

Minutes for the regular National Finance Committee meeting January 17, 2017.

Meeting convened at 8:33 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair and Secretary being present.

Attending: Ken Aaron, Nick Arena, Adriana Casenave, Nick Economidis, R. Paul Martin (Secretary), Tony Norman, Michael Novick (Chair), Cerene Roberts, also attending was Efren Llarinas, National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Timekeepers
4. Agenda approval (10 minutes)
5. Pacifica National Office budget if available
 - A. Presentation (10 minutes)
 - B. Discussion and action (20 minutes)
6. Calculation or recommendation on SCA credits and Central Services payments for the stations (30 minutes)
7. Next meeting (10 minutes)
8. New Business (15 minutes)
9. Adjournment 10:15 PM (ET)

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) "To approve the agenda." (Passed without objection as amended)

The Chair said he had heard nothing from the National Office yet.

Motion: (Nick Economidis) "To adjourn." (Fails 2 for, 4 against)

Point of Order: (R. Paul Martin) "The motion to adjourn is not debatable."

Amendment: (Cerene Roberts) "To add, 'To review and itemize all needed information for all budgets.' right after agenda approval, with 10 minutes per budget." (Fails 2 for, 3 against, 1 abstention)

The committee discussed the amendment.

The National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager told the committee that he did not have any updates, and that the National Office has not calculated the SCA adjustments.

Point of Order: (R. Paul Martin) "The motion to approve the agenda is defective because it says to adjourn at 7:15 PM (ET); it probably means 10:15 PM (ET) ."

The Chair ruled that the member should amend the motion to approve the agenda.

Amendment: (R. Paul Martin) “To make the adjournment time 10:15 PM (ET).” (Passed without objection)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) “There is no time limit on setting the agenda”

Amendment: (R. Paul Martin) “put ‘Next meeting’ before ‘New Business.’” (Passed without objection)

Pacifica National Office budget if available 9:04 PM (ET)

Presentation 9:04 PM (ET)

The Chair and the National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager discussed new hires at the National Office and the need for new hires to be in the draft FY17 budget. In answer to a question the National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager said that the National Office is very short on cash. He said that only KPFA is paying their Central Services fees. He said that KPFA used to pay, but their money was taken by the lawyers and KPFA is not paying Central Services fees anymore. He said that cash flow is basically negative all the time, and that when the National Office gets some collections they are budgeted for salaries and health care insurance premiums. He said that the only thing that keeps the National Office alive is the \$23,000 SCA fees, the KPFA Central Services fees which are \$34,666 and withholding payments to vendors. He said that unless the National Office gets more money monthly from the stations he didn't think we can survive. He said he would send the Chair a copy of the latest cash flow projection till the end of February. He said his E-mails to the NFC always bounce.

The Committee discussed the National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager's presentation.

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) “The NFC requests that the interim Executive Director direct the Controller to send to the NFC Chair a monthly report on the status of Central Services payments and health care insurance.” (Passed 6 for, 1 against)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) “Call for the orders of the day.” 9:19 PM (ET)

Discussion and action 9:19 PM (ET)

Point of Order: (Ken Aaron) “Time ran out on the previous item now we have to vote on the motion.”

The Chair ruled that we were already in the “Discussion and action” agenda item when the motion was made.

The committee voted on the motion.

The committee continued discussing the National Office budget.

In answer to a question regarding the National Office raising money, the National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager said that the National Office couldn’t make speeches to lists and couldn’t do on-air fund raisers but it could do mailings.

In answer to a suggestion about finding a Major Donor or benefactor for a loan against buildings the Chair said that the PNB had discussed a list of priorities including borrowing against properties. There was a discussion of crediting the seizure of funds from the KPFK bank account to KPFK’s Central Services fees.

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) “Call for the orders of the day.” 9:35 PM (ET)

Calculation or recommendation on SCA credits and CS payments for the stations 9:36 PM (ET)

The committee discussed the details of compliance with the motion passed by the PNB regarding crediting SCA revenue to Central Services payments. It was noted that the exact numbers for the SCA revenue shouldn’t be stated on an open call.

Motion: (Michael Novick) “The NFC recommends to the PNB that the SCA credit be handled this year by charging all the stations the additional amount in SCA payments, divided proportionally among the stations in proportion to their current CS payments, and that each station then be credited for their specific SCA rental payments.” (Fails 4 for, 4 against)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Point of Order: (Ken Aaron) “The member has taken 130 seconds, not the 90 seconds the Chair had mandates, and it’s the third time she’s spoken on this motion.”

The Chair allowed the member to continue.

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) “Call for the orders of the day.” 10:06 PM (ET)

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) “To extend the time for this item by four minutes to allow two members to speak.” (Passed without objection) 10:07 PM (ET)

Amendment: (Nick Economidis) “To add at end of the motion, ‘except for stations that would be negatively impacted with increased Central Services fees.’” (fails 3 for, 4 against, 1 abstention)

A read back of the votes on the last motion was requested.

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) “Call for the orders of the day.” 10:14 PM (ET)

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) “To extend the time for the meeting by one minute.” (Passed without objection)

The secretary read the details of the vote on the last motion.

Adjourned 10:16 PM (ET)

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary.