

## **Ballot Statement:**

### **KZYX BOARD: COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS**

The situation at the station is as precarious as I have seen in my ten years as a loyal critic of the station. I support Doug McKenty and Patricia Kovner.

My concern: Blame for the current difficulties has fallen almost exclusively on management. Renegade board member John Sakowicz is calling for members to write to the FCC to force the dismissal of Coate and Aigner.

However, whatever management may have done or not done, the BOARD has gone along for at least two years, as Sheila Dawn Tracy's accurate and exhaustive reporting proves. (Tracy's letter to the FCC and other secret files are at [www.greenmac.com](http://www.greenmac.com).)

The board has retreated from its responsibility to be ACCOUNTABLE to the members and to OVERSEE the management.

Unfortunately, this is not just a problem at KZYX. There is an epidemic of know nothing, go along boards: Let the manager do what he wants. No need to tell the members what's going on. They don't care, anyway.

This complacent attitude is what got us to the place we're at now...at KZYX. As members we can do more than complain. We can use our rights and our imagination!

Let's simply REQUIRE the board to discuss with us. Then perhaps board, members, listeners and staff can THINK TOGETHER to fix problems and set the station on the road to IMAGINATIVE RADIO.

A petition of members is going around. Its purpose is to amend the bylaws to require the board to communicate directly with members. It provides a way support change without having to vote for a particular candidate. It says in part:

“The Board will respect the member-supporters of KZYX by:

- 1) Publishing the agenda for board meetings on-air and by email (to any member who requests it) at least 48 hours before the meeting, and

2) Holding at least one board access program on-air every month, during which at least two board members will be available to discuss current issues and controversies and receive and respond to member emails and call-ins.”

We now have signatures including two supervisors and several former board members. If we get 120 member signatures (5% of the members) it could set a precedent for MEMBER-IMAGINED RADIO.

Watch for the petition titled “KZYX Board: Communicate With Members” and please sign it when it comes around.

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