

KXCI Board of Directors – Minutes
August 26, 2004
Armory Park Senior Center

Lil Espinoza, Kathleen Williamson, Jim Lipson, Jim Hannley, Tom Spendarian, Mary Buckley, Bill Poorten, Ben Changkakoti, Debbie Friesen, Jean Paul Genet, Dave Olsen, Phred Bartholomaei, Tom Shook.

Meeting called to order at 6:32 by Lil Espinoza.

Next meeting scheduled for Downtown Library on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. Jim Lipson called the roll. Juan Restropo's resignation announced. Everyone present except Tom Shook (unexcused absence).

Noted that Tom Spendarian is not on the letterhead.

August Minutes - Last month's minutes reviewed. On page 2 it was clarified that KXCI would proceed with a special by-law election within 60 days of August 17, contingent upon the DI paying \$2150 in related costs.

Changkakoti made a motion to accept the minutes with this amendment to clarify this. Second by Williamson. Motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer Board Rep – Larry stated the volunteers went through a process of nominating someone to elect as their BOD rep. Motion to seat Elaine Higgenbotham as a new board member selected by the station's volunteers by Changakote. Second, Williamson. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to Audience

#1 – congratulated Elaine. Said DI and BOD have both shown teeth and claws and now hoping can show brains and heart.

#2. Likes new seating arrangements for meeting. Liked having face time w/BOD at August 3 meeting and hopes it can continue

#3 – wants BOD meetings without time constraints; not healthy that only one person was nominated for volunteer rep; not happy with staff;

#4 – would like call to audience after business has been completed in order to comment on what has happened; would like more clear definition on what does and does not constitute a “shout.”

GM Report – Changes in Insurance coverage, new General liability policy in effect; limited benefits for P/T staff to go into effect in new fiscal year; criminal activity in neighborhood on rise; Arbitron numbers, increase in total audience, decline in time spent listening; signal update (three options); staff retreat day (9/9); statement regarding need to explain “executive session”; new studio report; report on consultant to look at operations—underwriting, fundraising, etc; Amy Goodman returning for KXCI/Access Tucson co-sponsored event on 9/26.

Motion by Spendarian to accept standardized language on reasons for going into Executive Session at BOD meetings. Second by Changkakoti. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business –

Democracy Initiative. Lipson gave a synopsis on August 3 meeting of Executive Committee (minus Williamson) plus Genet with several DI members including Murphy, Risner, Egan, Swope and Kali Holtschlag. The EC was hoping to come up with a mutual statement regarding some resolution of DI by-law issues. The DI instead presented three new ideas and requests to be brought before the BOD for discussion which then commenced.

These issues were: instituting a series of Town Hall forums; having the League of Women of Voters manage future BOD elections; having only elected BOD members be able to vote for new BOD members through appointment. Discussion by BOD.

Town Hall... Motion made by Spendarian to create Town Hall committee to deal with logistics of putting an event together. Second by Genet. Unanimously passed. Espinoza appointed Lipson to chair sub-committee to put TH together. Lipson named Buckley and Olsen to work on that committee.

Election Management: GM asked League for an estimate but they were not able to give based on different approaches to managing the election – comprehensive (doing everything) to simply monitoring vote count. A motion was made by Spendarian to table this discussion pending more information from the League. Second by Changkakoti. Approved unanimous vote.

Ben Changkakoti departs session 7:35

Bylaws on Appointed BOD members: Member proposal for a “two-tiered” board member where only an elected BOD member could vote on seating (or reappointing) an appointed member – After some discussion a motion was made to table discussion. Motion to table defeated. A motion was made by Williamson to leave this by-law as it currently is. Second by Spendarian. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Board Development committee – a motion was made by Genet to create a “nominating committee” to recruit new board members. Second by Spendarian. Discussion – Isn’t this already a standing committee? Not currently. Motion passed unanimously. Lil to appoint members of standing committees.

Community Advisory Board (CAB) – Lipson gave a synopsis of a lunch where members of community were invited to hear about KXCI's CAB for the purpose of recruiting for the CAB. Almost 20 people attended meeting including three people from DI. Very positive with several people indicating they wanted to participate.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Espinoza to move to Executive Session to discuss staffing issues.
Second by Spendarian. Unanimously approved 8:19.

Motion to end Exec Session made by Espinoza, second by Williamson at 8:29.

Motion to adjourn 8:30. Approved unanimously.