Pacifica National Board – Teleconference (Open Session)
8:00 pm Eastern Time, 7:00 pm Central Time, 5:00 pm Pacific Time
Originating in Various Locations

October 4, 2009

MINUTES
(Approved Jan. 15, 2010)

I. Call to Order/ Opening Business. PNB Chair Grace Aaron called meeting to order at 8:17 pm (ET). Shawn O’Brien served as timekeeper.

   a. Roll Call/ Quorum. Carolyn Birden called the roll and a quorum was established. Staff Recording Secretary, Richard Uzzell joined the call shortly afterwards.

For Attendance. X Present; Ab Absent; Exc Excused Absence; AL Arrived Late.
KPFA - Berk., Ca.: KPFK – L.A., Ca.: KPFT – Houston, Tx.: WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.:
   X Sherry Gendelman X Grace Aaron Ab George Reiter X Nia Bediako
   Ab Bonnie Simmons X Shawn O’Brien X Sandra Rawline X Carolyn Birden
   X Andrea Turner X Leslie Radford Ab Wendy Schroell X Kathy Davis
   X Joseph Wanzala X Ricco Ross X Susan Young X James Ross

   WPFW – Wash. D.C.: AFFILIATES: STAFF & COUNSEL:
   X Jim Brown Ab David Beaton X Ricardo deAnda
   X Acie Byrd X Efia Nwangaza X LaVarn Williams
   X Luzette King
   X Billy Ray Edwards

   b. Agenda Approval. Chair asked if there were any additions or changes proposed for the Agenda. O’Brien moved the approval of the Agenda. HNO, Agenda Approved.

   c. Minutes. O’Brien moved that consideration of any Minutes be postponed until upcoming In-Person meeting. HNO motion Approved.

II. Acknowledgements.

** Bonnie Simmons for her work (the past 9 years) as on of the four producers
III. a. Arbitration Agreement. Aaron reported that the feedback requested at the Sep. 25, 2009 PNB meeting re: GM response to the proposed agreement was that the GMs, the Affiliates Director, the Archives Director and the Technology Director all agreed that this policy would be a good idea. Aaron moved that from this date forward, October 4, 2009; signing an Arbitration Agreement will be a prerequisite for all management hires. Motion voted Approved, 9-6-1. [See Below.]

For Vote.  Y Yes;  N No;  Ab Abstain;  PNV Present No Voting.
KPFA - Berk., Ca.:  KPFK – L.A., Ca.:  KPFT – Houston, Tx.:  WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.:
N  Sherry Gendelman  PNV Grace Aaron  George Reiter  Nia Bediako
Bonnie Simmons  Y  Shawn O’Brien  Y  Sandra Rawline  Y  Carolyn Birden
N  Andrea Turner  N  Leslie Radford  Wendy Schroell  Y  Kathy Davis
Y  Joseph Wanzala  Ricco Ross  Y  Susan Young  Y  James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.:  AFFILIATES:
N  Jim Brown  David Beaton  Approved, 9-6-1
N  Acie Byrd  Y  Efia Nwangaza
Y  Luzette King
Ab  Billy Ray Edwards

b. Recall Election Issue At KPFA. When the PNB passed the recently approved Recall Election Policy (Sep. 3, 2009), a subsequent motion by Reiter stated that “the PNB Delegate Recall Procedures shall be used to conduct existing recall elections; except for the current election at KPFA, where the procedure, shall begin at section 2.”

Several PNB members asked for a legal opinion of whether two recalls may be dealt with differently. Ricardo deAnda began his report.

Young called a Point of Order re: comments being made by
the Counsel do not address the question of “how can two recalls be dealt with differently. No ruling made.

Time expired. Young moved to extend time for five minutes. HNO, motion Approved.

Young moved that, based on what our attorney advised, that 1. seeking legal advice is the appropriate threshold, and 2. that differentiating between these two situations is ill-advised; and therefore move to recind the above mentioned motion that would exempt the KPFA Recall from the adopted procedure. There was a question of proper notice to recind. It was determined that Schroell had provided sufficient notice.

Time expired. O’Brien moved to extend time for five minutes. Motion failed by a vote 5-9-3. [See Below – Next Page]

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N.Y.:
N Sherry Gendelman PNV Grace Aaron George Reiter N Nia Bediako
Bonnie Simmons Y Shawn O’Brien N Sandra Rawline Y Carolyn Birden
N Andrea Turner N Leslie Radford Wendy Schroell Y Kathy Davis
Y Joseph Wanzala Y Ricco Ross N Susan Young N James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.: AFFILIATES:
N Jim Brown David Beaton Failed, 5-9-3
N Acie Byrd Ab Efia Nwangaza
Ab Luzette King
Ab Billy Ray Edwards

Motion to Recind voted Approved, 11-2-4. [See Below.]
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Motion 1. The Elections Committee recommends that the LES/NES consider disruptions of Pacifica’s meetings or events as possible grounds for disqualification.

Motion Failed by a vote of 7-9-1. [See Below.]
Motion 2. At any station at which there is reason to believe that a significant number of voters did not receive a ballot, a postcard should be immediately mailed to the entire membership with Address Correction Requested. The postcard should ask anyone who has not received a ballot to contact the LES. The voters whose postcards bounce should be mailed a second ballot to the corrected address, or if no corrected address be available, that voter should be contacted by phone or email to get a corrected address.

R. Ross moved to disregard the motion. HNO motion to disregard Approved.

Motion 3. The Election Committee requests that the PNB send out a directive to all LESes to produce and air ANNOUNCEMENTS that instruct members what to do if they have not received a ballot, as well as, encourage voters to return their ballots, and that all such ANNOUNCEMENTS be put into regular and repeated rotation until October 15th, 2009. Further, that all Pacifica website be updated to provide information for requesting ballots.

HNO [Gendelman Abstained] Motion Approved.

Motion 4. The PNB Elections Committee recommends that the PNB ask the National Election Supervisor to immediately correct the Pacifica website and any Pacifica station websites that have a deadline for returning Delegate election ballots that differs from the deadline printed on the ballots. Motion MOOT.

Motion 5. This committee recommends to the PNB Chair to immediately send a letter to the NES requesting that he address all of the issues expressed tonight and report back to the PNB his resolution of these issues including: (1) Non enforcement the unfair campaign rule; (2) Mailing of ballots, AND THAT THE CHAIR ASK THE NES TO MEET WITH THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HNO, Motion was referred to Election Committee.

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V. Adjourned. Nwangaza moved to adjourn. HNO, meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm (ET)