

CAB Report for BOD meeting 11/16/2006

To provide a consistent format for communicating with the board, the CAB has agreed to prepare a document each month containing reports (information to be transmitted to the board), recommendations (ideas or policies for the Board's consideration) and requests (items the CAB requests board action on, to facilitate the work of the CAB).

Reports:

1) The results of the GM survey are attached. We received responses from 12 stations. Many stations used a search process very similar to KXCI, and at least a few had similar problems retaining candidates due to the length of the process. Approximately half the stations required finalists to appear in a public forum (the benefits and drawbacks of this approach are currently under discussion by the CAB and, through the Yahoo bulletin board, the larger community).

In addition to the results presented in tabular format, some individual CAB members have included recommendations for the search process. This report was presented to the GM search committee on Nov. 14. The CAB will provide a copy of full set of original survey responses to KXCI for its files, and will send the tabular results to each of the participating stations.

Recommendations:

1) The CAB (thanks to the work of CAB member John Crouch) has contacted Access Tucson to learn its procedures and costs for holding board elections. He also contacted the League of Women Voters for a comparison:

-- Access Tucson - Their contract with Devries Accounting (CPA) provides Access with an Excel database. Ballots are mailed to Devries, with the ballots inside envelopes with the member's signature on the envelope, not the ballot. First, the envelope is checked for the member's name; then another person opens and counts votes. Sixty-five dollars an hour for their services.

-- League of Woman Voters - Victor Bowleg is the contact. He feels at 500 ballots, mailed to the League and counted by them would run around \$400. Their price is open to discussion.

The CAB recommends the board adopt the process used by Access Tucson as it is simple and well-established. If expense is an issue due to current budget constraints, the CAB recommends that the board establish an elections fund/donation category so that members can make donations to KXCI earmarked specifically to pay for the election cost. (At least one CAB member has volunteered to solicit donations for the fund). At the time of this writing I am waiting to confirm the average cost per election with Access Tucson.

2) The CAB recommends that the station send one or two members from the board, staff, volunteers or CAB to the GrassRoots Radio Coalition (GRC) annual conference. The fee for attending this conference is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Requests:

1) As involvement in the upcoming strategic planning process is a high priority for the CAB, we request that two CAB members (Tony and Kali) be included in the

strategic planning process when it resumes.

For those interested, a summary of the November CAB meeting is attached.