

MINUTES
KGNU BOARD / ANNUAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 11, 2008
4700 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80301

Present:	Meredith Carson	Telephone:	Shareef Aleem
	Wendy Emrich		Chris O'Riley
	Ken Fricklas		
	Sam Fuqua		
	Barry Gilbert	Staff:	Rose Brunning
	David Kane		Joanne Cole
	Chris Mohr		Maeve Conran
	Basit Mustafa		Joel Edelstein
	Michael Shuster		Shawna Sprowls
	Marge Taniwaki		Annie Sugar
	Judy Trompeter		
	David Wilson		

Public: Steven Sherman-Boemker, Clover, Greg O'Brien, Phil Dougan, Bill Hogrewe, Joy Barrett, Dave Ashton, Alex McCarthy Hessel, Leslie Lomas, E.C. Erb, Lorraine Filomeno, Michele Barone, David McIntosh, Daria Laverne, Karen Gruber, Tim McCarthy, Helen Dohrman, Paul Mischo, Nikki Kayser, Nile Southern, arleigh, Mary Lawrence Bevington, Duncan Campbell, Guy Erickson, Bonnie van Duersen, Josie Heath, Michael Beck, Yukari Miyamae, Thomas Lenk.

The KGNU annual meeting was called to order by Michael Shuster and introductions of Board, volunteers and guests were made.

The agenda was approved as were the minutes from October 14, 2008, with brief amendments.

REPORTS

Station Manager / Sam Fuqua: DNC coverage was major news milestone for KGNU; numerous live music remotes a big step forward; Annie Sugar hired as Denver Fundraising Director; Denver studio usage and grant revenues increase; FCC grants FM power increase from 1300 to 4000 watts, and new FM antenna should be installed in three months. Micro Business Development, who owns the building at 700 Kalamath, filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy. KGNU has begun paying rent and contributing to upkeep for the Denver Studio and awaits resolution of building ownership. Major challenges include fundraising, website re-design and additional content streams. More diversity, better outreach and better radio are needed at KGNU as difficult economic times and declining radio listenership are forecast.

Music Director / Sam for John Schaefer: A 14% pledge income decline during music programming may be offset by added short drives. More remote broadcasts can help reconnect to bluegrass community. Digital music library in Denver is major 2009 goal.

Membership Director / Shawna Sprowls: 2008 membership increased 38.8% over 2007 without negative feedback to mini-drive and extra days added to regular pledge drives. December 5/6

fundraiser will focus on giving the gift of radio; increase events outreach; PBS will aid in survey and phone banking to lapsed KGNU members; only \$5,000 away from meeting Fall Pledge Drive numbers.

Operations Director / Sam for Evan Perkins: Replaced and upgraded computers with donations thru the Jared Polis Foundation; upgraded soundcards and other hardware for digital editing workstations; Pappas Consulting helps with engineering problems; general upkeep and greening of station continues. Next year will see redesign of website and more time spent at Denver studio.

Community Relations Coordinator / Joanne Cole: First full year at half-time position; distributed full list of non-profits with whom KGNU has partnered over the last 9 years; 3 local papers added to underwriting; need coordinated KGNU outreach effort with "road map"; many special events over the past year have been relatively successful.

Denver Production & Training Director / Rose Brunning: Increase in studio usage, live broadcasts; need more support for volunteers, create opportunities for non on-air hours; need for Denver outreach and request for lighted KGNU sign on building at 700 Kalamath.

News & Public Affairs Director / Joel Edelstein and Associate Director / Maeve Conran: Sixty people provided in-depth election coverage with 15 credentialed inside DNC; feed for Pacifica, FSRN, and other national outlets. New volunteers, college interns and high school students were in the precincts; candidate interviews; "Swing State" program will transition to "It's The Economy"; new GLBT collective show after "This Way Out" headlines.

Denver Fundraising & Outreach Director / Annie Sugar: Presented six month work plan to include researching major donors; appointments for Station Manager in Denver; house parties; Dining On Air; 1390 thank you; community outreach; Denver 5th anniversary; grant writing and training.

Development Committee / Chris Mohr: Chris will be leaving with Wendy Emrich taking over as Interim Chair. Increase in grants, house parties, over previous years; Annie coming on to committee in Denver Fundraising position.

After a break as previously arranged, Chris O'Riley and Shareef Aleem joined by telephone in order to vote on the slate of officers as presented by NomCom. Due to technical difficulties, both dropped off and rejoined at various points in the discussion. Michael Shuster reiterated there would be no proxy vote, that it would be by simple majority, and that there was no objection to voting by telephone.

Nominating Committee co-chair / Joy Barrett: Presented slate of Barry Gilbert, Chair; Judy Trompeter, Vice Chair; Basit Mustafa, Treasurer and Marge Taniwaki, Secretary. Explained ongoing recruitment of potential Board members; drafting of welcome packet; updating application form; standardizing interview questions; five new Board members in 2008.

Basit Mustafa's request for a line-item vote on the slate was defeated: 9 no, 4 yes. A decision for open versus secret ballot passed: 10 yes, 3 no. After unresolved discussion on the make up of the slate, it was approved to go into Executive Session for a period of 15 minutes: 9 yes, 4 no.

Upon reconvening, the slate passed on a roll-call vote requested by Chris O'Riley: 8 yes, 4 no. Due to technical difficulties, Shareef Aleem had dropped off the call.

Budget Committee / Basit Mustafa: The Treasurer reported cash assets up to \$315,00 from \$240,000 last year; balanced budget of around \$675,000 with small operating surplus. With \$100,000 as contingency, priorities in 2009 to build up budget for possibility of new formal budget line items by 2010. Budget can be viewed on website. In response to public question, Sam explained debt repayment schedule.

Listener Advisory Board / Sam: To get feedback from diverse listeners, two station based sessions are scheduled beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Boulder on Wednesday, December 10th, and in Denver on Thursday, December 11th.

Other Business: General comments included need to build listener base; reviving Planning Committee; strengthening ties to community thru vehicles such as food or toy bank; Board encouraged to go forward; success of Trust The Dust has turned location into all record and book sales; Dave Ashton is new Chair of Denver Outreach group. Written reports from other standing committees were enlarged and posted throughout the room.

Sam thanked outgoing Board members David Kane and Chris Mohr for all of their work thru the years not only on the Board, but on various committees such as Planning and Development. Retiring Executive Committee members were thanked for their service. Most of the celebratory cake was consumed by volunteers during the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Marge Taniwaki