

238 GREGORY HALL
URBANA, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 15, 1945

DEAR NAEBER:

IN MY LETTER OF JANUARY 5 TO YOU I ADVISED THAT I WOULD TAKE A MAIL VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE NAEB CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD RE-DEFINE OUR CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

I AM ENCLOSING A BALLOT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSAL, EXACTLY AS APPROVED BY THE MEETING IN CHICAGO; AND, AN ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT THE AMENDMENT SHOULD APPLY ONLY TO MEMBERS JOINING AFTER APRIL 1, 1945.

ALSO, YOU ARE ASKED TO INDICATE YOUR WISHES REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DUES FOR THE TWO CLASSES OF MEMBERS. THIS IS A POLL, TAKEN FOR GUIDANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, WHICH HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ACT FOR NAEB.

NOTE: ARTICLE I OF THE NAEB CONSTITUTION NOW SAYS:

MEMBERSHIP:

(A) ANY UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF RECOGNIZED STANDING ENGAGED IN EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING OVER A RADIO STATION OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY IT MAY BE ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ORGANIZATION BY APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. EACH MEMBER INSTITUTION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE.

(B) INDIVIDUALS, COLLEGES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS OR INDIVIDUALS OF FACULTIES OF RECOGNIZED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ENGAGED IN EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING MAY BECOME ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION BY APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, EXCEPT THAT THEY SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE OR TO HOLD OFFICE. ANY EXPERIMENTAL OR AMATEUR STATION, OWNED AND OPERATED BY A RECOGNIZED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, MAY BE ELECTED TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL No. 1:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

THAT ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

MEMBERSHIP:

(A) ANY UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL OR PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY OF RECOGNIZED STANDING ENGAGED IN EDUCATIONAL, NON-COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING OVER A RADIO STATION OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY IT OR ANY SUCH AGENCY HOLDING A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR SUCH A STATION, MAY BE ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THIS

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ORGANIZATION BY APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. EACH MEMBER INSTITUTION OR AGENCY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE.

(b) ANY INDIVIDUAL, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, OR PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY ENGAGED IN EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING MAY BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION BY APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP, EXCEPT THAT THEY SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE OR TO HOLD OFFICE.

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL No. 2:

THAT ARTICLE I SHALL BE AMENDED FURTHER BY ADDING TO PROPOSAL No. 1 THE FOLLOWING WORDING:

THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1945, BUT SHALL NOT CHANGE THE STATUS OF ANY MEMBER IN ANY CLASSIFICATION HELD ON DECEMBER 31, 1944.

IN REPLY TO MY LETTER OF JANUARY 5, A COUPLE OF YOUSE GUYS CAME BACK WITH COMMENTS, WHICH I THINK SHOULD BE PASSED ALONG. I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF QUOTING, BRIEFLY, FROM ONE MIKE HANNA, WHCU:

"MAY I POINT OUT THAT, BY THE RESTRICTION AS STATED, THE ASSOCIATION IS PLACING EMPHASIS NOT ON THE PURPOSES OF OPERATION OF A STATION, BUT RATHER ON THE MEANS USED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THAT OPERATION. IN OTHER WORDS, IF AN EDUCATIONAL STATION OR A STATION OWNED AND OPERATED BY A UNIVERSITY OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION GETS ITS MONEY THROUGH TAXATION OR THROUGH SOME ENDOWMENT, IT IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF A UNIVERSITY-OWNED STATION, SUCH AS THE CORNELL STATION, DERIVES ITS OPERATING FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF TIME, THEN THAT STATION IS NOT AN EDUCATIONAL STATION UNDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

"THAT MAY BE YOUR INTENT. IF SO, MY ARGUMENT IS OF NO STANDING. IF, HOWEVER, THE PURPOSE OF THE NAEB IS TO JOIN TOGETHER THOSE STATIONS OWNED AND OPERATED BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEVOTED TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC SERVICE, THEN IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE SOURCE OF OPERATING FUNDS BECOMES IMMATERIAL, OR AT LEAST ENTIRELY SECONDARY TO THE PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE UNDER WHICH THE STATION IS OPERATED."

NOW, QUOTING ELMER SULZER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY:

"I AM COMPLYING WITH A REQUEST IN YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 5 TO TAKE MY PEN IN HAND AND EXPRESS MY OPINION REGARDING THE PROPOSED RAISE IN DUES. AS YOU KNOW, I FALL INTO THAT RATHER QUESTIONABLE CATEGORY KNOWN AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. I HAVE PROBABLY ALREADY EXPRESSED MYSELF SUFFICIENTLY IN REGARD TO THE LOW REPUTE IN WHICH THOSE BROADCASTING OVER COMMERCIAL STATIONS ARE HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION, SO WE WON'T GO INTO THAT. HOWEVER, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, AND MYSELF ONLY,

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AS I AM AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER WITH NO VOTING PRIVILEGE AND NO ACTUAL POWER TO ENTER INTO MATTERS OF CONTROLLING POLICY OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE ONLY THING ACTUALLY LEFT IS THE NEWS LETTER. THIS, AS I BELIEVE I SAID BEFORE, IS A VERY VALUABLE THING TO ME AND WELL WORTH THE FIVE DOLLARS. I THINK YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME, HOWEVER, THAT TEN DOLLARS IS A RATHER HIGH PRICE FOR IT, AND YET I WOULD BE PLACED IN POSITION OF PAYING TEN DOLLARS FOR THIS NEWS LETTER IF THE DUES FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WERE INCREASED AS PROPOSED.

"I AM NOT OVERLOOKING THE OTHER VALUABLE FEATURES OF THE ASSOCIATION, SUCH AS THE EXCHANGE OF SCRIPTS, AND THE ASSOCIATIONS WHICH I FIND MOST ENJOYABLE, AND A FEW OTHER FEATURES OF THIS NATURE. HOWEVER, WHEN AN INCREASE OF DUES IS PLANNED, THE MATTER SHOULD BE EVALUATED ON THE BASIS OF THE DIRECT BENEFIT ONE RECEIVES AND, FOR THIS REASON, I WOULD VETO THIS INCREASE.

"IN CASE THE THOUGHT COMES TO MIND, THAT WE SHOULD BE A FULL MEMBER BECAUSE OF OUR FM STATION, WBKY, WHICH WILL BE ON THE AIR NOW WITHIN A MONTH, I WOULD NOT ACCEPT A FULL MEMBERSHIP ON THIS BASIS BECAUSE OF MY IDEA OF THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE BETWEEN OUR BROADCASTING OVER WHAS AND OUR BROADCASTING ON OUR OWN FM STATION AT THE PRESENT TIME. OUR FM STATION HAS BEEN CREATED SIMPLY TO "GET A FOOT IN THE DOOR", IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, AND HOLD OUR LICENSE WHILE I SEE WHAT DEVELOPS IN THE ART. THERE ARE NOT MORE THAN 300 FM RECEIVERS IN THIS TERRITORY RIGHT NOW, SO YOU CAN SEE HOW THE WORK OF OUR STATION WILL COMPARE IN IMPORTANCE WITH OUR WORK OVER WHAS IN WHICH WE AVERAGE A MILLION OR MORE LISTENERS TO OUR PROGRAM."

REGARDS,

YOUR SERVANT,

Frank E. Schooley
FRANK E. SCHOOLEY
PRESIDENT

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ENCLOSURE

DEAR PRESIDENT SCHOOLEY:

PLEASE RECORD MY VOTE ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
NAEB CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

PROPOSAL No. 1:

I VOTE YES NO ON THIS PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL No. 2:

I VOTE YES NO ON THIS PROPOSAL.

PLEASE RECORD MY PREFERENTIAL VOTE ON INCREASING DUES
IN NAEB AS FOLLOWS:

1. I FAVOR LEAVING DUES AT THE PRESENT LEVELS.
2. I FAVOR INCREASING THE DUES OF ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS BY DOUBLING THE ANNUAL DUES.
3. I FAVOR INCREASING THE ANNUAL DUES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS BY DOUBLING THEM, BUT I FAVOR LEAVING DUES AT THE PRESENT AMOUNT FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

(SIGNED) _____

(FOR) _____

(DATE) _____

NOTE: ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY MAY VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CON-
STITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PLEASE RECORD YOUR
PREFERENCE ON THE CHANGE IN DUES.

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