

Minutes for the WBAI Local Station Board – Finance Committee Monthly Meeting –  
June 15, 2022

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Attending: Jack DePalma, Jim Dingeman, William Heerwagon, R. Paul Martin, Mario Mastrandea, Matt Mazza, Carolyn McIntyre, Daryl McPherson, Berthold Reimers, Cerene Roberts, Geoffrey Stern, Neale Vos, Michael D.D. White, M. Kay Williams.

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The following agenda was read and adopted without objection at 7:15 pm

1. Call to order 7:00 pm
  2. Adopt the Agenda (20 min)
  3. Identify Time Keeper (2 min)
  4. Excuse absences (5 min)
  5. Minutes Approval (10 min)
  6. Treasurer's Report (15 min)
  7. General Manager's Report on WBAI's Finances (30 min)
  8. Motion to Set Next Meeting Date (5 min)
  9. New Business (20 min)
  10. Adjourn no later than 9:30 pm
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Meeting convened at 7:07 pm, a quorum being present, and Chair R. Paul Martin being present.

Reminders read by R. Paul Martin, Chair:

According to the Motion passed by the LSB on March 12, 2014:

“Whereas people attending any Pacifica/WBAI governance meetings are not required to identify themselves, and whereas there has recently been a question concerning the criteria for establishing attendance at a local Finance Committee meeting for the purpose of becoming a member of that committee, therefore:

Resolved: That it shall be the policy of the LSB that in the local Finance Committee that the sole criterion for establishing attendance at meetings to become a member shall be the signing in on the official sign-in sheet for that meeting. The committee may not determine its own membership through any other means.”

During the pandemic, when we are meeting virtually and there is no sign in sheet, it is sufficient to let the chair know of your presence by name at some point during the meeting. If you attend 3 consecutive meetings, you have voting member status. If you have more than 2 unexcused absences, you lose voting status until you again attend 3 consecutive meetings. You may request an excused absence by email in advance of the meeting at which you will be absent. Attending 3 or more hours of meetings per month also qualifies as volunteer time and BAI Member status.

The following agenda items were then discussed:

1. Call to Order
2. Adopt the Agenda (20 min)
3. Identify Time Keeper (2 min)
4. Excuse absences (5 min)
5. Minutes Approval (10 min)

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To accept the agenda as read.

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection 7:10 pm.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To accept Geoffrey Stern as Time Keeper.

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:11 pm.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To excuse the absences of James Sagurton.

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:14 pm.

Motion: (M. Kay Williams) Since no one stated they had not received the minutes via the list serve, M. Kay Williams moved that the committee accept the minutes as corrected for 2-16-22 and 3-16-22 and also the minutes for 4-20-22. She cannot produce minutes for 5-20-22 due to her unforeseen absence from that meeting.

The Finance Committee discussed and passed the motion without objection at 7:22 pm.

The following agenda items were then discussed.

6. Treasurer's Report (15 min) – R. Paul Martin
7. General Manager's Report on WBAI's Finances (30 min) – Berthold Reimers

The next NFC meeting is 6/28/22 at 8:30 pm ET.

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) In the absence of the Station Manager, Cerene Roberts moved that the Station Manager present to the committee the written policy regarding Public Service Announcements, if one exists.

The Finance Committee discussed the motion.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To extend the time for discussion of Cerene's motion 5 min.

The committee passed the motion without objection 7:41 pm

The committee discussed Cerene's motion.

Motion: (M.D.D. White) To extend the time for discussion of Cerene's motion 4 min.

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:46 pm.

The committee discussed Cerene's motion and a roll call vote was taken. Her motion failed with 6 against, 4 in favor, and 3 abstentions at 7:50 pm.

The following agenda item was then discussed.

8. Motion to Set Next Meeting Date (5 min)

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To set next meeting date for Wed, July 20, 2022 at 7 pm ET . The committee passed the motion without objection at 7:55 pm.

The following agenda item was then discussed.

9. New Business (20 min)

Since the General Manager joined the meeting late and there were no objections, he presented his report during the New Business section of the agenda.

The Committee discussed the General Manager's Report and New Business.

Adjourned at 9:32 pm (ET)

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary