

NALIP BOD Meeting—Saturday 14 June 2008-Santa Monica, CA

Present: Beni Matias, Moctesuma Esparza, David Ortiz, Elaine Romero, Alexis Garcia, Neyda Luz Martinez, Maria Agui Carter, Margarita De la Vega Hurtado, Flavio Morales, Bernardo Ruiz, Porfirio Piña, Frances Negron-Muntaner

Absent: Evy Ledesma Galan (via phone for financial report), Evangeline Griego, Rick Ramirez

Staff: Kathryn Galan, Octavio Marin, Maura K. Concannon

Call to Order at 10:15 a.m.

1. Motion by De la Vega Hurtado to accept the Agenda, amended to accommodate Members' afternoon schedule; second by Garcia. VOTE: Unanimous
2. Motion by Ortiz to approve the draft Board Minutes; Second by Porfirio Piña. VOTE: Unanimous
3. Conference 9 report submitted by Octavio Marin, Conference Director, including budget report, surveys summary and staff/team member reports.
4. Financial report submitted by treasurer Evy Ledesma Galan; reviewed via teleconference. Also discussed was June 1 development report, submitted by Galan, Ledesma Galan and development director Elvida Rogers. The Ford Foundation's interest in new media and a possible youth/media justice mentoring program was discussed. Additional development time needs to be spent on ads for NALIP's 10th Conference, starting in the fall.
5. NALIP Latino Producers Academy, scheduled for Aug. 5 – 22 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Griego and Martinez to attend as documentary mentors; Garcia and Esparza to participate in the feature program. NALIP collaborating with the IAIA and other universities and training programs to support Native American filmmakers along with New Mexicans as part of the LPA.
6. NALIP Latino Writers Lab held its first half in Santa Fe in May; second part after scripts are completed will be held in Santa Monica, late September.
7. "Doing your Doc" held in Denver in May; fall workshops scheduled for San Francisco and Tucson. Talks underway with the Dominican Republic to hold the program during the FUNGLODE Global Film Festival.
8. Conference 10 – set for April 16 – 19. HBO returns as presenting sponsor, with invitations out to co-sponsors. The Committee's ambition is to include participation from all studios, agencies and management companies. Co-chair ideas, awardees and themes discussed that will incorporate and celebrate the past, present and future. Staff directed to invite the prior co-chairs as a Host Committee/Advisory Board. A 10-year reel will be produced, and a more elaborate commemorative program book.

Conference committee to be convened in mid-July to begin brainstorming and sub-committee assignments.

9. Advocacy – Board redirects staff to apply for a NALIP PAC to support legislative media initiatives for media makers of color. The areas of activity would be to establish a legislative agenda, to identify politicians connected to media initiatives of benefit to media makers of color, and to give money to candidates and issues connected to the PAC's mission. Ramirez, Esparza, Garcia and Morales appointed to the Advocacy committee that will refine the specific directions, and will sit on the founding Board.

In public television advocacy, Martinez, Agui Carter, and Ruiz to work with NLMC and staff to collect diversity data on the major PBS strands and producing stations, as mandated in 2006. Matias and Galan to write a proposal to WNET to bring back a "51st STATE"-type mentoring program. Neyda, Maria, Bernardo.

MOTION by Martinez to endorse Esparza's request of NCLR clarify the nominating process for the 2008 ALMA awards, and to advocate that they eliminate any guild membership requirement for nomination to the ALMA or Golden Eagle awards; second by Ruiz. Vote: Unanimous.

Board asked to review draft White Paper on state of Latino executive representation before mainstream circulation. Negrón to include or overlap in part of assessment on the efforts to change the total media panorama scheduled to begin this summer.

10. Strategic Plan – final notes given to staff to revise. Romero to review after implementation, in order to evaluate the language of NALIP's original set of values. MOTION by Romero to drop "Value #3" as duplicative and confusing; second by Negrón. Vote: Unanimous. Negrón to review Romero's revision on the values language and circulate to the Board for a vote.
11. Membership – staff asked to add 2-year and 3-year membership options in the general and executive producer category. Revisions and expansion to the Membership & Chapter Handbook provided by de la Vega and Agui Carter; notes given for them to implement and finalize.
12. Board Agreement – amended at the meeting and circulated for implementation.
13. Personnel Committee – asks Board to complete self-assessment. De la Vega to circulate Executive Director evaluation this summer.
14. Nominating Committee: formed with Morales, Pina, Martinez and Matias. Charged to evaluate current Board make-up, expiring terms and organizational needs. Requested to bring slate of candidates for discussion at the September meeting, for elections in December.

15. Next meeting: September 16, 17, 18 or 19 in New York City. Executive Committee meeting scheduled for July

3:40 pm Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Maura K. Concannon, Membership Coordinator and Kathryn Galan, Executive Director