

**Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission  
Special Meeting**

**10 a.m. ~ May 20, 2015**

Teleconference: 1-800-240-3895, Participant Code: 8981030#

Teleconference will originate at APBI Offices  
135 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

**Agenda**

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. **Introduction of Commission Members and Attendees**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Commissioner Disclosures (pursuant to State of Alaska Ethics Act, AS 39.52 and Operating Policy #05-003, Section II F)**
- V. **Public Comment**
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. **May 4, 2015 Work Session Summary & Recommendations**
    - i. **FY16 Grant Allocations**
      1. **Radio Grants**
      2. **Television Grants**
    - ii. **FY16 Discretionary Fund Allocation**
      1. **Special Project Fund**
      2. **Emergency Fund**
    - iii. **FY16 Engineering Service**
- VII. **Public Comment**
- VIII. **Commission Member Comments**
- IX. **Next Meeting Date: June 22, 2015, 9 a.m., Anchorage Airport Courtyard Marriot**
- XII. **Adjournment**

**APBC Work Session  
Summary & Recommendations  
May 13, 2015**

It has been more than 20 years since the APBC and public broadcasting grantees faced funding cuts such as those just passed by the legislature. The APBC held a work session on May 4, 2015 in order to discuss the 23% funding cut and the implications for non-commercial media services in FY16 and beyond. The Commission was asked to propose a funding plan for FY16 as quickly as possible and to start developing a strategic process for determining grantee funding in FY17 and beyond.

**FY16 Funding**

With the new fiscal year less than 8 weeks away, the Commission needed to be expeditious in making FY16 decisions so managers could proceed with making their respective FY16 budget cuts. The near term decision making process needed to be straight forward in order to avoid delays which would extend budget uncertainty.

The Commission unanimously recommended use of the established funding formula to calculate FY16 radio operating grants. This decision was based on the understanding that stations were prepared for this outcome and it provided the most predictability at this late juncture in the fiscal year.

It was noted that additional information is needed from the TV station managers before making TV grant decisions. It was also noted that decisions concerning the Discretionary Fund and the rural engineering service needed to be made in a timely manner.

**FY17 Funding**

Given the threat of additional budget cuts in FY17, the APBC needs to develop a plan to maximize the investment of SOA funds on behalf of all Alaskans. There is no road map or blue print on how to proceed, but we do have our own history as guidance. Deep budget cuts more than 20 years ago gave rise to CoastAlaska, APBI, the APRN merger with APM and the creation of the Alaska One television service which recently morphed into Alaska Public Television. These large scale system changes shared a common motivational premise, preservation of locally relevant services; and not preservation of organizational structure. These efforts were station lead but they also occurred in response to APBC guidance. That combination is needed again in order to maintain a meaningful level of local service in communities statewide.

The Commission's decision making process for determining possible changes in FY17 grantee eligibility requirements needs to be deliberative, thoughtful and timely. An aggressive time line will be required as the goal is to develop preliminary recommendations by September 30, 2015. This will allow stations adequate time to plan accordingly.

**Special Meeting**

The Commission will hold a Special Meeting on May 20, 2015 by teleconference beginning at 10 a.m. The primary purpose of this meeting is to formalize FY16 plans for stations grants. In addition, the Commission will potentially formalize plans regarding establishment of discretionary funds, funding of the rural engineering service, and the APBC internal budget.

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**Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission**  
Radio Operating Grant Projections Based on Formula  
May 14, 2015

| Station | FY16<br>Preliminary* | FY15<br>Grants | Difference     |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| KNBA    | \$ 97,965            | \$ 132,430.00  | \$ (34,464.59) |
| KSKA    | \$ 97,965            | \$ 132,430.00  | \$ (34,464.59) |
| KBRW    | \$ 101,616           | \$ 137,334.00  | \$ (35,717.82) |
| KYUK    | \$ 98,696            | \$ 133,411.00  | \$ (34,715.44) |
| KCUK    | \$ 65,585            | \$ 79,708.00   | \$ (14,122.88) |
| KDLG    | \$ 97,965            | \$ 132,430.00  | \$ (34,464.59) |
| KUAC    | \$ 103,076           | \$ 139,295.00  | \$ (36,218.51) |
| KZPA    | \$ 35,837            | \$ 51,265.00   | \$ (15,428.36) |
| KIYU    | \$ 79,120            | \$ 105,288.00  | \$ (26,167.99) |
| KHNS    | \$ 98,696            | \$ 133,411.00  | \$ (34,715.44) |
| KBBI    | \$ 97,965            | \$ 132,430.00  | \$ (34,464.59) |
| KTOO    | \$ 101,616           | \$ 137,334.00  | \$ (35,717.82) |
| KDLL    | \$ 97,965            | \$ 132,430.00  | \$ (34,464.59) |
| KRBD    | \$ 103,076           | \$ 139,295.00  | \$ (36,218.51) |
| KMXT    | \$ 101,616           | \$ 137,334.00  | \$ (35,717.82) |
| KOTZ    | \$ 106,727           | \$ 144,195.00  | \$ (37,467.74) |
| KSKO    | \$ 71,776            | \$ 99,596.00   | \$ (27,819.80) |
| KFSK    | \$ 100,886           | \$ 136,353.00  | \$ (35,466.98) |
| KUHB    | \$ 40,643            | \$ 52,907.00   | \$ (12,263.77) |
| KSDP    | \$ 54,131            | \$ 61,098.00   | \$ (6,967.45)  |
| KCAW    | \$ 103,076           | \$ 139,295.00  | \$ (36,218.51) |
| KTNA    | \$ 93,040            | \$ 122,098.00  | \$ (29,057.57) |
| KNSA    | \$ 36,921            | \$ 53,397.00   | \$ (16,476.12) |
| KUCB    | \$ 97,965            | \$ 132,430.00  | \$ (34,464.59) |
| KCHU    | \$ 102,346           | \$ 138,314.00  | \$ (35,967.67) |
| KSTK    | \$ 99,426            | \$ 134,392.00  | \$ (34,966.28) |
|         | \$ 2,285,700         | \$ 3,069,900   | (784,200)      |

\* Assumes annual \$50,000 set aside for Discretionary Funds and \$200,000 set aside for Rural Engineering Service.