

2009-05-27 iED Report

Report to the Pacifica National Board from the interim Executive Director

The National Office

Tony Riddle is now the National Development Director. Here's an excerpt from an email he just sent me: [deleted terms of a possible contract]

He is also working on some grant opportunities through the CPB and, thanks to effort by Shawn Casey O'Brien, he will be working on federal stimulus grants Shawn helped us locate through Congressman Henry Waxman's office.

Ahmad Anderson, our interim HR Director, is working to centralize anti-discrimination and sexual harassment training so that all staff, both paid and unpaid, can complete it on-line. He has proposed that an additional on-line module be added to this training. That is staff evaluation procedures. He would like this to be completed not only by supervisors who will conduct routine staff evaluations but also by all paid staff so that they understand the evaluation process. I think this is an excellent idea and have instructed him to move forward with this. He has been fully on the job, is now in New York helping LaVarn with WBAI and has been working on other HR matters at a number of stations.

LaVarn Williams, our iCFO, is also the acting GM of WBAI, doing a terrific job of turning that station around while also still functioning as iCFO.

KPFT

KPFT's recent fund drive was a bit weak, but still improved over their winter drive. A new program council has been formed and promises to be highly functional and, hopefully, help the station move forward to improve programming.

KPFA

KPFA's fund drive which has just concluded will probably just about meet its expected goal when on-line pledges are added to its total. This is a relief as its winter drive was under budget. However, it looks as though KPFA will be able to end the fiscal year on budget.

KPFK

KPFK's fundrive starts next week. GOOD LUCK!! See the very positive, long L.A. Times article one of K's Spanish Language shows:

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-ca-latinradio24-2009may24,0,4718742.story>

WPFW

Not sure how this station is doing. Will update.

WBAI

Much improved!! Fund drive 20% - 30% on average better performance in comparison to various drives. The difference in percentage varies based on the drives being compared.

Election

I hired Les Radke as the National Election Supervisor and he is whizzing ahead in hiring local election supervisors. LESes have already been hired for KPFK, KPFT, WPFW already and after a final look at candidates from NY and SF we will be hiring supervisors for those stations in the next 28 to 48 hours.

Roseanne Barr and Dr. Helen Caldicott have both agreed to record election carts.

That's all for now!

In Peace,

Grace Aaron

Chair of the Pacifica National Board

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