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Area 9 Cable Council

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**TO: A9CC MEMBERS** **December 12, 2024**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF December 11, 2024 MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Jim Cameron, ~~David Dever~~, Mike Wheeler, ~~Tim McGuire~~  
Easton: Doug Dempsey  
Greenwich: Craig Jones, ~~Horst Tobbe~~, ~~Don Conway~~, Ken Borsuk, 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, Maria Breece  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: Esme Lombard  
Ed Committee: David Pisani  
Guests: Eileen Zhang (Westport)  
Excused: Stan Witkow (Westport); Dave Dever, Tim McGuire (Darien), Roman Cebulski (New Canaan)

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:02pm with nine towns represented. Ken Borsuk was introduced as the new Government member from Greenwich to replace Barbara Heins.

1. **Minutes** of the October 23 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
  - Uverse pass through E&G funds \$5,665.62 received for use on future grants.
4. **2024 Round 2 grant program**  
\$25,789 to Edu, \$34,336 to Gov; 7 grants of \$4,905 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 for submitting grants from the towns & schools was 12/4/2024.

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Westport G	\$4,852.05	\$2,500.00	Approved
Greenwich E	\$7,799.95	0	Approved
Wilton E	\$2,997.71	0	Approved
CSH E	\$3,993.77	0	Approved
Region 9 E	\$4,449.00	0	Approved
Redding G	\$2,642.00	0	Approved
Easton G	\$3,168.02	0	Approved
Darien G	\$3,879.00	\$2,500.00	Approved
New Canaan E	\$3,389.77	\$1,000.00	Approved

This concludes Round 2 of the 2024 grant program

Delinquent Grant Reports: - None

5. **2024 Round 3 grant program**

	<b>ED</b>	<b>GOV</b>
Round 2 Allocated	\$25,789	\$34,336
Round 2 Taken	\$25,788	\$24,209
<b>Available</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$10,127</b>

Four Round 3 Government operation grants of \$2,500 each were created. These will be awarded on a 1st come, 1st served basis. The deadline for submitting applications with vouchers is 12/27/2024. At the time of the writing of these minutes, 3 applications have thus far been submitted.

6. **Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions**

There was no discussion on this topic, however Jim asked that members present and respond by email to issues that may be raised outside of meetings.

7. **Other Matters**

- Esme spoke about several community activities and funding programs for which Altice has been active. She can email details to Council members.
- Optimum has introduced the Internet Streaming service *Entertainment TV*. Details are available at <https://www.optimum.net/pages/entertainment-tv.html>
- Bob L raised the question on how the loss of cable TV subscribers will effect Access funding. Esme will get back to us with an answer.
- 2024 I-Net or Program logs due by 2/1/2025.
- Hal will file 2024 A9CC Annual Report by 1/31/2025.
- Hal will send invoices in early January to Altice for \$2K CAC funding, \$100K + \$25K 2025 E&G funding & Frontier E&G pass-through.

Future Meetings: 1/29/2025 3/19/2025 5/28/2025 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.