



TO: ANCC MEMBERS
FROM: JOHN REPICKY
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (Jan. 4, 2006- Norwalk)

Jan. 11, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

- Darien: Dave Dever
Easton: Leighton Jordan
Greenwich: Stuart Reider
New Canaan:
Norwalk: Marge Costa, Victor Cromwell
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Bob Atkinson, Don Saltzman
Westport: Hal Levy, David Dreyfuss, Judith Freedman
Wilton: John Repicky
Cablevision: Chris Klimek, Deb Hutton, Steve Shaye, Myles Rich,
Public: Dolly Curtis

1) Meeting began at 6:08 pm with 9 towns represented. HL reminded members of the importance of "signing in". Minutes of Nov. 30 were approved. Hal Levy announced that Chris Klimek was being re-assigned to Bethpage, L.I. as Dir. Of Media for CV Business Division. Deb Hutton noted that CV will be hiring someone to fill Chris' position.

2) Treasurer's Report -

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Date, ANCC Account, Access Escrow. Rows include Opening Balance, Interest & Dep., Checks & Debits, and Closing Balance.

The Treasurer's report was approved. JR noted that there are a number of approved grants (Darien, Norwalk, Greenwich, Redding) that have not yet been paid to the towns because voucher forms have not been received.

3) Access Grants

HL noted that the deadline for the 2005 grant program expired on 12/31, and there is a surplus of approximately \$12,900 in the Government Access grant account.

DS motion: To create 5 new grants of \$2500 each with surplus 2005 access funds. Applications will be due on March 15, and grants will be awarded by the ANCC at the March 22 meeting. Motion approved: Unan

HL requested that CV meet with the ANCC Exec Committee to discuss the structure of the 2006 Access Grant program.

4) Docket 05-04-10 Franchise Renewal & Needs Assessment:

HL submitted Needs Assessment info to Brian Grogan on Dec. 15. The deadline for the Needs Assessment is now the end of February due to a delay in the tech assessment (which will now occur in early February.) He also noted that there have been two sets of interrogatories (CV and SoundView) sent out and received by the DPUC. All members have received them and should review these, as they will be discussed as the renewal process proceeds. HL noted that the ANCC can issue its own interrogatories.

Hal referenced Docket 97-09-09 (Application of Soundview CM as Access Provider) and issues that have come up over Soundview's desire to monitor the I-Net. Hal expressed concern that Soundview might gain the ability to monitor Area 9 transmissions. He also noted that members should review the

docket info that he sent, and warn their town officials of Soundview's intent to capture E&G channels, which would require towns to apply to Soundview for the use of the channel.

HL requested that CV reply to the Soundview interrogatories as quickly as possible and state their position on providing PEG access for Area 9, so that this issue could be settled before the franchise renewal docket goes any farther.

HL summed up his request by asking CV to be totally involved in PEG access in Area Nine and not be satisfied with outsourcing this valuable service.

Deb Hutton noted that she will be having franchise renewal discussions with Corporate in the next few weeks, and PEG access/3<sup>rd</sup> party providers will be her number one topic.

#### **5) PEG Access Issues:**

I-Net logs are due this month. Use the log form from the ANCC site and attach the printouts from your WinEM software if you are using a Mini-T. Get the logs in ASAP, but by Feb 1 at the latest. Send the logs to Myles Rich (mrich@cablevision.com).

Dave Dreyfuss made the case for advertising local access schedules on the ANCC website and in local papers.

#### **6) Docket 05-06-12 – Video over IP:**

New schedule: DPUC held hearings on 12/7 and 12/15 in New Britain; DS was the only spokesperson from the general public. He advocated requiring SBC to apply for a CATV franchise and maintaining a level playing field. There are many late filings. Final decision is scheduled for April 12.

#### **7) Docket 05-07-09 (Petition for a Declaratory Ruling on “Paid Employees”):**

Final decision was rendered by the DPUC. Conclusion is available on the DPUC website.

#### **8) Rate Hikes:**

Customers have received their notices. CV did not have the weighted averages as requested at the last meeting. CK said that she hopes to have them soon and will send to HL via e-mail.

#### **9) Annual Report:**

The ANCC Annual Report is due by the end of January. This is the first year that the ANCC will have its official annual report in January rather than at the Annual Meeting. HL and JR will prepare it and submit it.

#### **10) Other:**

DS reported that he recently called customer service and was connected to a rep in 3 rings (no queue). He received an appointment in a 1 hour window on a Friday. A second call a few days later, and he wound up with a 4 minute queue. HL requested that the ANCC have a “field trip” to the customer service facility in Stratford in the near future.

Dave Dreyfuss brought up the issue of “a la carte” programming since time shifting of programming is now readily available.

Dolly Curtis requested that CV reposition the analog editing equipment to make it more user friendly, and provide more training on the AVIO digital editing system.

Meeting dates: 2/15 Wilton; 3/22 Stratford (includes visit to Customer Service Center); 4/26 Greenwich; Annual Meeting TBA

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 pm