

**‘Ōlelo Community Television
Minutes of the Board of Director’s Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30th 2003
1122 Mapunapuna Street, Honolulu, Hawai’i**

Present:

Linda Colburn, Rochelle Gregson, Gary Honda, Lurline McGregor, Alan Pollock,
Ron Rex

Absent:

Andrew Aoki, William Kaneko, Michael Masuda

Board Chair Rochelle Gregson called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Public Comment

- 1) Jeff Garland
- 2) Written testimony submitted by Barbara Mathews

Approval of January 29th 2003 Minutes.

The Board unanimously approved the January 29th 2003 minutes.

Reports

Chairs Report:

Board Chair Rochelle Gregson summarized some of the more salient points of Dr. Robert Devine’s presentation at the recent board retreat. In his speech, Dr. Devine mentioned two prongs. The first prong of the First Amendment is individual expression. In the context of access it is often interpreted to be first come first serve. Dr. Devine described the second prong as a policy for access centers that is often overlooked but equally important, that is the broader purpose of diverse speech to provide a market place of ideas for the common good. The purpose of access is not to just give people the opportunity to speak freely and broadcast their views, but to also have another mission of improving the common good of the community. Dr. Devine also pointed out that access centers need to be proactive in addressing diversity issues, to think about community conveners and to work with the broader community more actively.

Dr. Devine also touched upon other points, one regarding boards of directors and to what extent clients should be members of the board. Dr. Devine explained that access centers should be careful about individuals who have self interests, and that weighing individual expression and working for the common good sometimes can be a conflict.

Rochelle reminded the members of the Board that their responsibility is to serve the community and be mindful of the subscribers.

President's Report

Lurline McGregor reported to the Board the rationale behind the decision of the satellite locations. Lurline clarified to the Board that the purpose of having these satellites is to fulfill 'Ōlelo's strategic goal of increasing the diversity of voice and community use of 'Ōlelo's resources with partnerships in the community to build stronger relationships. Therefore, the thought behind satellites is not necessarily to go to communities where there is already high 'Ōlelo usership, but rather to bring in new speakers. That was the rationale that brought 'Ōlelo out to Kahuku four years ago and Waianae five years ago. The Kahuku and Waianae satellite centers are now the models for 'Ōlelo to move ahead with more satellites, thus 'Ōlelo's goal is to open two new satellites this year, for which research started last December.

Finance Committee

Ron Rex reported to the Board on behalf of Finance Chair Mike Masuda that the finance committee met and covered many topics.

Ron reported to the Board that federal requirements regarding employee benefits plans have changed and 'Ōlelo will need to make technical amendments to the Employee Benefits Plan to comply with the IRS. Ron proposed that the Board adopt the amendment to 'Ōlelo's Employee Benefits Plan to comply with the Statutory Revisions as required by the IRS.

The board unanimously adopted to amend the Employee Benefits Plan as required by the IRS.

Program Committee

Program Committee Chair Gary Honda reported that the Program Committee met with ASAC in February to discuss the issue of whether or not ASAC continue as a viable entity. At the meeting, it was unanimously agreed by all members of ASAC as well as the Program Committee that ASAC should continue because of the vital role it can play in representing the interest of the producer community by providing valuable information to the Program Committee and the 'Ōlelo Staff.

Gary proposed to the Board to increase the ASAC membership from five to seven. Rochelle suggested that the Program Committee look at refining the definition of ASAC and then come back to the Board and request for an increase from five to seven. This was agreed to by the Program Committee and the rest of the Board.

Nomination Committee

Nomination Committee Chair Ron Rex proposed that the Board agree to recommend and

send to the DCCA four candidates along with all other applicants who submitted resumes to ‘Ōlelo.

The list of candidates that the Nominating Committee is recommending to the DCCA includes Rochelle Gregson (for re-appointment), Marsha Bolson, Director of Communication at Kamehameha Schools, Barbara Pleadwell, a partner at Hastings and Pleadwell and John Flannigan, a former publisher of the Honolulu Star Bulletin and currently the Executive Director of Hawaii Community Services Council.

The Board unanimously agreed to the motion.

Ron informed the Board that the second task of the Nominating Committee was to appoint a slate of officers. Ron also reported to the Board that the Nominating Committee acknowledges in section 6.9 in the by-laws that it is required that a slate of officers be sent to the board 10 days before and that has not been done. The Nominating Committee proposed a motion that the Board waive that 10 day requirement and proceed with voting on the Slate of Officers.

The Board unanimously agreed to the motion.

Ron Rex proposed that the Board approve the slate of officers which includes Chair, Rochelle Gregson, Vice Chair Ron Rex, Treasurer, Michael Masuda and Secretary Gary Honda.

The Board unanimously agreed.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Honda, Secretary

