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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS **March 21, 2024**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2024 MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

- Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever, ~~Mike Wheeler~~, Tim McGuire
- Easton: Doug Dempsey
- Greenwich: Craig Jones, Horst Tebbe, ~~Don Conway~~, Barbara Heins ~~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, Fran Kompar
- Region 9: Mike D'Agostino
- Altice: Esme Lombard
- Ed Committee:
- Guests:

Excused: Mike Wheeler (Darien)

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:02pm with nine towns represented. He welcomed Bob Lion and Barbara Heins back to A9CC following their hiatuses.

1. **Minutes** of the January 31 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved
3. **Old Business:**
 - Payments were received from Altice for \$2K Council funding and \$100K +\$25K for 2024 E&G funding. Uverse pass through E&G funds TBD pending for use on Round 2 grants..
 - **Status of appointments for current term:** All appointments have been received with the exception of Gary Battaglia from Wilton, who is being dropped from the roles.
 - 2023 I-net reports due 2/1/24. Owed Education: *Greenwich, *Norwalk, *Stamford, *Weston, CSH. Government: *Greenwich, *Stamford
* indicates no grants taken in 2023.

4. **2024 Round 1 grant program**

\$62,460 each to E & G; 9 grants of \$6,940 on the Government side; 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 11. Unused Round 1 funds will be retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Westport E	\$6,943.90	0	Approved
New Canaan E	\$5,779.50	0	Approved
Easton G	\$1,200.00	0	Reallocate 2023 funds approved
Easton G	\$4,440.00	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports:

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Redding G	\$1,971.00	12/18/2023	2/16//2024	Will Request
Westport G	\$3,499.00	10/31/2023	12/20/2023	Requested \$1499 Eq portion
Region 9E	\$10,997.32	12/18/2023	2/16//2024	Extended to next meeting
*Wilton E	\$3,750.00	12/19/2023	2/17//2024	Extended to next meeting
CSH E	\$2,857.00	12/20/2023	2/18//2024	Will Request

*The council approved accelerated payment of a new Wilton \$3,000 operations grant, since the order on this grant is backordered.

5. Annual Meeting

Scheduled for 5PM 5/29/24 on Zoom. Advise Hal with any recommendations for a speaker. The Ed Committee will present a collection of student videos from this year's Educational Access Awareness Awards. There will be an Election of officers. Doug Dempsey and Mark Minnock were elected to the nominating committee to present a proposed slate of officer candidates at the meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

6. Other Matters

- Esme spoke of several community outreach programs from Altice
- Bob L inquired about attrition of Cable subscribers and how it might affect the funding of PEG. Esme spoke about [HB5466](#) *AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION, THE CONNECTICUT TELEVISION NETWORK AND LOW-INCOME INTERNET ACCESS*, which addresses this issue. The bill was spawned by PURA Docket 22-06-26, in which A9CC participated.
- Mike D thanked Esme and Altice for agreeing to once again fund the upcoming Educational Access Awareness Awards.

Future Meetings: 5/29/2024 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.