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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF January 29, 2025 MEETING VIA ZOOM

January 31, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, ~~David Dever~~, Mike Wheeler, Tim McGuire
Easton: Doug Dempsey
Greenwich: Craig Jones, ~~Horst Tobbe, Don Conway, Ken Borsuk~~, Sean Mayo
New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak, Bob Doran~~, Roman Cebulski
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, ~~John Frede~~
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford: Eric Morson, ~~Bob Lion, Ryan Fealey~~
Weston:
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan
Wilton: Jeffrey Boehme, Maria Breece
Region 9: ~~Mike D'Agostino~~
Altice: Esme Lombard
Ed Committee:
Guests:

Excused: Dave Dever (Darien)

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:02pm with nine towns represented.

1. **Minutes** of the December 11 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - Annual Report to PURA filed on 1/7/2025 and sent to Area 9 CEO's and schools Superintendents
 - Invoices sent to Altice on 1/2/2025 for \$2K CAC funding, \$100K + \$25K 2025 grants. These three payments were received on 1/29/2025
 - Request to Altice on 1/2/2025 for Frontier pass-through funds
4. **2025 Round 1 grant program**
 - \$65,000 each to E & G
 - 9 grants of \$7,225 on the Government side (Weston has opted out)
 - Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee
 - A maximum of \$3,000 for each grant could be allocated to operations
 - The deadline for submitting grants from the towns is May 19
 - The deadline for submitting grants from the schools is September 13
 - Unused Round 1 funds retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants
 - Eligibility requirements as outlined in the Grant Procedures <http://a9cc.org/GrantProcedures.pdf> shall apply to these grants

Delinquent Grant Reports:

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Wilton E	\$3,000.00	7/1/2024	12/28/2024	Defer until end of April
New Canaan E	\$500.00	11/4/2024	1/3/2025	Repicky ES
Norwalk G	\$4,905.00	10/28/2024	12/27/2024	

5. **Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions**

Jeff extended a shout-out to Maria for fixing the Wilton G-channel Cablecast problem, which was preventing the delivery of programming to the channel.

6. **Other Matters**

- Optimum carriage dispute with MSG – Still negotiating a settlement. Altice is working on alternative solutions to give MSG access to Optimum subscribers
- Optimum and Nexstar reached an agreement on its carriage dispute

Future Meetings: 3/19/2025 5/28/2025 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.