

A.9.C.C.

Area 9 Cable Council, c/o Wilton Town Hall, 238 Danbury Rd., Wilton, CT 06897 www.a9cc.org

TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING (June 6, 2012)
LOCATION: Southport, CT

June 30, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: David Dever, Jim Cameron
Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
Greenwich: Chris von Keyserling, Paul Curtis
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak,
Norwalk: Herb Grant, Erin Halsey, Art Scialabba
Redding: Bob Moran
Stamford: Geza Ziegler
Weston: Don Saltzman, Harvey Bellin
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Judith Freedman
Wilton: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Gary Battaglia
Ed Access Comm: Ellyn Stewart, Peggy Jorgensen
Cablevision: Jennifer Young

Excused: Stu Reider, Roger Williams

Guests: Pua Ford, George Herring, April Howlett

HL called the A9CC Annual Meeting to order at 6:30pm. All 10 towns and the Educational Access Committee were represented.

1. The Minutes of April 4, 2012 were approved as submitted.

2. The Financial Report from the Treasurer—approved. HG reported a balance of \$106,917.33 in the Access Escrow Account that includes \$100,000 from Cablevision for 2012 E & G Access support and a balance of \$12,333.78 in the Operations Account that includes a \$2000 deposit for 2012 annual operations support from Cablevision.

3. Updates on old business:

- A. **Grant documents and I-net logs are available to view on the A9CC website.** If you need the log-on password, contact HL. PC noted that Greenwich's I-net log is not online. He will re-send it to HL.
- B. **Transfer of U-Verse Access Funds.** HL has written to CV requesting that two-thirds of the U-Verse Access funds—or \$74,534.97—for the 10 towns of Area 9 be transferred to the A9CC to support local access operations. CV is in the process of seeking PURA approval for the transfer.
- C. **2012 Grant Program**—Deadline for G-Access grant applications is 10/17/2012. Members are reminded to submit previous expenditure reports for prior grants before applying for new ones. Please consult HL memo to A9CC members dated 3/21/2012 for each town's available grant fund limit. So far, only New Canaan has applied for the pre-approved "operations grants" of \$2000.

4. To elect officers for the A9CC for two-year terms

HB presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2012-2014: HL-Chair; DS-Vice Chair; CYK-Secretary; GZ—Assistant Secretary; HG-Treasurer; and PJ-EA Chair. The slate was approved unanimously by acclamation. HL thanked JY (Cablevision) for her constructive collaboration with the Council and the officers and all members for their continuing service. HL recognized members of the Nominating Committee—GZ, JC, and HB—for their work.

5. Guest Presentation from Pua Ford, CT Chapter, Alliance for Community Media—HL introduced Pua Ford, officer of the CT Chapter of the Alliance for Community Media, Media Specialist for the League of Women Voters of CT, and PEG operator for the Woodbridge G-Access TV channel in Area 2.

- Pua updated the group on video services legislation at the Capitol, how Woodbridge acquires students to work on their G- channel, and the evolution of CT ACM. JC reminded members of the availability of college interns for G-access summer assistance. Contact him for details.

6. Report on the 2012 Educational Access Awareness Awards from Ellyn Stewart. ES reported that the E-Access Committee received 320 student entries in the 2012 John Repicky Awards program. JC developed a compilation video of the winning awards. Contact him if interested in receiving it. PJ from Weston will be assuming the leadership of the E-Access Committee for 2012-2014. JF suggested that the E-Access Committee facilitate communication between each town's superintendent of schools and mayor/first selectmen for the purpose of promoting the E-Channel in each town.

7. Schedule of A9CC Meetings 2012-2013: 9/12/2012, 10/17/2012, 11/28/2012, 2/13/2013, 4/3/2013 and 6/5/2013

8. Other Matters

- CYK presented a motion to renew membership in the Alliance for Community Media at a non-profit discounted rate of \$100. Motion approved unanimously. HG to send membership check. Contact people for the ACM will be HL—at HLevy@A9CC.org— along with JF, JC, and AA.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: 9/12/2012 Meeting at Cablevision, Norwalk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Secretary