

2005-04-01 PNB Meeting Minutes

Temporary Secretary: Rob Robinson

Meeting Convened at: 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Fadi Saba, Sarv Randhawa, William Walker, LaVarn Williams, David Adelson, Maria Armoudian, Donna Warren, Patty Heffley, Ray Laforest, Bob Lederer, Michael Tarif Warren, Ngozi Kamau, Mike Martin, Joe Montes, Wendy Schroell, Ambrose I. Lane, Sr., Mark Roberts, Rob Robinson, Zarinah Shakir, Marty Durlin, Steve Pierce.

Absent: Julie Chavez Rodriguez

The Chair informed the Board that Executive Director had some announcements for the Board. Dan announced that his wife Elizabeth was pregnant with twins. He then informed the Board that he was resigning from his position as ED and would discuss the timetable with the Board subsequently.

Pacifica National Board Committee Reports

Elections Review Committee, LaVarn Williams, Chair: an inaugural meeting had been convened; some local elections coordinator reports had been distributed, more would be available; and the minutes would be distributed to the Board as soon as available.

Audit Committee, Donna Warren, Chair: reminded the board of the structure and function of the Audit Committee in contrast to the Finance Committee.

Personnel Committee (Donna Warren): Ms. Warren then announced that the Personnel Committee had been convened and she had been elected to chair the Personnel Committee, Patty Heffley had been elected as Secretary.

National Committee of Inclusion (Ray LaForest): Mr. LaForest indicated the COI would be meeting the following day and would have a report to make after that time.

The Chair announced that Joe Montes would be convening the Technology Committee, which had yet to convene. In the interests of time, reports from the National Finance Committee and the Programming Committee would be held subsequently during the course of the meeting. It was noted that the Staff-Board Relations Committee and the Coordinating Committee had yet to convene. The Archives Task Force had had several meetings and a report would be submitted by _____ from KPFA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment section was given over, almost entirely to discussions in an around the suspension of WBAI Local Station Board Paul De Rienzo for his disruptive behavior at the March ____ LSB meeting. A video of the meeting was run at the end of the public comment section.

Patty Heffley introduced the following motion:

Whereas suspensions longer than one meeting in effect constitute temporary removal of an elected board member,

RESOLVED, that: Article 4, Section 9 of the revised Pacifica Foundation Bylaws must be applied to any suspension longer than the meeting in which the alleged offense takes place . . . (quote Article 4, Section 9 . . .)

A freewheeling discussion of the episode and Ms. Heffley s motion ensued, during which it emerged that, while aspects of this suspension and previous requests by Ms. Heffley to overturn the suspension had been referred by the PNB to the Governance Committee, the Committee had not disposed of the issues.

The Chair indicated that, had he known of this, he would not have permitted the foregoing discussion.

Mark Roberts moved, seconded by Randhawa that the totality of Ms. Heffley s new and old motions be referred to the Governance Committee take final action on this matter.

Motion prevails - 13 ayes, 1 nay.

A complementary motion had to be made that the Governance Committee take action on the matters pertaining to De Rienzo s suspension before the PNB s regularly-scheduled April, 2005 teleconference call. Motion was adopted without objection

The Chair moved the adjournment of the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by _____ , Secretary of the PNB