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Area 9 Cable Council

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**TO: A9CC MEMBERS**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**February 2, 2023**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever, Joan McGettigan  
Easton: Doug Dempsey  
Greenwich: ~~Craig Jones, Horst Tobbe, Don Conway, Michael Reid~~  
New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak~~, Bob Doran, Roman Cebulski  
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, Mark Minnock, ~~Andy Garfunkel, Trevor Kline~~  
Redding: Bob Moran  
Stamford: ~~Eric Morson, Alec Logman~~  
Weston: ~~Don Saltzman~~  
Westport: Hal Levy, ~~Stan Witkow~~, Natalie Carrigan  
Wilton: ~~Gary Battaglia~~, Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: Esme Lombard  
Ed Committee: Julie Casper Roth (NCC)  
Guests:

Excused: Craig Jones (Greenwich); Eric Morson (Stamford); Stan Witkow (Westport)

Hal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:04pm with seven towns represented.

1. **Minutes** of the December 14 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
  - **Getting CSH programming on the access channels** - Esme looked into using TelVue to transmit CSH programs to the Greenwich feed, but reported that it would not work for this purpose.
  - **Return of Weston Equipment** – Doug reported that claimed equipment has been distributed. The list of remaining equipment will be updated after adjusting for inoperable items. After which the remaining unclaimed items will be disposed of by some means.
  - **Invoices** were sent to Altice for \$2K Council funding and \$100K +\$25K for 2023 E&G funding. These were paid on 1/27/23.. A request for Uverse pass through E&G funds TBD was also made. These funds will be used for Round 2 grants.
  - **The A9CC Annual Report** was filed with PURA on 1/6/23 and distributed to Council members, Area 9 town CEO's & schools superintendents,
  - **2022 I-net reports** due 2/1/23. Owed E: \*Greenwich, \*Norwalk, Region 9, \*Stamford, \*Weston, NCC, CSH; G: Easton, \*Greenwich, \*Stamford, \*Weston; Wilton. Towns & schools that have not submitted I-net reports or program logs will not be eligible for 2023 grants.  
\* indicates no grants taken in 2022.
4. **2022 Round 2 grant program:** A request from Darien G was approved to reallocate \$342.10 in funds received in 2022 Round 2 from equipment to operations (camera operators).

### Delinquent Grant Reports

<b>Town/School</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Notes/Status</b>
Westport E	\$9,812.00	5/27/2022	7/26/2022	Extended to next meeting
Region 9 E	\$9,275.86	9/23/2022	11/22/2022	Extended to next meeting
CSH E	\$8,513.85	9/29/2022	11/28/2022	Will request refund
Wilton G	\$2,500.00	5/4/2022	11/20/2022	Will request refund
Norwalk G	\$5,306.86	10/11/2022	12/10/2022	Extended to next meeting

**5. 2023 Round 1 grant program:**

Round 1 grants based on ~\$130K funding income. Unused Round 1 funds + UVerse funds will be used for round 2 grants. The following was adopted:

- \$65,025 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 17
- The deadline for submitting grants from the schools is September 14
- 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

**6. Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions:** Jim discussed problems with uploading program videos due to a 10MBPS upload speed on his Optimum internet service. Optimum advertises its upload speeds to be 1/10 the download speeds for a selected service plan. There was discussion about equipment issues (modems & routers) which could contribute to poor performance. Esme suggested checking Optimum's plan offerings at <https://www.optimum.com/>.

**7. Other Matters**

- Mike made a request to Altice for \$6,000 to fund trophies and equipment prizes for this year's Education Access Awareness Awards. Esme will present it to the company.
- Mike commended Altice on the recent fiber construction at Joel Barlow High School in Redding.

Future meetings: 3/22/2023, 5/31/2023 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.