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[WBAI-LSB-PUBLIC] Big-Tent Builder Uncloaked

PLEASE FORWARD WIDELY

All,

On Friday, either directly through an email list from the national office or on a governance or Pacifica-related listserv, you would have have (*sic*) received a 3-page missive signed by the Pacifica Interim Executive Director about "Big Tent Radio".

Below is a note from the person to whom he referred.

I have comments on both the original letter and today's but will not ask that you wait for that in order to read this. So with 3 brief observations, it follows:

Note #1: The almost immediate response by some on the national board was to direct the stripping of the purported writer's board membership. That is an unhealthy but not unexpected reflex from this crew. The current board includes some of the most venal and some of the most naive/uninformed characters. It is a dangerous combination for our foundation.

Pacifica needs people in governance who can actually and respectfully ENGAGE EACH OTHER, not just shut out / down others.

Note #2: The IED wrote that he was interested in dialogue, but he is insincere.

The PNB majority is interested in agreement; not discussion. It is why they've instituted a call system that allows them to mute those with unsupervised thoughts. It is the IED who solicited from

among his board majority a 30-day notice to remove Adriana Casenave whose examination of our books has caused a GM some embarrassment, and who has been clear in her opposition to the bylaw-violative removals of other directors, and has opposed the nutty, retroactive "alternate tally" of the Affiliate Directors election. It is the reason why I, a director with on-paper access to virtually every piece of Pacifica information, was refused a PIN to participate in an Audit Committee call mere hours after the intended-to-alarm "press release".

Note #3: I have strong concerns about positions taken by the KPFA LSB over the past several months and will respond more specifically as time and health permit. I disagree with their conclusions and I view some of our history differently, but I understand their concerns.

Here's the note from Carol Travis of KPFA.

Thanks for thinking it through. (Who said that?)

Cerene

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Begin forwarded message:

**A message from Carole Travis.** *I am the LSB member referred to in Interim Executive Director Bill Crosier's memo. I am chair of the KPFA LSB, but what I have done does not involve any other Pacifica or LSB people. It is not a SaveKPFA or any faction of the LSB or Pacifica effort. We have been working on this quietly so as not to compromise Pacifica. Below is the context of that work.*

Today, at best, there is a reckless, ignorant, racist, misogynist narcissist President of the world's major superpower, our country. He calls nuclear shots. He has already made moves to dismantle the Justice Department, the EPA, the Department of Health and Human Services and more.

If we looked back on Hitler's Germany and found that there was a significant respected communication network that had the capacity to spread information, organize opposition, and expand

resistance and found that it was controlled by a group of people trapped in endless sectarian infighting so that its influence had shrunk to a fraction of what it once was and at the time of Hitler's rise, that they were incapable of stepping back and realizing their behavior prevented that network from doing what it could do and what was necessary to do to fight fascism, we would judge those people harshly.

Pacifica Foundation is a significant somewhat respected communication network. Pacifica, precious, underused and until recently shrinking, is the only totally listener sponsored radio network in the United States – it is unique – it has zero corporate links. We have licenses and powerful signals that blanket 5 of our largest metropolitan areas:

- • New York, our finance capital
- • Los Angeles, our entertainment capital
- • Washington, DC, our political capital
- • San Francisco, our tech capital
- • Houston, our oil capital
- • + 220 independent affiliates across the nation and rapidly growing

Pacifica is an impossible amalgam of extreme centralization and extreme decentralization. Financially and legally we are centralized. Yet we operate as 5 separate entities plus a national office. The governance structure is a combination of 112 people in 6 Boards and 8 + workgroups that attempt to micro manage. The Pacifica National Board is new every year. Not one of those 110 people is required to know anything about radio, about reading a budget or managing anything. Members of the board have been suing Pacifica regularly. It is a membership organization that spends thousands of dollars each year to (*sic*) on elections to non-functional governance structure. We are being tremendously irresponsible, to put it mildly, remember my Nazi hypothetical. Our situation is not hypothetical.

After a few years of study and conversations with many people from different factions and some lawyers, it became clear an organization like this one is required in event of collapse – should that come to pass. BTW, as I have learned a lot about radio recently, I discovered Christian radio is attempting to take over the FM band.

To say that we are not in crisis is good for a press release, but is far from the case. Bill Crosier himself has said he can imagine filing for bankruptcy before 2017 ends. At this moment, all of us in Pacifica are doing more than has been done in a while to make significant changes. Some of those moves threaten 2 of our stations. I deeply hope we can accomplish more. 4/16/17

Carole Travis