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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS **May 26, 2022**
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, David Dever, ~~Jean McGettigan~~
Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Craig Jones, ~~Barbara Heins, Horst Tebbe, 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: ~~Bob Lion~~, Eric Morson, ~~Alec Logman~~
Weston: ~~Don Saltzman, Gabe Tully~~
Westport: Hal Levy, ~~Stan Witkow~~, Natalie Carrignan
Wilton: ~~Gary Battaglia~~, Jeffrey Boehme, Fran Kompar
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino
Altice: Esme Lombard
Ed Committee:
Guests: Eileen Zhang (Westport); Larry Manzi (Norwalk)
Excused: Joan McGettigan (Darien); Barbara Heins (Greenwich); Bob Doran (New Canaan)
Hal called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:03pm with ten towns represented.

1. **Minutes** of the March 23 meeting was approved.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - 2021 I-Net Reports / Programming Logs: No new grants awarded without report. Reports have not been submitted by Greenwich, Norwalk, Weston & CSH Education and Weston Government.
4. **2022 Round 1 grant program:** Round 1 grants totaling \$132,000. Unused Round 1 funds + UVerse funds will be used for round 2 grants. \$66,000 each to E & G, 10 grants of \$6,600 on the Government side, Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee, A maximum of \$2,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations, The deadline was May 11 for submitting Government grants and is September 14 for submitting Educational grants. Unused Round 1 funds retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants.

The following grant applications were considered:

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
New Canaan G	\$6,598.00	\$2,500.00	*Approved with condition
Redding G	\$4,100.00	0	Approved
Darien G	\$3,421.00	\$2,500.00	Approved
Easton G	\$4,100.00	0	Approved
Westport E	\$9,812.00	0	Approved
Westport G	\$6,179.15	0	Approved

*Must resolve missing 2021 I-Net logs. Bon Moran has offered help to recover programming data.

The Council approved an extension to September 14 for Norwalk G to submit a Round 1 application due to the City requiring competitive bids.

Delinquent Grant Reports

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Weston G	\$4,000.00	12/21/2020	2/19/2021	J. Luiz will submit this week
Weston G	\$2,500.00	12/29/2020	6/27/2021	J. Luiz will submit this week
New Canaan E	\$10,220.50	10/1/2021	11/30/2021	Roman will submit with B/O

5. **Election of A9CC officers for 2-year terms through 6/30/2024:** The nominating committee of Bob Moran and Doug Dempsey nominated Hal Levy as Chairman and Jim Cameron as Vice Chairman. The nominating committee could not find any members to agree to serve as Secretary and Treasurer. There were no further nominations from the floor and Hal and Jim were elected. The officers will perform the duties of Secretary and Treasurer until those positions are filled.

6. **2022 Education Access Awareness Awards:** Roman spoke about the return of the *Educational Access Awareness Awards* which honor original student video productions that have been broadcast throughout the school year on Optimum's Educational Access Channel 78. The Area 9 Cable Council (A9CC) and Altice sponsor this contest yearly to encourage students to develop video production and storytelling skills by creating access television shows relevant to their school and community. Student videos are recognized in eight separate categories - Adult Assisted (Elementary), Animation/Stop Motion, Experimental, Documentary (High School), General Interest Story, Narrative/Fiction Entries, News Shows, Public Service Announcements, and School News Story. Roman handed it over to Fran Kompar, who played snippets of some of the videos as well as the entire video of the High School *John Repicky Award* winner. All the videos can be viewed at: <https://sites.google.com/wiltonps.org/a9cc-video-awards/a9cc-awards>

7. **Tentative A9CC meeting schedule for 2022-23 (See "Future Meetings" below)**

8. **Other Matters**
 - Esme announced Altice's *Let's Reconnect* campaign to emphasize the company's commitment to service to its subscribers.
 - Esme indicated that the A9CC contact information on the customer bills has been corrected and should appear on the next bills that go out.
 - Esme has submitted Roman's request for \$3,500 to fund equipment awards and trophies for the *2022 Educational Access Awareness Awards*
 - Jim announced Darien is sharing its video on teen suicide for broadcast on the access channels.

Future meetings: 9/21/22, 10/26/2022, 12/14/2022, 2/1/2023, 3/22/2023, 5/31/2023 (All on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm and was held open for a work session led by Craig Jones on conducting hybrid meetings.