

WBAI LOCAL STATION BOARD

June 8, 2016, 7:00 PM
APPROVED: Nov. 2, 2016

ARC Senior Center, 120 West 140th Street, New York, NY 10030

1. The meeting was set for 7 PM and was called to order at approximately 7:53 PM by pro tem chair John Brinkley.

2. Roll Call:

* Thomas Barton – absent
John Brinkley – present
Ebon Charles – present
* Jim Dingeman – absent
King Downing – present
William Heerwagen – present
* Reggie Johnson – absent
Vajra Kilgour – present
* Ken Laufer – absent
Bob Lederer – present
* Frank LeFever – absent
* Pat Logan – absent
* R. Paul Martin – absent
* Eve Moser – absent
Pauline Park – present
Ralph Poynter – en route – arrived 8:51
* Shawn Rhodes – absent
John Riley – present
Cerene Roberts – present
Sharonne Salaam – present
* Alex Steinberg – absent
Lynne Stewart – en route – arrived 8:24
* Jeremy Taylor – absent
* Bob Young – absent
** Berthold Reimers, General Manager – absent

* Also absent 1/27/16, 2/10/16, 3/9/16, 4/13/16, and 5/19/16

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Quorum was not achieved, and the chair's original draft agenda below was used, excluding Item 5.

1. Call to Order by Pro Tem Chair John Brinkley
2. Attendance (Roster on reverse) by Pro Tem Sec'y Vajra Kilgour (2 min.)

3. Election of Pro Tem Chair and Secretary (5 min.)
4. Selection of Time Keeper (1 min.)
5. Excused absences (2 min.)
6. Review/approval of May 19 meeting minutes (5min.)
7. Announcements (2 min.)
8. Announcement about letter sent by LSB members to PNB re non-attendance (2 min.)
9. Hardship waivers (10 min)
10. Committee of Inclusion Report (5 min)
11. Town Hall and Retreat Planning Workgroup Report (5 Min)
12. PNB Update (20 min)
13. Committee of the whole (45 min.)

3. Election of chair pro tem: Roberts nominated Park. Nominations closed. No objections. Pauline Park is Chair pro tem *by acclamation*.

Election of secretary pro tem: Roberts nominated Kilgour. Nominations closed. No objections. Vajra Kilgour is Secretary pro tem *by acclamation*.

4. Roberts volunteered Heerwagen to be timekeeper. William Heerwagen volunteered to be timekeeper.

5. Kilgour reported May minutes are not quite ready for approval and will be provided at the July meeting.

6. Announcements:

- a. The updated elections information provided by Local Elections Supervisor Kihani Brea does not include the waivers process.
- b. Resistance in Brooklyn is hosting an event called “Trump, White Supremacy, Fascism?” at the Commons (388 Atlantic Ave.) on June 29 from 2 to 5 PM.

7. Roberts reported that there has been no response to either letter from the WBAI LSB to the Pacific National Board regarding the chronic absence of half of the WBAI LSB members.

8. Lederer: motion for waivers:

MOTION ESTABLISHING 2016 MEMBERSHIP WAIVERS PROCESS

Local Station Boards throughout the Pacifica network are permitted by Article 3, Section 4 of the Pacifica Bylaws to establish a process to provide waivers of WBAI membership requirements on a case-by-case basis to listeners who have "demonstrated a sincere interest in becoming a Member of the Foundation and [are] also genuinely unable to afford the contribution amount or to volunteer the minimum 3 hours of service."

Therefore, the WBAI Local Station Board hereby adopts the following process for membership waivers:

1. A listener may apply for a membership waiver at any time during the course of the year. The LSB, meeting in Executive Session, may approve applications for Waivers at

any time.

2. As the close date for membership approaches, the LSB hereby establishes an Ad Hoc Waivers Committee to take up the expected increase of this work.
3. The Committee shall consist of 3 LSB members elected by the LSB using single transferable voting. No LSB listener member who is eligible to run for re-election this year shall serve on this committee. Should a committee member resign or be unable to serve, the next runner-up will automatically take his or her place. A quorum of the committee shall consist of the presence of 2 of the 3 members. The Local Station Board will elect the committee Chair from among the 3 elected committee members.
4. The Chair of the Waivers Committee or his or her appointee will send the application and the Pacifica Mission statement to anyone who requests one via letter, email or phone call within 48 hours. In addition, the waiver application form along with Pacifica Mission Statement will be made available in hard copies at the station and the Committee will ask station management to make it available in downloadable form on the WBAI website.
5. The applicant must fill out an application form, which will follow the format proposed by the 2012 Pacifica National Election Supervisor and include a mailbox (for postal mail), voicemail box, and email address, all established for this purpose.
6. No applicant shall be required to appear before the Committee.
7. The application for waiver must be received at the mailbox assigned for this purpose no later than 11:59 pm on the record date of June 30, 2016.
8. All waiver applications will be picked up at mutually agreed times by the Chair and at least one other member of the Committee (generally, at the time of each meeting).
9. Waiver applications must be reviewed and approved prior to 11:59 pm of July 11, 2016 in order for membership to be conferred on the applicant for the 2016 LSB election.
10. The Waivers Committee shall review each application and vote by majority of those present only as to whether the applicant meets the criteria specified above; if so determined, the waiver shall be approved.
11. For each approved application, the LSB directs the Committee to notify the applicant, the Local Election Supervisor, and the station's General Manager that the applicant is to be added to the membership rolls for the 12 months following the approval.
12. For applications that the Committee votes to reject or deems incomplete as per the requirements listed above, the Chair of the Committee or his/her appointee shall immediately notify the applicant (by phone if possible, or in writing (including email), that the application has not been approved. The notification must include a short statement of the reason for its rejection or the finding of incomplete information. Such notification shall offer the applicant the option to resubmit the application with the required information. At its next meeting, the Committee will reconsider any application that has been resubmitted. The Committee shall not be responsible for resubmitted applications that fail to be approved prior to the July 11 deadline.
13. All applications shall be kept confidential, and all meetings of the Waivers

Committee at which individual applications are discussed shall be held in executive session, which meetings may be held by telephone.

14. The Committee must complete its work by July 11, 2016. No application for waiver of membership requirements shall be considered after that date. The Committee shall provide a written public report to the LSB specifying how many applications were received, approved, rejected, or returned owing to incomplete information, as well as recommendations (if any) to improve the process in the future. A confidential section of the report shall include an accounting of any rejections of applications and the reason for each rejection. At the time the report is submitted, all applications and documents relating to applications shall be turned over to the LSB Secretary, who shall keep custody of them for two years. The waiver applications and documents relating to them shall be available for inspection by the Elections Supervisors upon request and by LSB members in executive session.

15. The Local Station Board hereby approves publicizing both the existence of the form and the process for applying for waivers immediately.

16. The Local Station Board hereby approves the making and broadcasting of on-air carts, which shall include text summarizing the membership requirements, waiver process, and contact information for those seeking a waiver. The cart shall include mention of the deadline for becoming a member and obtaining a ballot in the coming LSB election. The cart text shall be drafted by the Committee Chair or his/her appointee and circulated via email to the other committee members within 4 days of their election, and then to arrange for its production within 2 days after that. The LSB strongly urges WBAI management to assure that the cart is played as soon as it is available at least twice each day until the application deadline.

17. This information shall also be placed on an outgoing voicemail set up for this purpose and on both the WBAI and Pacifica election websites. We also request that the information on how to get a waivers application be disseminated by the station through other means, email lists, and so forth.

Roberts moved to substitute “work group” for “committee” throughout and that in item 3 proposed that there be four volunteer members. Brinkley moved to amend to make wording “at least three.” *Passed without objection.*

Lederer moved to include the following preface: “In light of the emergency created by the recent announcement of the June 30 record date for voting membership in the upcoming WBAI elections, I move that the Local Station Board take up the motion on hardship waivers under the emergency provisions of Roberts Rules of Order for non-quorum meetings.”

Heerwagen moved to extend by 5 minutes. *Passed without objection.*

Preface to Waivers motion *passed without objection.*

Motion Establishing 2016 Membership Waivers Process as amended *passed without objection.*

John Brinkley, Bob Lederer, King Downey, and Vajra Kilgour volunteered to serve on the work group. Park appointed Lederer chair of the work group.

10. Motion by Roberts: “Whereas the Committee of Inclusion received self-descriptions for 2015 candidates indicating that they were largely male and European-American/white, the Committee of Inclusion is requested to engage with the Local Election Supervisor to reach potential candidates of other demographics.” Motion by Roberts to extend by 10 minutes. *Passed without objection.* Motion by Roberts regarding the Committee of Inclusion *passed without objection.*

11. Motion by Roberts to postpone Town Hall meeting. *Passed without objection.* Motion by Roberts to extend deadline to July 17. Motion by Heerwagen: extend up to July 31. *Passed without objection.*

12. Lederer, Roberts, and Heerwagen reported on recent activity by the Pacifica National Board and the state of the Foundation.

13. Moved to Committee of the Whole / public comment.

14. Next meeting date: July 13.

Adjourned 9:45 PM.

Prepared by Vajra Kilgour,
Secretary pro tem