

# A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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**To:** A9CC Ed Access Committee Members      **Date:** February 3, 2020  
**From:** Fran Kompar, Secretary  
**Re:** Minutes of Meeting (Month Day, 20xx)      **Location:** New Canaan

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**ATTENDANCE:** (yellow highlight & asterisk(\*) = present)

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
Darien:	*Joan McGettigan
Easton/Redding:	*Mike D'Agostino
Greenwich:	*Sean Mayo
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	*David Pisani
NCC:	*Peter Gould
New Canaan:	*Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Kyle Seaburg
Stamford:	*Paula Ward, *Bob Lion
Weston:	*Gabriel Tully
Westport:	Natalie Carrigan
Wilton:	*Fran Kompar
Altice:	Esme Lombard

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Roman Cebulski, New Canaan, called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 1:30pm. 9 towns were represented (9 districts).

Minutes from Mike D'Agostino approved. Motion by Peter Gould to approve the minutes; Roman Cebulski seconded.

## 1. Old Business

- a. Introduction of new members of A9CC, about ½ of the members are first-year members.
- b. At the last full-council meeting, Joe Paczek, 203-509-4018 contact for Altice [joseph.paczek@alticeusa.com](mailto:joseph.paczek@alticeusa.com) - this is the contact that oversees the head end. All vouchers should have been in by the end of the year. Members should be sure that proper forms are being used. The Education Committee has spent all its grants. I-Net reports must all be submitted in order to qualify for grants. Discussion about how I-Net works.
- c. Roman will track down the I-Net list for everyone.

## 2. Grant Update

- a. Grant Update: David Pisani recapped grant list: question about attendance. Norwalk and Stamford have had three consecutive absences result in not being eligible for grant.
- b. Attendance Letter: Roman sent a letter to Superintendents regarding attendance and qualification for grant in January.
- c. The awards are discussed and presented in two rounds - typically one in the Spring

and one in the Fall. Grant discussion process also is helpful to membership in making decisions for what is needed for their own school district.

- d. Funding questions:
  - i. What are the A/V budgets, courses taught, how do we broadcast, live streaming

### **3. Educational Access Awards**

- a. Access Awards designed to showcase student work on our town channels. The Educational Access Awards Council are the judges, scores and decide on award winners. We are seeing a lot of entries from the high school but we are seeing more from our elementary students.
- b. Roman reviewed the rules and guidelines for the 2019 Access Awareness Awards.
- c. Mike raised an objection to the John Repicky Award because not every district has the ability to produce the content - and the funds should not go to the district. The point was discussed.
- d. Two selections per category are allowed by grade level and per district.

### **4. Changes to Educational Access Awards Rules & Guidelines**

- a. **Natalie submitted the following questions with decision points. The Committee discussed.**

**Decision 1:** To fix the typo on the rules, how long should an EXP, Experimental Film at the HS level be? **3 minutes or 4?**

**Committee Decision: All videos should be 3 minutes**

- Needed edit, highlighted in yellow

**Decision 2:** Get rid of the SNS category at the HS level. **Yes or No?**

**Committee Decision: We are keeping the SNS category at the HS level and making some tweaks to the language.**

**Decision 3:** Get rid of the SNS category at the EL level. **Yes or No?**

**Committee Decision: Keep the SNS Category at EL level.**

**Decision 4:** Add requirements to the credits? **Yes or No?**

**Committee Decision: No - do not add requirements to the credits.**

**Decision 5:** How many entries per district per category per level? **1 or 2?**

**Committee Decision: 2 entries per category.**

**Decision 6:** What should we do with a singleton entry to a category when the entry is very poor? Award an **honorable mention** or **1st place** or **nothing?**

**Committee Decision: Keep as is.**

**Decisions 7-10+.** Anything we talked about that the other members remember and I forgot and/or didn't find notes for.

Discussion: Price for awards is \$3,000 - \$1500 for trophies and \$1500 for Repicky Awards. We will raise with the Full Council that the Educational Committee not have these funds taken from the grant money. The precedent is that in the past the funds for awards. Mike will draft a letter to present at our next Full Council meeting.

Format for awards - the format has to be right so that we are able to facilitate the judging easily. H264 format is the best and preferable.

#### **5. Finalize Dates for Educational Access Awards**

- a. Roman will finalize the flyer and send it to all Committee members to distribute.
- b. May 6th are due from the schools, May 11th Educational Access Awards, May 20th in Wilton Connecticut is the Awards/Judging Day from 8 - 3:00 pm.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

- a. March 2, 2020, 1:30 pm

Roman demonstrated the Rode Podcaster Pro.

Motion to adjourn by Peter Gould; Fran Kompar seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Kompar  
Secretary