

**NFCB Board of Directors
Conference Call
June 24, 2005**

Approved 10/28/05

PRESENT: Brian Terhorst- Chair, Janis Lane-Ewart, Ken Freedman, Gibbs Kinderman-Treasurer, Ana Lilia Barraza, Kim Carroll Bosler- Secretary and Carol Pierson.
ABSENT: Mary Sando-Emhoolah.

Meeting called to order at 11:06 AM Pacific Time.

AFFIRM ELECTIONS:

Carol reported that the incumbents had won the election. She also informed the board that she had contacted Dennise Kowalczyk to thank her for running and to encourage her to run again in the future.

ELECT BOARD OFFICERS:

Kim was asked if she wished to continue as Secretary. Kim indicated that after 3 years she would be happy to turn it over to someone else, but would be willing to do it one more year. Brian nominated Kim for Secretary. Kim was elected Secretary. Ken suggested that maybe board members could take turns keeping the meeting minutes. Gibbs thought if everybody did this, the record would be inconsistent and confusing. Kim will contact board members individually to see if 1 or 2 other board members would be willing to act as Secretary for some meetings and she will coordinate this.

Gibbs was asked if he wanted to continue as Treasurer. He responded that he thought it would be good for someone else to take a turn, but that he would continue if need be. Janis nominated herself for Treasurer. Brain nominated Gibbs for Treasurer. Board members emailed or called in their votes to the NFCB office. Janis was elected Treasurer.

Janis nominated Brian for Chair. Brain was elected unanimously for Chair.

APPROVE MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL:

Some board members reported that they had not received the minutes. Carol resent the attachments via email. The vote to approve the minutes was delayed until the next board meeting.

SCHEDULING OCTOBER BOARD MEETING:

Carol recommended holding the meeting in DC considering the changes happening at CPB and the need to bolster support for community radio at the federal level. Various dates were considered. The meeting was set for October 26-30. Carol will check with Mary to make sure these dates work for her and do not conflict with the CNAPR Advisory Council Meeting.

Possible agenda items were also discussed including the strategic plan review and consideration of Hugo Morale's resolution passed at the spring Membership Meeting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Carol had emailed board members attachments of the Budget vs. Actual Financial Statement through 5/31/05 and the Balance Sheet through 6/23/05. She also made a request to amend the budget. Again, some board members had trouble receiving these attachments so they were resent. Carol explained that she and Kai had revised the budget projections based on YTD figures. No more funding is expected to come in for NFCB this fiscal year, which could result in a year-end deficit of approximately \$9,600 out of \$1.1 million budget. Carol added that this situation had occurred before, and in the past NFCB had borrowed against restricted funds. For next year, Carol expects the new development staff to have more success with grants, but they were hired too late in this fiscal year to accomplish much. Board members agreed that the projected shortfall was too

small to be of major concern. Gibbs moved to accept the budget revision for FY05 presented by management. Janis seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

STAFF REPORT:

Carol reported that the staff was reviewing member services. The staff decision to suspend the Golden Reel Awards had prompted a more comprehensive review. Carol had sent the board a document detailing how the staff was handling and delegating this review. Carol then discussed the proposed CPB cuts, and reported that member stations had been very involved with this issue from airing special programming to personal visits to DC. Ken Tomlinson and the new CPB President were discussed. Carol was concerned about the partisan politics, but she was optimistic that Bob Coonrod would be working with Patricia Harrison, the new President. Coonrod feels that support for public broadcasting can be garnered among moderate republicans. Carol was happy to report on the recent legislation for LPFM on third adjacent channels which is moving through Congress. Carol continues to lobby NPR for LPFM support. A newer debate is whether municipalities should be allowed to offer broadband services. Carol then reported that the CPB CSG review was wrapping up. A bonus program that would be open to all grantees in levels 5, 6 and 7 was put off for implementation until fiscal year 2008. CPB is expected to issue a statement soon outlining the revisions. Carol did not agree with all the recommendations--most notably she felt the revised audience service criteria did not go far enough, but it is better than what it was. However, she did agree with most of the revisions-- most notably that the CSG program will be opened up to all stations that meet the basic criteria, including second service stations in the same area. Janis thanked Carol for her work in this area. Carol concluded with the news that Ginny's regional meetings with stations receiving the CPB Internet Acquisition Grant had been well attended and well received.

SINCE TIME WAS RUNNING OUT, CAROL OFFERED TO EMAIL THE REMAINDER OF HER REPORT WHICH FOLLOWS:

REPRESENTATION—CPB/PTFP FUNDING:

I forgot to mention that the National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI) wrote a letter to key Representatives and helped in our efforts.

CPB STAFF CHANGES:

Patricia Harrison is the new President. In the radio department Lynn Chadwick is overseeing new system development project; Kathy Merritt is overseeing new program related projects; Erika Pulley-Hayes is the business manager and Deborah Carr and Jacquie Gales Webb make up the Project Management Group.

LPFM LEGISLATION:

A bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senators Leahy, Cantwell and McCain to restore LPFM to 3rd adjacent channels which will enable them to be in larger markets; sponsors are being recruited for legislation in the House.

MUNICIPAL BROADBAND LEGISLATION:

The cable and telephone companies are trying to get legislation passed at the State and Federal levels that would forbid municipalities from offering their own broadband service. The Media Democracy groups are working to stop this.

CSG REVIEW CONTENTDEPOT:

The roll out of the ContentDepot is still project for this Fall although they are still having problems with the interface software. PRSS is still confident that they will work out the bugs.

MEMBER SERVICES:

Ginny has completed the workshops for the Website project for CPB rural and minority stations. The workshops went very well and many NCFB members attended—even some that don't get CPB funding.

MEMBER SURVEY:

You can see what we are planning to ask about in the Member Services Evaluation plan.

WEBSITE:

Evonn has been upgrading our site with an eye toward a major overhaul after the survey. Evonn got lots of information up for the funding battle.

CONFERENCE:

Next year in Portland OR, April 19–22. We don't have final accounting for this year's conference but attendance was down and some expenses were also down. Total attendance was 525 (265 conference; 34 exhibitors; 226 youth)

YOUTH FUNDING:

We are working with Youth Radio to find funding for the National Youth in Radio Training Project.

CNAPR:

We have signed an agreement with Lewis Kennedy Associates to be the Project Director for the Feasibility Study (funding). They will also do the analysis for individual giving and foundation support. They are working on the Case Statement and the RFP's for the Government, Corporate and Native Institutions support. Loris attended the NCAI meeting and worked with the Telecomm Group on the NCAI position on the Telecom Rewrite. She has also been talking to some of the wealthier tribes and requested money from Peabody Coal. Kellogg doesn't seem like a good prospect for CNAPR but may be good for Youth.

DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS:

Please review the list of potential funders that Carolyn sent to see if you have any connections. Thanks to Janis for your contact.

Carolyn and Timothy have been doing research and developing proposals. Letters have gone out to the Stewart Foundation for Youth Funding and Glaser Foundation for operations funding. We will be sending full proposals to ARCA and the Wallace Fund. We are approaching Ford for CNAPR funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM Pacific Time.