

PETITION

KZYG Board: Communicate With Members

The undersigned listeners, ex-members or members of Mendocino County Public Broadcasting (KZYG) propose to amend the bylaws by adding the following text to the bylaws:

The Board will respect the member-supporters of KZYG 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.

To avoid the expense of a separate mailing, the undersigned request that this proposal be printed and mailed out to the members for a vote at the same time and in the same envelope as the next annual board election, Spring 2014 if possible or 2015.

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PETITION BACKGROUND

This petition does not take a position on other important issues, like the lack of good local news or the suspending of Open Lines. Instead it focuses on the **board** and how it relates to the **members**. Why? Because the board has the **legal responsibility** to be “accountable” to us, the members, and that means it **must communicate** with us. If we can make sure that this communication is **real**—and that is what this petition is about—then other issues, like a real news department can be raised and resolved in the back-and-forth of the discussion.

Why now? In recent years the board has become more and more **remote and unresponsive** so that now it meets mostly **behind closed doors**. Board meetings used to be monthly, now they are every three months. And board committees that are supposed to be open to members aren’t happening at all, anymore.

This is not nice! In fact, it’s an **insult** to our intelligence, even if most of us are asleep.

This petition is a **wake-up** call and an **experiment in member imagined radio**. It calls for an amendment of the bylaws which would change the way the board relates to members and listeners. We think that interacting with the membership is a **good idea** and that announcing agendas and holding a monthly board access show will **liven things up** and work to **everyone’s advantage**.

Happy New Year! And thanks for supporting this petition.

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