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TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Judith Freedman, Secretary
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (October 16, 2013)

November 8, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: David Dever
Easton: Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson
Greenwich:
New Canaan: Paul Sedlak
Norwalk: Herbert Grant, Erin Herring
Redding: Robert Moran
Stamford:
Weston: Harvey Bellin
Westport: Hal Levy, Judith Freedman
Wilton: Phil Sharlach
Cablevision: Jennifer Young
Ed Access Committee: Stoney Duran

Excused: Jim Cameron (Darien) Stu Reider (Greenwich), Roger Williams (New Canaan), Gary Battaglia (Wilton)

HL called the meeting to order at 6.07 pm. 8 towns were represented.

HL noted that former Stamford member Howard Blank passed away.

1. **The minutes** of Sep 11 were approved as is.
2. **The financial report** from the Treasurer (HG) was distributed and approved.
3. **Updates on old business:**
 - Missing Government and Educational appointments are status quo from that reported at last meeting. Reminders will be sent.
 - Jim Cameron attended September 16 Ed Access meeting and presented issues regarding proper procedures for Access grants. Jim's report was read as well as Cablevision's responses to some of the open questions.
4. **2013 access grant program**
 - Darien, Westport & New Canaan have received pre-approved \$2,000 operations grants.
 - \$6,989.90 Educational Access grant presented by Stoney Duren of Norwalk Community College was approved.
 - \$4,000.00 Government Access grant presented by Erin Herring of Norwalk was approved.
 - \$3,285.83 Government Access grant presented by Doug Dempsey and Andy Anderson of Easton was approved.
 - \$1,315.64 Government Access grant presented by Dave Dever of Darien was approved.
 - \$4,000.00 Government Access grant presented by Bob Moran of Redding was approved.
 - Educational Access grant requests from New Canaan, Redding and Westport were tabled as there were no applicants in attendance to present the applications and answer Council questions. The Council addressed the issue of presentation of grant applications and

proposed a resolution, that if applicants cannot attend the meeting to present applications, they can either have knowledgeable surrogates be present or prearrange their availability by telephone or Skype at the time of the meeting. Motion by HB, 2nd DD was approved.

- HL noted that \$100,000 in U-Verse access funds still need to be considered for a grant program. Ideas from Council members for an integrated system-wide project was again solicited.

5. 2013 Round Two Grant program

The Council created a Government program for applications of a maximum of \$3,000 of which up to \$1,500 can be for operations. The deadline for applications is November 18.

The Council approved for future Educational Access grants, up to \$2000 per 6 month period toward technical operating expenses for each Educational Access channel, including direct production support salaries. Funds may not be used to pay administrative salaries, such as education staff stipends, preparing reports and grant applications. Failure to comply will make a town ineligible for the next round of grants

6. Election of Assistant Secretary

The Council unanimously elected Harvey Bellin to fill the term expiring on 6/30/14

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next meeting: November 20, 2013 in Darien

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Freedman, Secretary