, Teresa Allen, Baruti Bediako, Jane Gatewood, Patty Heffley, Casey McFall, Mark Roberts, Marnie Tattersall, Sandy Weinmann, LaVarn Williams, Lonnie Hicks.

Guests: Ambrose Lane (left the call at 5:25 p.m.)

Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of minutes
3. Review of remaining station budgets
 - KPFK
 - KPFA
 - WBAI
4. Review of National Office Budget
5. Motion on Budgeting of Spanish Language Programming
6. PRA Budget
7. Recommendations to PNB on FY06 Budget
8. Scheduling of next meeting

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gatewood to approve agenda

Agenda approved without objection.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Heffley to postpone approval of minutes.

Approved without objection.

3. Review of Station and National Office Budgets

Motion by Allen to extend discussion for 10 minutes.

Approved without objection.

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Approved without objection.

Motion by Adelson that the committee take a break and reconvene in 10 minutes.

Approved without objection

The committee took a break at 5:25 p.m. pacific time.

The committee reconvened at 5:46 pacific time. Roll call attendance was taken, all members present.

Motion by Gatewood to extend discussion for 10 minutes.

Approved without objection.

4. Spanish Language Programming

Motion by Bediako that The NFC recommends that the National Office budget be amended to include \$ 98,500 distributed as per the schedule below for the National Spanish Language Daily News Program starting on 1/1/06, as mandated by the PNB.

Salary: (1.5 FTE):	\$ 45,000
Benefits	13,500
Production Expenses:	40,000
Total	\$ 98,500

Motion by Roberts to table.

Adelson - no

Allen -

Bediako - no

Gatewood - abstain

Heffley - no

Hicks - abstain

McFall - no

Roberts - yes

Tattersall - abstain

Weinmann - yes

Williams - no

Motion to table fails

Motion by Gatewood to table until discussion regarding budget recommendations to the PNB.

Adelson - yes

Allen -

Bediako - yes

Gatewood - yes

Heffley - yes

Hicks - no

McFall - yes

Roberts - no

Tattersall - yes

Weinmann - yes
Williams – abstain

Motion to table carries.

Motion by Hicks:

Resolved that the Pacifica National Board shall have an operating policy that requires changes to budget categories that exceed 10% or \$50,000 be forwarded to the appropriate LSB for approval and to the PNB for adoption at each quarterly in-person meeting.

Adelson - yes
Allen - yes
Bediako - yes
Gatewood -
Heffley - abstain
Hicks - yes
McFall - yes
Roberts - yes
Tattersall - yes
Weinmann - yes
Williams – abstain

Motion carries.

Motion by Adelson that the National Finance Committee may grant authorization for changes in budget forecasts that are less than \$50,000 or 10% of the budget category.

Motion by Williams to table until the next National Finance Committee meeting.

Adelson - no
Allen - abstain
Bediako - no
Gatewood - abstain
Heffley - abstain
Hicks - yes
McFall - no
Roberts - yes
Tattersall - yes
Weinmann - yes
Williams – yes

Motion carries

Recommendations to PNB on FY06 Budget

Motion by Williams that the National Finance Committee recommends that the Pacifica National Board adopt the KPFA budget presented by the General Manager and approved by the LSB, with the

provision that the GM develop and present an 18-month plan to meet the one-month reserve requirement.

Motion to Amend by Gatewood to add “and to reduce salaries as a percentage of listener support to bring the ratio of salaries to listener support in line with that of other units in the network.

Carries with no objections

Motion to Amend by Adelson to strike the words “presented by the General Manager and”

Carries with no objections

Motion to Amend by Adelson to strike the words “to meet the one-month reserve requirement”.

Adelson - yes

Allen - yes

Bediako - yes

Gatewood - yes

Heffley - yes

Hicks - no

McFall - yes

Roberts - no

Tattersall - no

Weinmann - no

Williams – no

Motion carries

Main motion as amended:

The National Finance Committee recommends that the Pacifica National Board adopt the KPFA budget approved by the LSB, with the provision that the GM develop and present an 18-month plan to reduce to reduce salaries as a percentage of listener support to bring the ratio of salaries to listener support in line with that of other units in the network.

Adelson - yes

Allen - yes

Bediako - yes

Gatewood - yes

Heffley - abstain

Hicks - no

McFall - yes

Roberts - no

Tattersall - yes

Weinmann - yes

Williams – no

Motion carries.

Motion by McFall that the National Finance Committee recommends that the Pacifica National

Board adopt the KPFK budget approved by the LSB.

Motion to Amend by Hicks to add “with the provision that the budget be reduced by \$100,000.”

Adelson - no

Allen - no

Bediako - no

Gatewood - abstain

Heffley - no

Hicks - yes

McFall - no

Roberts - yes

Tattersall - yes

Weinmann - no

Williams – abstain

Motion fails.

Motion to Amend by Adelson with the correction of a scrivener’s error which will allocate \$8,000 for LSB expenses as opposed to \$10,000; such correction to be documented by an email from the LSB Chair to the CFO and the NFC.

Carries with no objections.

Main Motion as Amended:

The National Finance Committee recommends that the Pacifica National Board adopt the KPFK budget approved by the LSB, with the correction of a scrivener’s error which will allocate \$8,000 for LSB expenses as opposed to \$10,000; such correction to be documented by an email from the LSB Chair to the CFO and the NFC.

Adelson - yes

Allen - yes

Bediako - yes

Gatewood - yes

Heffley - yes

Hicks - no

McFall - yes

Roberts - no

Tattersall - abstain

Weinmann - yes

Williams – yes

Motion carries.

Motion by Weinmann that the National Finance Committee recommends that the Pacifica National Board adopt the KPFT budget approved unanimously by the LSB.

Motion carries without objection.

Motion by Bediako that the WBAI budget as approved by the LSB be recommended for adoption by the Pacifica National Board with the changes of the subsequent increase to CPB funding to \$517,610, major donations to \$325,000, and salaries and related expenses to \$1,356,178. The LSB Chair will confirm by email to the CFO and the NFC that such changes are consistent with LSB recommendations.

Motion to Amend by Heffley:

CPB funding less restricted dollars be allocated to the Development Consultant position.

Motion by Adelson to table until after discussion of the WPFW budget.

Motion withdrawn

Motion to table until after discussion of the WPFW budget.

Motion carries without objection.

Motion by Gatewood that the National Finance Committee recommend adoption of the WPFW budget as approved by the LSB with revisions to CPB grant income and Free Speech Radio News expenses provided by the CFO as follows:

1. Grants income increased \$262,548 to \$294,708
2. FSRN expenses increased \$71,260 to \$81,046

Motion carries without objection.

Return to Motion by Bediako that the WBAI budget as approved by the LSB be recommended for adoption by the Pacifica National Board with the changes of the subsequent increase to CPB funding to \$517,610, major donations to \$325,000, and salaries and related expenses to \$1,356,178. The LSB Chair will confirm by email to the CFO and the NFC that such changes are consistent with LSB recommendations.

Motion to Amend by Hicks to add “And that the WBAI General Manager be required to produce a 9-month cash flow statement to be submitted to the CFO and the NFC by November 2, 2005 that demonstrates that the station is fiscally sound.”

Motion to amend carries without objection.

Main motion as Amended:

Resolved that the WBAI budget as approved by the LSB be recommended for adoption by the Pacifica National Board with the changes of the subsequent increase to CPB funding to \$517,610, major donations to \$325,000, and salaries and related expenses to \$1,356,178. The LSB Chair will confirm by email to the CFO and the NFC that such changes are consistent with LSB recommendations. And that the WBAI General Manager be required to produce a 9-month cash flow statement to be submitted to the CFO and the NFC by November 2, 2005 that demonstrates that the station is fiscally sound.

Adelson - abstain

Allen - no

Bediako - yes
Gatewood - yes
Heffley - no
Hicks - yes
McFall - yes
Roberts - no
Tattersall - yes
Weinmann - abstain
Williams – no

Motion carries.

Motion by Hicks that the National Office budget be recommended for adoption by the PNB as presented.

Motion to Amend by Adelson:

That the National Finance Committee recommends changes to the National Office budget to add \$15,000 to website expenses, \$25,000 to programming expenses, and that the National Office be granted a waiver to fund these additional expenses.

Motion withdrawn

Motion by Adelson that the National Finance Committee expresses concern about the levels of funding identified for digital distribution, national programming, and the affiliates program, and will work with the Technology Committee, the Programming Committee, and the Affiliates Task Force to identify funds for these items.

Motion by Gatewood to table until after discussions of Minority Reports and Budget Presentation to the PNB are concluded.

Adelson - yes
Allen - no
Bediako - yes
Gatewood - yes
Heffley - no
Hicks - yes
McFall - no
Roberts - yes
Tattersall - yes
Weinmann - yes
Williams – abstain

Motion carries.

Main motion:

That the National Office budget be recommended for adoption by the PNB as presented.

Adelson - abstain

Allen - no
Bediako - yes
Gatewood - abstain
Heffley - no
Hicks - yes
McFall - no
Roberts - yes
Tattersall - yes
Weinmann - yes
Williams – no

Motion carries

Motion by Roberts that the National Finance Committee recommend that the Pacifica National Board adopt the Pacifica Radio Archives' budget as presented.

Adelson - abstain
Allen - yes
Bediako - yes
Gatewood - abstain
Heffley - abstain
Hicks - yes
McFall - abstain
Roberts - yes
Tattersall - yes
Weinmann - yes
Williams – yes

Motion carries

Budget Presentation to the PNB

Motion by Gatewood that the National Finance Committee recommends that the CFO complete the salary comparison worksheet provided by KPFA within one month.

Approved without objection.

Spanish Language Programming

The committee agreed that David Adelson will include in the NFC report to the PNB a statement that indicates that the NFC recognizes that the proposed budgets do not include funding for National Spanish Language Programming and that the committee will address the issue prior to the next quarterly budget forecast.

Return to Motion by Heffley to Amend the WBAI budget recommendation as follows:

That the increase in CPB funding of \$20,770, minus the restricted amount of the CPB grant be allocated to the Development Consultant, and the balance of \$4,867 be raised by community events as indicated in the initial proposal from the GM. Major donations will remain at \$300,000.

Motion by Hicks to table.

Adelson - no
Allen - no
Bediako - yes
Gatewood - yes
Heffley - no
Hicks - yes
McFall - no
Roberts - yes
Tattersall - yes
Williams – no

Motion fails.

Vote on Heffley Amendment:

Adelson - abstain
Allen - yes
Bediako - no
Gatewood - abstain
Heffley - yes
Hicks - no
McFall - yes
Roberts - no
Tattersall - abstain
Williams – yes

Motion carries

Next meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2005 3:00 p.m. pacific time, 6:00 p.m. eastern time.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. pacific standard time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Casey McFall
Secretary

These minutes were approved on 11/29/07.