Minutes for the regular National Finance Committee meeting November 1, 2016.

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

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Attending: Nick Arena, Fred Blair, Adriana Casenave, Joseph Davis, R. Paul Martin (Secretary), Tony Norman, Michael Novick, Cerene Roberts, Barbara Whipperman, also attending were Efren Llarinas, National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager and Director Nancy Sorden as an observer.

## Agenda:

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Agenda Approval (5 minutes)
- 3. Minutes Approval (5 minutes)
- 4. National Office Budget (45 minutes)
- 5. Motion to PNB about Central Services (15 minutes)
- 6. Additional Meetings (5 minutes)
- 7. Motion to propose a special PNB budget meeting later in November (5 minutes)
- 8. Adjourn 10:00 PM (ET)

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**Motion:** (Michael Novick) "To approve the agenda." (Passed without objection)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Minutes Approval 8:46 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Barbara Whipperman) "To approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016, meeting." (Passed 7 for, 0 against, 1 abstention)

National Office Budget 8:49PM (ET)

The National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager told the committee that he had prepared this draft FY17 budget proposal based on the latest developments. He said that today he had gotten three E-mails from insurance brokers, and the E-mails had resulted in adjustments to the budget proposal, so an hour ago he'd sent the committee a new National Office FY17 draft budget proposal. He said that the change in insurance is that he had added a provision so that in case Pacifica later on decides to opt for obtaining an extension of time on case claims are filed against the Directors and Officers of 2016, he'd gotten quotation from the insurance broker requiring Pacifica to pay \$32,000. He said that there is still another 12 months in which claims against 2016, Directors can be filed. He said that in the National Office's cash flow every month is negative and the purpose of showing balances is to show how much more or less Pacifica needs to collect from the stations. He said that in this budget he'd used the old Central Services formula but then we need more revenue. He said that for FY16 the National Office had \$4,900

for mail drive revenue, but for FY17 he's made it \$6,000. He said that for FY17 it may be possible to improve the mail drive; he noted that in FY15 the National Office had realized more than \$100,000 from its mail drive. The plan now is to send appeals to lapsed supporters. He said that as of September 30, 2016, we have about \$383,000 in old payables. He said he's targeting to pay abt \$222,000 of that amount. He said that a lot of these payables are the result of new settlements. He said that we have to pay FSRN \$7,000 or they can bring suit. He said he's shown in the budget what we can expect to spend. He said that the National Office has not been collecting full Central Services fees from the stations, and for October only KPFA paid Central Services all other stations did not.

The committee discussed the National Office draft FY17 budget proposal. In response to a question the National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager said that if the expected Central Services fees were collected there would still be a negative balance, he said that if FY17 was a repeat of FY16 in terms of Central Services payments that it might be hard to survive. There was a discussion regarding how to get the \$32,000 for the Directors and Officers insurance. The National Office Financial Planning and Analysis Manager said that he had hoped to get it from KPFK, but that their settlement with their Union employees meant that it might take four or five months to be able to get it.

Motion to PNB about Central Services 9:37 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Barbara Whipperman) "The NFC recommends that the PNB encourage any station having extreme difficulty meeting necessary expenses, particularly facility rental payments, seeks a cost saving relocation to an educational institution, in its same geographical area, with broadcast facilities to share." (Ruled out of order)

Point of Order: (Adriana Casenave) "This motion not germane."

The Chair ruled that the point was well taken, the motion is not germane to the PNB motion about Central Services, and the motion was ruled out of order.

The committee discussed the motion passed by the PNB about Central Services fees and SCA revenue.

**Point of Order:** (R. Paul Martin) "Call for the orders of the day." 9:57 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Cerene Roberts) "To add 10 minutes on to the end time of the meeting." (Passed without objection) 9:57 PM (ET)

Additional Meetings 9:58 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Cerene Roberts) "To schedule regular meetings on November 22, 2016, and November 29, 2016." (Passed without objection)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Motion to propose a special PNB budget meeting later in November 10:05 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Cerene Roberts) "That the NFC propose that the PNB schedule a special budget meeting for December 8, 2016." (Passed without objection)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Adjourned 10:10 PM (ET)

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary.