

NFCB Annual Membership Meeting
April 16, 2005
Baltimore, Maryland

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Seating of Participant Delegates

Brian Terhorst, NFCB Board Chair, Called the Meeting to Order at 1:40 PM

Roll Call of Participant Members

VOTING IN NEW MEMBERS:

- Jane Carpenter, Station Manager of KHEN-LP in Salida, CO presented her statement for membership. KHEN has been on the air for 26 months. Marty Durlin of KGNU moved to accept KHEN as a new NFCB Participant Member. Elizabeth Robinson of KCSB seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kai Aiyetoro spoke on behalf of WEES-LP in Severna Park, MD. WEES is primarily underwritten by Edinboro Early School, with early childhood educational programming on weekday mornings. They have an all-volunteer staff. Dennise Kowalczyk of KBOO moved to accept WEES as a new NFCB Participant Member. Joseph Orozco from KIDE seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Carol Pierson spoke on behalf of KREV-LP in Estes Park, CO. KREV is a volunteer-run religious licensee, open to all churches as well as youth and other public groups. Marcos Martinez from KUNM moved to accept KREV as a new NFCB Participant Member. Seconded the motion. Christine Ahern from WJFF questioned the potential for conflicts and the difference in values between NFCB members from community vs. religious licensees. Carol responded that although the license is held by the United Methodist Church, KREV operates like a community station. She added that all members of NFCB are expected to adhere to the core values of the organization. The motion passed with 22 for, 1 against and 4 abstaining.
- Kai Aiyetoro spoke in support of WTQT-LP in Baton Rouge, LA. WTQT serves a primarily African-American audience. Nancy Stoffer from KDUR moved to accept WTQT as a NFCB Participant Member. Steve Ramsey from KBCS seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Delores Thompson, a founding board member of KDEE-LP in Sacramento, CA presented her statement for membership. She explained that although the licensee is the California Black Chamber of Commerce, KDEE is not an African-American station. At only 100 watts they reach 300,000 listeners with programming about health, finances, local politics and youth programming. They are all-volunteer and have been on the air since October 2004. Camille Lacapa from WOJB moved to accept KDEE as a new NFCB Participant Member. Jorge Valdivia from WRTE seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Carol Pierson addressed the membership on behalf of KYUK-AM in Bethel, AK who wanted to rejoin NFCB. KYUK has been on the air for 35 years and was the first Native owned and operated radio station. They are a joint radio/TV licensee serving 20,000 people, of whom about 25% are Native. Their broadcast includes programming addressed at preserving the Yupik culture. Joseph Orozco from KIDE moved to accept KYUK as a NFCB Participant Member. Christine Ahern from WJFF seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kai Aiyetoro spoke on behalf of WRFA-LP in Jamestown, NY. They are licensed to the Chautauqua Arts Council. They broadcast 24 hours a day, mostly through automated programming, but they are looking for more volunteers and want to increase their local programming and youth programming. Jerry Drummond from KAOS moved to accept WRFA as a NFCB Participant Member. Matt Murphy from WERU seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VOTING OUT MEMBERS:

Brian Terhorst explained that KDNA in Granger, WA had resigned and that KPFK in North Hollywood, CA had recently paid their dues in full leaving four stations whose membership status was being considered. The stations were KKUP in Cupertino, CA, KABU in St. Michaels, ND, KOTZ in Kotzabue, AK and WZRU in Roanoke Rapids, NC.

Hugo Morales addressed the floor to request that some sort of token membership be afforded to stations of color that serve a minority audience. He believed that sometimes these stations could not afford the

membership fee. He also did not think these stations required much service from NFCB and that NFCB benefited from the inclusion of members of color. Hugo moved that the NFCB board explore separate criteria of membership for stations of color. The motion was seconded by Steve Ramsey. Joseph Orozco recommended that the pending motion be amended to include stations serving low income communities. Hugo agreed.

Brian Terhorst responded with the explanation that it was the intent and practice of NFCB to keep stations in the federation. He explained that NFCB staff had made repeated efforts to contact these four stations to discuss their dues and membership status. He reminded those present that NFCB already offered a "hardship status" membership to stations struggling with their dues. He stressed that the four stations were being considered for membership revocation because they had been totally unresponsive to communication more so than that they had failed to pay their dues. Carol explained that the hardship dues were a minimum of \$200 per year, but that individual circumstances were always considered.

Elizabeth Robinson addressed the board to request that more information be given to the voting delegates in advance of the membership meeting so the delegates could make more informed and considered decisions about a vote. Marty Durlin agreed and also asked for more information on the stations themselves. Debate followed. Some members wanted more station information while other members felt that making a station's situation and problems public was a violation of trust and confidentiality.

The pending motion was that the NFCB board explore separate criteria of membership for stations of color and stations serving low income communities. The motion passed with 17 votes in favor of, 0 votes in opposition to and 10 abstentions.

Brian Terhorst then moved that the four stations in question receive a revocation of their right to participate. Hugo Morales seconded the motion. The motion passed with 21 votes in favor of, 0 votes in opposition to and 6 abstentions.

CHAIR'S REPORT- BRIAN TERHORST:

Brian explained that Peggy Berryhill had resigned from the NFCB board to accept a CNAPR staff position. In response, the board had appointed Ken Freedman of WFMU in Jersey City, NJ, and that this seat would be voted on in the upcoming election. He also explained that terms were up for Mary Sando-Emhoolah and Kim Carroll Bosler so for the upcoming board election, there would be three seats open with the three year terms going to the 2 highest vote getters.

REPORT FROM THE DUES TASKFORCE:

The membership was reminded that the current NFCB dues policy had been revised and was approved at the last membership meeting in Albuquerque, NM. There was also a request at that meeting for the board to review and consider some alternatives concerning the dues cap and group licensees. After consideration and discussion the dues taskforce had opted to maintain the current dues policy.

BOARD NOMINATIONS:

There are three seats up for election. Marcos Martinez nominated Kim Carroll Bosler; ? Chihiro nominated Dennise Kowalczyk; Christine Ahern nominated Ken Freedman; and Janis Lane-Ewart nominated Mary Sando-Emhoolah. Additional nominations were called for, and upon hearing none, the nominations were closed.

The board candidates were instructed to submit a written statement of intent to the NFCB staff. The membership was informed that the candidate statements would be mailed with the ballots in May and that the elected board members would be seated in June.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—CAROL PIERSON:

Carol welcomed the new NFCB staff members (Timothy, Carolyn and Evonn) and thanked departed staff members (Kathryn and Mike.) She also welcomed the 48 low power members who had joined NFCB in the last two years. She reported that she was working on the launch of CNAPR; submitted testimony to Congress regarding funding for CPB and PTFP; was serving on the PTFP National Review Panel; had worked with the Public Radio Leadership Forum to obtain 20 scholarships to encourage more diversity in the conference attendees; was serving on the CPB CSG Review Panel; and that she had been involved in the last round of negotiations for streaming licenses with RIAA, but had opted out (along with most of the others) of a new agreement.

Carol then reported that Ginny was assisting rural and minority stations with a CPB Internet Acquisition Grant. Ginny was also seeking additional grant funding to continue the Youth Radio Conference, and she had been unsuccessful so far at obtaining funding for some sort of rural news project. Ginny was also seeking more stations to participate in the flagging service in order to keep the costs down.

Carol then touched on financials and referred the membership to their meeting packets for the NFCB audit for fiscal year 2004 and the operating budget for fiscal year 2005.

CNAPR REPORT:

The Center for Native American Public Radio (CNAPR) was launched in December 2004. Loris Taylor, the Executive Director of CNAPR, reported that there had been much accomplished in the first 14 weeks of the new organization's existence. Peggy Berryhill is CNAPR's Director of Services and Planning. Some NFCB staff will also be working partly on CNAPR projects. CNAPR is working with the 33 Native stations, AIROS and Koahnic. Loris reported that station visits and assessments had begun. A CNAPR Advisory Council had been formed. Loris had been in Washington DC introducing and advocating for CNAPR, and some initial assistance had been given to Native stations, mostly with license renewals. At a January retreat the four pillars of CNAPR were identified as: advocacy; financial sustainability and viability; service; and leadership and governance. Grant funding is being provided by CPB and new major sources of funding are being explored with the Kellogg Foundation and others.

AMARC REPORT:

Elizabeth Robinson talked about the global challenges facing community radio including poverty, property rights and cultural divisions. She explained that it was important for stations in the US to share their experience worldwide because the community radio movement is worldwide. She encouraged the more established stations in North and Latin America to develop means of sharing information and knowledge. She announced that the next international General Assembly will be in 2006. She also reminded the membership that two years ago NFCB had agreed to include AMARC dues on their dues notices, and she encouraged people to support and pay for both organizations at the same time. There was some discussion of a scholarship for an AMARC station for the NFCB conference.

MEMBER COMMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There was discussion of the possible changes to CPB's Community Service Grants and how this could benefit some NFCB members while hurting others. CPB and the review panel have communicated some of the issues being considered, but it was stressed that we do not know yet what the final changes will be and what impacts will result for NFCB members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM. Bob Seay moved and Dave Downing seconded.