Pacifica Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2012

The meeting took place from 7-9:50 pm by teleconference.
A quorum was reached.
Attendees: Gail Dixon, Luzette King, George Reiter, Bill Crosier, Marcel Reid, Tracy Rosenberg, Ken Aaron, Brenda Medina, Lydia Brazon, Sharam Agamir, John Wenger, Kathy Davis, Colleen O’Brien, R. Paul Martin, Carolyn Birden, Joseph Kaye

The PNB Governance Committee Meeting was called to order. George Reiter was the acting temporary chair, and Marcel Reid was the acting co-chair.

It was determined that elections for a permanent chair would be forthcoming.
Nominations for a permanent chair: George Reiter and Lydia Brazon.
Colleen O’Brien accepted the position of Secretary Pro Tem.

The Agenda was approved.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee Report:
The working group hasn’t met yet. Open Meetings determination to be discussed. Bylaws require live streaming. There was a suggestion to have a non-closed conference call and let the public call in. It costs $990-1,000/month to pay for conference calls. Use freeconferencecall.com instead. There was a concern about what has to be streamed and what doesn’t have to be streamed. There was strong support of having Bylaws input from the 5 LSBs regarding what changes they would like to see to the Bylaws. Once changes are suggested, there needs to be consensus to get them passed.

Motions Committee:
Historically motions used to be on the PNB Web site. The goal is to post the 2004-2007 motions on the PNB Web site, by culling the approved minutes.

Consideration: Assemble all PNB motions on substantive matters, since its reconstitution as an elective body. Also assemble administrative policies put into place by the Executive Direction since 2004.

Consideration: Assemble all adopted PNB motions and amendments concerning current matters. These would include only motions that are passed, meaning, only motions in effect passed by the full PNB.

There was some discussion of the history of PNB bodies’ motions, actions taken, votes on motions, approved minutes, and whether or not there is an accurate record keeping process and the public posting of said work. It was determined that minutes are the records of the motions and actions passed
by the board. It was also determined that a motion can be perceived as a charge to a particular work group. It was also determined that Bylaws don’t take away from the substance of any group’s minutes. They just clarify minutes. Minutes should reflect decisions; they should be written according to category. Bylaws and amendments are the main thrust of organizational processes.

MOTION: Motion to postpone getting all officially approved minutes.
Passed: 8 - 7

Action Item:
Local governance committees should meet before the PNB governance committee. The PNB governance committee should meet before the PNB.

Action Item:
Ballots and how they will be submitted. Discussion on technical aspects.

Action Item:
How are staff members seated? Article 4610: The LSB shall appoint an appropriate member of that class...to serve the rest of the term."

Action Item:
The MSRC Committee of the LSB evaluates Management. Members of the staff populate the MSRC. There is potential bias, a conflict of interest, in the process of evaluating management. This is a fundamental governance issue.

Action Item:
Who can call LSB meetings?

Call to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen O’Brien
Secretary pro tem