

NFCB Membership Meeting  
April 22, 2006  
Portland, Oregon

Board members present: Brian Terhorst, Janis Lane-Ewart, Ken Freedman, Gibbs Kinderman, Mary Sando-Emhoolah

Absent: Kim Carroll Bosler, Ana Lilia Barraza

Meeting called to order April 22, 2006 at 11:09 am

Reading of delegates present(see attached)

**New Members voted in:**

KOHN-FM, Sells, AZ

KBRP-LP, Bisbee Radio Project

KDRT-LP, Davis Community Radio

KFOK-LP, American River Folk Society

KKDS-LP, Dell Arte, Inc.

KPOV-LP, Women's Civic Improvement League, Bend OR

KUMC-LP, Rupert United Methodist Church

KWMV-LP, Crystal Mountain Center for the Performing Arts

WHUM-LP, Columbus Community Radio Corporation

WSLR-LP, WSLR, Inc.

WRIR-LP, Richmond VA

WHFI-FM, Linside WV

WSCA-LP, Portsmouth NH

KSAP-LP, Port Arthur TX

KYNR-AM, Yakima Nation

**Chair's Report:**

Brian Terhorst announced that a Finance Committee has been established and that Board Treasurer Janis Lane-Ewart is doing a great job chairing it.

The Dues Taskforce was chaired by Gibbs Kinderman. The Taskforce reviewed the request from the membership to establish a special policy for minority stations. After looking at the trends in membership over the last few years, the Taskforce felt that the current hardship policies were adequate to help stations that actively wanted to stay members of the Federation. The

stations that have been voted out have all been unreachable and have not expressed an interest in staying members after repeated attempts to contact them.

A By-Law Amendment will be voted on later in the meeting that will allow NFCB to use electronic voting for the Board and other issues.

The Outreach Taskforce will be working over the next year to contact lapsed members and potential new members of NFCB. An informational brochure is being developed. We are seeking volunteers from the membership to work on this Taskforce and suggestions of stations that would be good NFCB members.

Brian announced that he will be stepping down as Chair of the NFCB Board in July since he will have to leave the Board a year from now. This will provide a year when he can work with the new Chair before he leaves the Board.

### **President's Report – Carol Pierson:**

-Strategic plan—The current plan was extended for 2 years with the major focuses being representation, services to stations, visibility, and financial stability. A new planning process will begin the fall to develop a 3-5 year plan.

-Frequency search project—NFCB has worked with Prometheus, Pacifica, Common Frequencies, and Public Radio Capital to conduct a national frequency search to identify where there may be frequencies available. This is to be sure that as many community groups and community and public radio stations will apply during the expect FCC window for NCE licenses.

-Work w/LPFM stations-no funded projects at this time.

-Copyright Negotiations-working with the religious/college licenses.

-DI Committee/PRSS transition with content depot continues.

-Appropriations challenging this year, working earlier-contact reps on issues

-Consulting/panels: CPB, CSG, Digital, PTFP

-Media & Democracy Alliance-Grass Roots coalition-visibility

-Development: Paul Knudson, Development Consultant has been looking for funding NFCB, CNAPR, and the Youth prjct.

-Great NFCB Staff-update on status.

-Visibility-Carolyn Caton has been driving our effort to tell our story to others/to celebrate Community Radio and increase its visibility.

-Financials-reduce non-restricted deficit and the organization continues to be in the black. The Board has asked that a contingency fund be developed.

### **CNAPR Update-Loris Taylor**

Established in 2004-celebrate our progress and thanks to NFCB/staff and the advisory council.

-Interconnection project developed PTFP grant applications for 3 of 6 Native stations not currently on the satellite.

-Fundraising feasibility studies completed.

-Engineering/Accounting plans and completed and ready to implement

-New distribution system, replacing AIROS, for the Native stations

-frequency searches (22) Native Radio possibilities.

-NCAI/1996 telecomm Act rewrite.

-Washington, DC- Native Radio/community stations interests.

-CNAPR/NFCB Boards met together to discuss organizational relationships.

-Record # of Native station reps @ conf.:75 Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs co-hosted all at the opening reception. Thank you to NFCB/CNAPR staff.

\*Recognize Ginny's birthday!

### By-Law amendment-Brian T.

Concerns about the Amendment: If you vote only electronically-not everyone can vote electronically. Since electronic newsletter-readership is down

Motion to accept proposed by-law amendment for electronic voting:

Beverly Hacker, KDHX moved 2<sup>nd</sup> KCFR rep (KZFR?) Jill Paydon?  
KDHX rep also voiced concern over security of voting (double voting etc.)

Marty Durlan-anonymity on voting?

Brian T.- password protected etc.

Pass by-law amendment resolution, discussion on timeline of changes.

Bylaws consideration-would be voted on @ next membership mtg. next yr.

Elizabeth R.-amendment to include Norms opposition statement? Also add the comment on anonymity-give other options

WORT/by-laws~protect democracy, add "as the member prefers"

Final wording:

Section 2.13 is amended to insert *or sent electronically, as the member prefers*, following "Written notice of the meeting must be deposited in the U.S. Mail" and before "to each member of the corporation."

Section 3.02 is amended to insert *or electronically, as the member prefers*, following “The election shall take place through the postal system” and before “within sixty (60) days of the nomination.”

**AMARC update – Elizabeth Robinson**

World Association of Community Radio/General assembly Nov. 11-17 Aman, Jordan. This happens every 4 years, all are invited to attend. Focus on human rights, community work, repository for history for future generations. Representative from Mexico is at the conference. Asked for endorsement for letter of support from NFCB for community radio in Mexico. (see attached)  
MOTION KCSB 2<sup>nd</sup> WORT 3 abstaining votes

**Nominations for the NFCB Board of Directors**

<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Norm Stockwell, WORT	Janis Lane-Ewart
Marty Durlin, KGNU	Christina Ahearn WJFF
Janis Lane-Ewart, KFAI	Silvia Rivera WRTE
Brian Terhorst	Tina Lynde WOMR

Voting out NFCB members

KEYA motion to cancel/remove from membership  
MOTION by KVNf 2<sup>nd</sup> WJFF Motion carries  
2 opposed, 4 abstentions  
Peggy B.-Kai A. met with staff, talked with them, made phone calls, faxes, letters—all with no response. Reminded everyone that once a station is voted out, it is not forever, they can pay their dues and be reinstated in the future.

**New Business**

Support for stations that can't pay dues. WORT proposed a \$ pool/contributions could be made and those in need of assistance could apply. \*request was made for a copy of this letter for future consideration.

**Announcements**

Grassroots Radio Conference solution centers.

**Motion to adjourn: David Hammock KMUN 2<sup>nd</sup> Gibbs Kinderman  
Adjourn 12:47**

April 22, 2006  
Portland, Oregon, USA

Vicente Fox Quesada  
Presidente Constitucional de  
Los Estados Unidos Mexicanos  
Dear Mr. President:

We, the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, representing over 250 member organizations working in community radio in the United States, wish to express our concern over recent changes to communications law in Mexico.

Prior to your signing the Federal Law of Radio, Television and Telecommunications, representatives of the academic, political and social sectors including members of your own government had argued that changes were needed. The bill needed to acknowledge the social role of radio broadcasting, especially in a country like Mexico which is in the midst of a process of democratization.

It is of great concern to us, who work daily in community media, to see not only the potential for greater consolidation of ownership in your law, but also the absence of provisions to protect and sustain existing citizens media, and no mechanisms for new groups to have access to the airwaves. We urge you to insure that the new regulations recognize the work of community media, guarantee its financing and conditions for continued existence, as well the means to undertake digital conversion.

We also hope that the new commission that governs the media, will be constituted and undertake its work in a fair and equitable basis. This would include giving community and public media the tools to produce and distribute their own content in order to assure a diversity of views and of the rights of all of your citizens to information and communication.

We share our concerns because we know that as neighboring countries we have a common history. This history goes beyond trade. We share a common border and recognize that we have thousands of families with roots on both sides of that border. We are certain that community media on both sides have an important role to play to benefit our peoples.

In the spirit of your stated commitment to democracy, held in common with the National Federation of Community Broadcasters of the United States, we look forward to your actions to address this situation for the benefit of an informed citizenry.

Sincerely,  
Carol Pierson  
President and CEO