

## NPC Call Notes: 1-14-14

Facilitating: David

Notes: Shamako

On the Call: Lauren, Alfredo, Cheri, David, Jerome, Walda, Rose, Shamako, Rob, Monica, Pam, Danielle, Ellen, Bambose, Sylvia, Jackie

(Check-In's)

Rose: Acknowledgement of Amiri Baraka

\*1. New NPC Applications/approvals (Jerome)\*:

Decisions-Do it by consensus of this call. Approved

All of those Groups approved by  
Alliance for Global Justice-Tuscon, AZ

Multimedia Center-Approved

- a. Founded 12 years ago
- b. Came out of the gap from artists getting from the studio to the record store
- c. Youth coalition from birth to 25
- d. Small business and organizations-technical support to advance their services

Global Fam -Mic Crenshaw-Approved

- a. Connecting with artists and organizing in Africa
- b. Also the national organizer for the Afrikan Hip Hop Caravan
- c. Active in the Pacific Northwest Social Forum

Rap Force Academy-Approved

All Groups Approved

\*2. Political Discussion for "The Call to The Movement" (Shamako)\*

NPC did not get a draft document prior to the meeting. Drafting team continues to work on the document and invites input from NPC members after folks have time to review. NPC will get a revised statement prior to formal approval, but NPC members will be asked to approve this version within a short window--24 hours, so watch for the text.

This document is what will go out to the world- to invite participation in the USSF-3. So we need input from NPC folks and hope to get this out as quickly as we can, once all input is incorporated.

Jerome-This is the first time that we've ever put the call in terms of a three year plan. That is really important and clear.

Alfredo-That document that is on that pad. Using that on that. Longest document on the call. Make statements in the pad. a. Rose-The is the last of various formations. We thought it was solid but wanted to get feedback from folks on the floor.

b. Walda-

[https://pad.riseup.net/p/A\\_Call\\_to\\_the\\_Movement-New\\_Draft](https://pad.riseup.net/p/A_Call_to_the_Movement-New_Draft)

\*3. Decision making process/accountability/ process\*

\*a. DRAFT Proposal: One page Orientation for USSF Structure, Policies, Procedures (David)\*  
TABLED till next meeting so NPC members can review the document prior to call.

\*4. Budget/Fundraising\*

Monica:

End of years of financials-

a. Raised about \$800 dollars-Didn't actually get a comparison. Thanks to Victor!

b. If you look at the end of year financials where we were at the end of the year-

At about \$50,000 to start up the next Social Forum

Have about \$8000 in expenses. Have about \$10,000 in total. Travel for site selection. That's the end of the year financials.

David: Big picture component. We need to be conscious of PMA's, NPC meetings, Sites as the come on line, and overall staffing. Is that right?

Monica-yes

Sylvia-Developing promotional materials should be considered as a budget item

Cheri-Citywide meeting on Feb. 8th. The sooner we have agreed upon images, the better.

Jerome-Just wanted to see if he missed it. Is there a big budget item for fundraising itself in the

budget.

Monica-There is not and there has not been one historically.

Jerome-Think that we're going to need an item to do that, and we're going to need add an item for that.

Rosemary-Report what was said about fundraising. Need to do some more grassroots organizing.

#### \*5. Working Group Reports\*

Res/Dev-Working on 2014 plan while also doing financing. Plan for continuing to develop affinity groups so that we can do fundraising around that area. Shamako and Jacqui Patterson on that. Online campaigns, in the spirit of what Sylvia was speaking to. Going to developing NPC member support policy-working it with foundations. Recommendations with MC. They take several months. Asking members for support. Whatever they can provide on a sliding scale. Need help in identifying funders. Sharing our E-asks and turning them around.

Reaching out to new foundations and reaching out to foundations that we've had relationships with and major donor's as well.

Com/Tech

Comms-Tech Working Group

\*Meeting in Philadelphia Saturday Feb. 1. Agenda and details are still in the works. Meeting will be with Anchors and with communications/tech activists and group in Philadelphia. Outreach to Philly groups in general will be done as well. Asking NPC folks for any contacts in Philly so we can invite them to meetings as appropriate.

Working group is \*Looking for a few good members! Need help with newsletter editorial collective, social media editorial team, coordination team, Open Source tech support (website and multi-site meeting tech support, registration, etc.)

Arts and Culture-- Meeting Jan. 31 for working group 5pm Pacific/8 East. Shamako is contact if you need details. [http://wiki.ussocialforum.net/wiki/Art\\_and\\_Culture](http://wiki.ussocialforum.net/wiki/Art_and_Culture)

Road Team-

Site Coordination-Every other Sunday-4pm Eastern Time. Next call with be the 19th. We have scheduled, as the site team indicated.

\*Just had first call with the Philly anchors. Lots of folks on that call. Part of what is being done on the road, help be a coordination and communications point between various sites. We're planning on holding that. The site team and the anchors.

We hope that our overall plan is approved by the NPC.

We're moving more intentionally through this political space. Our recommendation through the ROAD call last. In days that we gathering in several sites. Preferably two days, PMA/workshop. Possibly 50 50. Not today, but something to discuss when we get to the actual plan.

Site team and the Anchors are going to be meeting on a monthly basis and make sure that all of the different functions that need to happen are happening. We've included that. We're looking at the contracts, venues that detail. Looking to hold that in collective way.

Rose-Affirming Walda's statement. If you are interested in joining this working group, please feel free to join this group.

Walda-Again the call is on Sunday on 4 eastern, 1 pm.

Sylvia-Really glad to hear this report. Glad to hear the great work that's going on. What sounds like site selection team interest in holding the logistics part of the work-we mentioned that MWRU had offered to anchor the logistics. The subject for new folks. The Logistics is an established working. We do have a process for establishing working groups. Not sure how to interpret it. How it is that we go from here. Seeing about setting up a call last month. Seeing about what we can do about that. How should we interpret and explain.

Walda-We welcome all of the energy and input from all of the organizations. We want to ensure that any working groups that are functioning, it's at the ACT level, that we're trying to hold over all organizations and direction that we are trying to carry out for the overall process. The MWRU, if folks are interested in doing that, let's figure that out. If that's what that means, let's figure out what that means. In addition, let's also figure out. Site team, had this discussion, in the site to site visit. All of these process. How do we hold and coordinate this work immediately. Really embedded thing. That was the thinking of the ROAD group.

Sylvia-Perfectly understand the politics around the work. Maybe it makes sense to figure out how to merge the two groups. It feels territorial, which is a little difficult. Put in a tremendous amount of work in the last forum, and the relationships that we have with folks. And there are also lessons that there are there. This also about dynamics.

Rose-The way to move. Logistics is so core, and it will have to be embedded in the Road. Get folks embedded to be a part of the ACT team. This is a difficult and complicated process. Even more so because it's a difficult process. For political movement, different kind of process. Not

territorial, getting in the mix in way we can all participate. Get connected to the monthly calls.

Sylvia-Checked in. Can't get on the Sunday calls, neither can Marian. Have some more conversations about. Disappointed in the way that this has been approached. A bit of a slight.

Jerome-For the moment. Combine the two work groups. Outreach/PMA consolidated both groups. When it becomes necessary, split into two work groups.

David-This is the work, this is the struggle.

\*7. Polycentric site logistics (Site team proposal)\*

\* Political education: Outreach/PMA: Sharing experience and documents for

PMA development \*

David-Outreach mostly focused on welcoming, identifying, needs of folks working. Named meeting time for Outreach. PMA's part is for identifying places where PMA's are ongoing. It's the same people, being able to focus on piece or work or the other. Had a very successful PMA in NW in Washington. Shout out to Monica Beemer and Edgar franks. Community to Community. We identified 3 PMA's that will be anchored. Also looking at other locations or trying to find them. Our next call is Jan 20. 1pm Pacific/4pm Eastern

Jerome-Outreach end. Trying to develop the two working groups. Youth working group/Native American working. Second big thing we need to work on is the consolidation of the NPC members. Excited to talk to the new NPC members at Face to Face meeting.

Walda-Put Youth and language justice on our radar

International Committee Quick report

Walda-Couple of folks from the NW area, 1-2 retreat, sometime between Saturday, Sunday, Monday, wanted to get a bit of a leadership core together because Jen has some new obligations now. This is actually quite important. Possibly a funding proposal via J. Patterson.

Rob-Will be involved in it this weekend, in whatever form it takes. We will def. form that.

Cheri-It would great to have somebody from any of the anchor groups at that meeting. We have tons of international relationships. Is there a way to get information on the meeting so that we can possibly send somebody on the bus. Jen is good option.

David-It's on the NPC list. Came from Jen.

Gender Justice-Tomorrow evening we are meeting at 8:30 eastern. Jacqui will be talking about the Affinity group plan. There's a growing interest in doing the work. Very, very central. Sending out new number. 2014 Gender Justice PMA

Shamako-send to me and list

David-One pager with the Working groups, contact information and meeting times.-Have one person from the Philadelphia working groups. Polycentric groups. That's about it

Poverty Working Group-No report

Created a really amazing survey that was sent out to folks. Tool available to many working groups. Build out the 2014 workplan

\*6. NPC face to face meeting\*

Jerome-

Really important steps being taken that we need to consolidate.

1. 3 year plan
2. Political framing
3. New NPC members.

Really need to get together and make sure that we have meeting soon. The other point that we should take up at the face to face meeting.

People's movement assemblies. What they are and how you organize. So we want to talk about that. How do we implement our plan. And how do we get some clarity and unity. The reality is that NPC meetings, the next step on that needs to be the ACT get a proposal together and then get back to the NPC sooner rather than later.

Sylvia-Always big thing is cost. It would also be good if we could get NPC organizations and see what kind of support organizations could provide for orgs. Figure out what NPC orgs can contribute towards it. Orgs are funded in different ways and have different budgets. It would be helpful to know what folks have available to them and good to know.

David-Completely agree-doing a gut check. Reality that we are in a different world than we were in 2007/2010

Have a lot of things to pick up on the next NPC call. We will try to get some concrete proposals in advance. Times for comments and questions. Gone a little over ten minutes.

Walda-How to hold logistics-to Sylvia-can we get together to work some things out. Request to

the MWRU. Think we can do that.

Jerome-Just wanted to say, during the face to face meeting. Really don't know if we need approval from the NPC. Winter or Spring of this year.

Formal Proposal-Early Spring or Late Winter

Banbose-Propose a formal date.

Jerome: Next ACT meeting is this Thursday.

Pam: Concerned that late winter (March) might be a little too soon.

David-Ready to accept the proposal for NPC meeting-trying to get is to resolution to those concerns.

Pam-meeting to Atlanta I wasn't able to get to. Like to be able to come, support it happening. That just being weighed in and considered.