



TO: ANCC MEMBERS
FROM: Carole Young-Kleinfeld
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (May 30, 2007)

May 31, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron
Easton: Leighton Jordan
Greenwich: Stu Reider
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak
Norwalk: Victor Cromwell
Redding: Robert Moran
Stamford: Geza Ziegler
Weston: Don Saltzman, Bob Atkinson
Westport: Hal Levy, Jeff Stollenwerck
Wilton: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, John Repicky
Cablevision: Jennifer Nacewicz, Myles Rich

Guests: Dolly Curtis, Doug Dempsey and Andy Anderson (Easton), Joe Bonomo (Wilton), Barbara Levy and Allyson Stollenwerck (Westport), Esther Ziegler (Stamford), and Harry Glass—Guest Speaker, OmniVue

1. Minutes: The ANCC Annual Meeting began at 6:30 pm. HL welcomed members and guests. The ANCC approved the April 25, 2007 minutes, as amended to reflect that Doug Dempsey (Easton) and Paul Curtis (Greenwich) attended as guests.

2. Financial Report: There is a balance on \$7,792.21 in the ANCC account and, with the receipt of the 2007 CV Access Grant in April, a balance of \$118,776.62 in the Access Escrow account. Since \$15,642 has been encumbered for 2006 E and G Access grants not yet paid, the unencumbered balance available for 2007 is \$103,134.62. Report accepted unanimously.

3. Old Business:

Public Access staffing: CV responded to HL's request for a listing of the Public Access staff. HL forwarded the listing to ANCC members for review and questions. MR and JN reported that 2 full-time employees are assigned exclusively to PEG operations; others have additional assignments. CV is interviewing for the position of Public Access coordinator.

Pending Legislation: **HB 7182:** To create a new type of certification process for video providers. HL reported that ANCC took action on this item and will continue to track this bill.

4. Discussion of Joining Alliance for Community Media: CYK summarized the purpose and goals of ACM, a national Washington DC-based non-profit, nonpartisan organization that supports PEG efforts around the country. ACM provides educational workshops, networking opportunities, news and information from PEG providers, and lobbying Congress and the FCC in support of PEG. There is a New England Chapter of ACM, but no members from Connecticut. The group suggested that CYK do additional research on the benefits, activities, and membership dues and present her findings to the ANCC in September. SR moved that the ANCC move faster on the decision by calling a special meeting this summer to examine the research and make a decision on joining. Motion failed 5-6.

5. Budget for Access Funds: HL reviewed the possible Access grant implications of Section 7.13 of

the new Cablevision franchise agreement. He noted that the DPUC has created a new docket, #07-05-24, to address the question raised by the ANCC about Section 7.13 which would make Access programming available only to Cablevision customers. The ANCC has expressed concerns about this limitation because other sources of support (town, private funding, in-kind donations, and competitive video service providers' support) contribute to community access production and broadcasting. After discussion and several questions about the possible reaction of individual towns to this limitation, about mixed-ownership equipment use, about Fair Use, about streaming former programs on the Internet, and about the DPUC's timetable for examining the implications of 7.13, DS suggested that a notice be added to the grant forms summarizing the limitations until the DPUC decides this matter.

CV has proposed to offer several packages of equipment from which towns could choose, rather than managing 10 different requests for miscellaneous equipment this year. Several towns' G-representatives expressed interest in character-generating equipment to add "crawls" to bottom of video. In light of equipment packages being more relevant to G-channels, DS proposed a 60/40 split (E/G) for the \$100,000 Access Grant. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Guest Speaker: Harry Glass, ANCC's guest speaker from OmniVue, a manufacturers' representation company, discussed the future of video production. He presented a slide show demonstrating the evolution of video equipment from its early analog roots to emerging digital technology. Harry can give assistance to towns & schools in the technological development of the E&G channels.

7. ANCC Chairman's Report: HL reviewed the busy past year of ANCC activities: franchise renewal, educational awards to student producers, legislative action in support for a level playing field with the introduction of IPTV and for PEG support in emerging technologies. He recognized the accomplishments of ANCC volunteers and CV staff and congratulated Darien's G-channel for outstanding progress this year. Finally, he urged members to encourage their town officials to fill vacancies on the ANCC. The Council will meet in Westport in September.

8. Schedule 2007-2008: Meetings are on Wednesdays, at 6 pm, unless otherwise noted. Please contact HL or CYK to sign up to host a meeting in your community.

9/5/07--Westport, 10/17/07—Weston, 11/28/07—OPEN, 1/9/08—Wilton, 2/13/08—OPEN, 3/19/08—OPEN, 4/23/08—OPEN, 5/28/08—ANNUAL MEETING TBA.

9. Other Business:

C-SPAN Question: SR questioned why CV can't carry C-SPAN on Basic service on Channel 65. He has been hearing complaints among some Greenwich residents. He mentioned that these customers have free, 1-year digital service with many additional channels, but still can't receive C-SPAN on Channel 65. CYK also has heard complaints in Wilton. HL asked for clarification of why the Bridgeport area CV line-up includes C-SPAN on Basic but the ANCC area line-up doesn't. JC reminded the group that CSPAN should be treated differently from a commercial channel because it was established by the cable industry itself as a service to the public and broadcasts only public affairs programming. In that way, it is similar to CT-N and to E and G Access. JN will research question and possible solutions and respond to ANCC.

Educational Access Awards (Eddy Award): JR reported on the awards to students this year: the E-Committee received 53 student entries from individuals, groups, and classes in all grade levels. The Committee recognized 14 entries for outstanding videos and awarded 27 Eddy trophies. JR thanked JN and Gary Shaw (Cablevision) for their support for the student awards.

Public Access Procedures: DC reviewed changes since the retirement of John Sherwood, former PA studio coordinator. She suggested that a letter be sent from CV to PA producers outlining new procedures and updating them on the transition to new staff. MR reported that interim duties are

handled by Laura LiVigne and Shawn Hendrickson at CV while interviews are being held for the job of PA coordinator.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Secretary

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