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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF May 29, 2024 MEETING VIA ZOOM

May 30, 2024

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'Agostine~~
Altice: Esme Lombard
Ed Committee: David Pisani
Guests: Maria Breece (Wilton)

Excused: Barbara Heins (Greenwich); Paul Sedlak (New Canaan)

Hal called the meeting (Annual Meeting) to order at 5:04pm with nine towns represented. He announced that Wilton Education member, Fran Kompar will be retiring from the Council and Maria Breece will be replacing her. Hal thanked Fran for her 7 years of service on A9CC.

1. **Minutes** of the March 20 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved
3. **Old Business:**
 - Uverse pass through E&G funds TBD is still pending. Update was requested from Esme. Last year the payment was made on February 21.
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 was 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
Darien G	\$5,711.79	\$3,000.00	Approved
Norwalk G	\$6,388.70	0	Approved
Redding G	\$3,950.00	0	Approved
New Canaan G	\$4,633.96	\$3,000.00	Approved
Wilton E	\$3,224.45	0	Approved
CSH E	\$6,866.00	0	Approved

Delinquent Grant Reports:

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
Westport G	\$2,000.00	10/31/2023	4/3/2024	Will Request
Region 9 E	\$3,377.92	12/18/2023	2/16/2024	Will Request
Easton G	\$2,000.00	10/6/2023	4/3/2024	Will submit
New Canaan E	\$5,779.50	3/22/2024	5/21/2024	Will Request
New Canaan E	\$2,000.00	3/12/2024	5/11/2024	3 Repicky awards, Will Request

5. **Election of Officers to new two-year terms:** The nominating committee of Mark Minnock and Doug nominated Hal Levy as Chairman, Jim Cameron as Vice Chairman and Mark Minnock as Secretary. The nominating committee could not find any member to agree to serve as Treasurer. There were no further nominations from the floor and Hal, Jim and Mark were elected. Hal will continue to perform the duties of Treasurer until that position is filled.
6. **2024 Education Access Awareness Awards:** The *Educational Access Awareness Awards* is a contest that honors original student video productions for 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. The Council thanked Altice for its financial support of the awards and the Educational Access Committee for its tireless efforts in running the contest. Maria shared clips from three of the *Repicky Award* videos with the Council. These can be viewed at:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wqe6lQa49Ib3DKxQyOb0RwAinB1SqOVP/view?usp=sharing>
7. **Tentative A9CC meeting schedule for 2024-25** (See “Future Meetings” below)
8. **Other Matters**
 - Doug inquired about a low-cost option on Optimum to view Access Channel 79 from home. Broadcast Basic is the least expensive tier at \$35/mo. Sling Boxes used to be used to remotely monitor the I-Net channels at the headend until Slingbox service ended a couple of years ago. Eric Morson discovered a way to replace this by feeding the video into the local network and opening a port share to log into the video. He can share this with members who are interested.

Future Meetings: 9/18/2024 10/23/2024 12/11/2024 1/29/2025 3/19/2025 5/28/2025 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.