

# RECORD OF DECISIONS

From: Broadcasting Board of Governors  
Date: March 8, 2012  
Subject: **Decisions of Board at BBG Meeting of March 8, 2012**

The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) met today at MBN Headquarters in Springfield, VA. The meeting was open for public observation via streaming on the BBG website.

The meeting was attended by the following Board members:

Presiding Governor Michael Lynton  
Governor Victor Ashe  
Governor Michael Meehan  
Governor Dennis Mulhaupt  
Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy & Public Affairs Kathleen Stephens

Governors Susan McCue, Dana Perino, S. Enders Wimbush were not in attendance at the meeting.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors agreed to the following decision elements (all decisions were adopted by a unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated):

1. Adoption of Minutes of February 11, 2012 Special Meeting and January 13, 2012 Meeting. The Board adopted the minutes of both meetings as set forth in Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.
2. Resolution on David Burke Distinguished Journalism Awards. The Board adopted a draft resolution for the winners of the David Burke Distinguished Journalism Awards. A ceremony will be held at a Board meeting in the near future to recognize the winners of the David Burke Awards.
3. Resolution Honoring Walter Isaacson. The Board adopted a draft resolution honoring Walter Isaacson as set forth in Attachment 3.
4. Resolution Honoring Assistant Secretary Ann Stock. The Board adopted a draft resolution honoring Ann Stock as set forth in Attachment 4.
5. Resolution Honoring Michael Marchetti. The Board adopted a draft resolution honoring Michael Marchetti as set forth in Attachment 5.

6. Resolution Honoring Radio Sawa's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Board adopted a draft resolution honoring Radio Sawa's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as set forth in Attachment 6.
7. Adoption of Governance Committee Recommendations. The Board heard a briefing from Governor Mulhaupt regarding the Governance Committee meeting held on March 8, 2012. The Board adopted the following recommendations by the Governance Committee:
  - a. Statement Describing the Roles and Authorities of the Presiding Governor.
    - i. The Board adopts the following statement of the authorities of the Presiding Governor:

The Presiding Governor shall exercise the roles and authorities of the Chair of the Board, as such roles and authorities are defined in these By-Laws and the decisions of the Board.

In the event that the Board appoints a Presiding Governor, the Presiding Governor may select an Alternate Presiding Governor with the approval of the plenary Board. The Alternate Presiding Governor shall have the authority to preside at meetings of the Board in the event the Presiding Governor is absent from a meeting or is otherwise unable to perform his or her duties.
    - ii. The Board appoints Governor Dennis Mulhaupt as the Alternate Presiding Governor.
  - b. Adoption of the November 17, 2011 and February 9, 2012 Governance Committee Reports. The Board adopts the November 17, 2011 and February 9, 2012 Governance Committee reports in their entirety as set forth in Attachments 7 and 8, respectively.
  - c. Committee Roster. The Board adopts the following Committee roster:
    - i. The Communications and Outreach Committee is co-chaired by Governors McCue, Meehan, and Perino. The Communications and Outreach Committee has a sub-committee on Global Internet Freedom co-chaired by Governors Meehan and Perino and a sub-committee on Innovation chaired by Governor McCue.
    - ii. The Governance Committee is chaired by Governor Mulhaupt. Governors Ashe, Lynton, and McCue are members of the Governance Committee.
    - iii. The Strategy and Budget Committee is co-chaired by Governors Meehan and Wimbush. Governor Ashe is a member of the Committee.

- iv. While the Chair of the plenary Board serves as an ex officio member of all Committees, the Chair is a non-voting ex officio member of all Committees of the Board.

8. Approval of BBG's Role in Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Lease Arrangement

- a. The Board resolved to approve the BBG's participation as "co-obligor" in the proposed lease arrangement between RFE/RL and L88 of the RFE/RL headquarters lease in Prague, Czech Republic based on the description of the proposed transaction provided by the International Broadcasting Bureau Director and as approved by the RFE/RL Board on March 8, 2012.

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Michael Lynton  
Presiding Governor

Witnessed:

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Paul Kollmer-Dorsey  
Secretary

Attachments:

1. Minutes of February 11, 2012 Special Meeting
2. Minutes of January 13, 2012 Meeting
3. Resolution Honoring Walter Isaacson
4. Resolution Honoring Assistant Secretary Ann Stock
5. Resolution Honoring Michael Marchetti
6. Resolution Honoring Radio Sawa's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
7. Governance Committee Report from November 17, 2011 Meeting
8. Governance Committee Report from February 9, 2012 Meeting