

Minutes for the special National Finance Committee meeting September 3, 2013.

Meeting convened at 8:43 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair and Secretary being present.

Attending: Jim Boyd, John Cromshow, Marcus Jetter, R. Paul Martin (Secretary), Tony Norman, Michael Novick, Tracy Rosenberg (Chair), Raul Salvador (CFO), Richard Uzzell, Barbara Whipperman, also attending were KPFA interim General Manager Richard Pirodsky, KPFA Business Manager Maria Negret and Pacifica interim Executive Director Summer Reese.

Agenda:

Extension of WPFW budget deadline 10 minutes
KPFA FY14 budget

Motion: (Tracy Rosenberg) “To set the agenda as: ‘KPFA FY14 budget.’”

Amendment: (Marcus Jetter) “To add ‘Extension of WPFW budget deadline 10 minutes.’”
(Passed without objection)

Motion as amended: “To set the agenda as:
Extension of WPFW budget deadline (10 minutes)
KPFA FY14 budget.” (Passed as amended without objection)

Extension of WPFW budget deadline 8:48 PM (ET)

The WPFW Treasurer reported that the WPFW local Finance Committee had passed the draft FY14 budget, but the WPFW LSB couldn’t achieve quorum at the meeting called to vote on approval of it. The WPFW LSB has a meeting scheduled for September 11.

Motion: (Marcus Jetter) “To provide WPFW an extension to its budget deadline to September 12, 2013.” (Passed as amended without objection)

Amendment: (Tracy Rosenberg) “That if the committee passes this motion that we cancel the September 10, 2013, regular NFC meeting unless there is unfinished business from tonight and instead meet on September 18, and 19, 2013, to consider the WPFW and WBAI draft FY14 budgets respectively, and meet on September 24, 2013, to do the Pacifica Radio Archives and National Office draft budgets.” (Passed without objection)

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(Passed as amended without objection)

KPFA FY14 budget 9:07 PM (ET)

The committee discussed the current version of the KPFA draft FY14 budget proposal. There was discussion of whether the committee should keep examining the budget as it had been passed by the KPFA LSB or if the committee should start anew discussing the newly presented budget. The KPFA Treasurer said that there had been problems with the budget template and that some of the formulas were incorrect, and these had to be corrected. The discussion of which budget proposal to use continued.

The Chair relinquished the chair at 9:21 PM (ET) to speak on the topic under consideration, The Secretary took the chair.

The Chair resumed the chair at 9:27 PM (ET).

The ratio of premium costs to Listener Support was discussed. KPFA currently employs about 30 FTEs, amounting to about 40 or more workers. They want to add 1.5 FTEs raising the total to about 31.8 FTEs. There will be 3% raises for Paid Staff in FY14 as a result of negotiations with the Union, and there will be an increase in health premium expenses. This will raise the FY14 personnel expenses by approximately \$150,000 over the FY13 budget. The way in which the allocation of some revenues from on-air fund raisers is split with KPFK was outlined. KPFA deficits of previous years were discussed. The prospect of adding on-air fund raiser days and lowering depreciation were discussed. The idea of other stations which are airing programs originating at KPFA helping out KPFA's revenue was brought up.

The committee agreed to return to consideration of the KPFA draft FY14 budget at the September 10, 2013, NFC meeting. It is expected that the ideas brought up at this meeting can be quantified for insertion into the spreadsheet by that meeting.

Adjourned 11:31 PM (ET)

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary.