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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF March 19, 2025 MEETING VIA ZOOM

March 20, 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: Carrie Wysocki (Darien)
Excused: Irene Dixon (Norwalk); David Dever, Jim Cameron (Darien); Bob Moran (Redding); Maria Breece (Wilton)

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:01pm with eight towns represented. He announced that we will no longer do roll call at Zoom meetings and use the Zoom participant list as the attendance record.

Hal welcomed guest Carrie Wysocki, who is a member of the Darien TV79 advisory board and possible future A9CC government member.

1. **Minutes** of the January 29 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - **I-Net Logs** or programming logs are due from E: *Norwalk, Region 9, *Weston, Wilton, *NCC, CSH; G: *Greenwich, *Stamford, *Weston, *Wilton (*no grants taken in 2024). Logs must be submitted to qualify for future grants.
 - Request to Altice on 1/2/2025 for **Frontier pass-through funds**. Esme will check status.
 - **Optimum carriage dispute with MSG** resolved. Optimum encouraged customers to call 844-675-8595 to find the programming package to suit their needs and inquire about receiving a refund for subscription charges while programming was not available.
 - **Educational Access Awards Funding**. Mike D has made several requests to Altice to sponsor the awards again. He is hoping that this can be accomplished in a more seamless process going forward. Mike enumerated several benefits to the educational community from this program. Hal added the tradition of outreach for community access that has been entrusted to cable operators. Esme has escalated the request and will continue to follow up.

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.

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Easton G	\$4,900.00	0	

Delinquent Grant Reports:

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
New Canaan E	\$500.00	11/4/2024	1/3/2025	Repicky ES, Contact Roman
Region 9 E	\$4,449.00	12/16/2024	2/14/2025	Will submit soon
CSH E	\$3,993.77	12/17/2024	2/15/2025	Contact David
CSH E	\$500.00	12/17/2024	2/15/2025	Repicky ES; Contact David
Redding G	\$2,642.00	12/19/2024	2/17/2025	Contact Bob

5. **Annual Meeting** will be held May 28 on Zoom. There is no election this year, but appointments will be requested in June for new two-year terms for A9CC members. Incumbent members should notify their Mayors, Selectmen and Schools Superintendents regarding their desire to continue serving on A9CC. Ed Committee will create an EAAA presentation to be viewed at the meeting. If anyone has a recommendation for a Speaker, let Hal know.

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

Doug asked that Altice provide Access Channels viewer statistics for Area 9. Esme will look into.

7. **Other Matters**

- Jeff reported downed cables on **Wilton Utility poles**. He asked how to find out who owns the poles and how to restore the cables. Esme said that this can be reported to her and also anyone report any downed lines to 631-393-2115. This line is manned 24/7.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm.