

Minutes for the special National Finance Committee meeting September 27, 2016.

Meeting convened at 8:36 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair *pro tem* and Secretary being present.

Attending: Fred Blair, Adriana Casenave, R. Paul Martin (Secretary), Tony Norman, Michael Novick (Chair), Cerene Roberts, Barbara Whipperman, also attending was Director Vinisha Patel-Adams (KPFT) as an observer.

Agenda:

PRA budget
KPFT budget
National Office budget
Set another meeting

The Chair *pro tem* said that he had not received any budgets from the National Office or the Pacifica Radio Archives (PRA), and has gotten nothing from KPFT yet. He said that he has sent another request to them all.

Election of Chair 8:40 PM (ET)

Nominations for Chair were opened.

Barbara Whipperman nominated Michael Novick.

Michael Novick stepped down as chair, The Secretary took the chair. 8:41 PM (ET)

There were no other nominations.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) “To close nominations.” (Passed without objection)

As the only nominee for the position, Michael Novick was declared to be elected Chair.

Michael Novick took the chair.

The committee discussed what to do in the absence of budget proposals.

Motion: (Michael Novick) “That the agenda be PRA, KPFT and National Office budgets and set another meeting.” (Passed without objection)

PRA budget 8:52 PM (ET)

Motion: (Barbara Whipperman) “Requesting a ‘shut-down and transformation’ budget from PRA. It should have two parts:

(1) Staff & supplies needed to transfer all unprocessed recordings to an educational institution (yet to be retained) for purposes of preservation and storage, with all rights of ownership to be retained by Pacifica Foundation.

(2) Staff & supplies, and estimated space, needed to maintain a library of (duplicatable) single copies of all currently processed (i.e. preserved) recordings and of estimated space needed to house a library of (duplicatable) single copies of all recordings, after they are processed for preservation by an educational institution, yet to be retained by Pacifica.”

The Committee discussed the motion.

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) “The motion is out of order because the NFC doesn’t get to do this.”

The Chair ruled that the motion was in order.

Motion: (Adriana Casenave) “To appeal the ruling of the Chair.” (Chair’s ruling upheld 5 for, 1 against)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Amendment: (R. Paul Martin) “To replace ‘requesting’ with ‘The NFC recommends that the PNB request’.” (Passed 3 for, 2 against, 3 abstentions)

The Committee discussed the amendment.

Amendment: (Michael Novick) “To replace, ‘Requesting a’ with, “That the NFC recommends to the PNB that it direct the PRA to provide several alternative budget proposals for FY2017, to include the following:

a) a serious proposal for increasing the revenue of the PRA aside from use of PRA materials as fund drive premiums and obtaining central services funds from the station:

b) a bare bones operating budget necessary to maintain the PRA as is based on last year’s actual income including actual central services payments; and.” (fails 1 for, 5 against, 1 abstention)

The Committee discussed the amendment.

The Chair called for the orders of the day. 9:29 PM (ET).

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) “To extend the time for the meeting by 15 minutes.” (passed 4 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions) 9:30 PM (ET)

The Committee continued discussing the motion and amendments.

Motion as amended: “The NFC recommends that the PNB request a ‘shut-down and transformation’ budget from PRA. It should have two parts:

- (1) Staff & supplies needed to transfer all unprocessed recordings to an educational institution (yet to be retained) for purposes of preservation and storage, with all rights of ownership to be retained by Pacifica Foundation.
- (2) Staff & supplies, and estimated space, needed to maintain a library of (duplicatable) single copies of all currently processed (i.e. preserved) recordings and of estimated space needed to house a library of (duplicatable) single copies of all recordings, after they are processed for preservation by an educational institution, yet to be retained by Pacifica.” (Fails 4 for, 4 against)

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) “Call for the orders of the day.”

Adjourned 9:48 PM (ET)

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary.