

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

Area 9 Cable Council: <http://edaccess.a9cc.org/g/>

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members
From: Natalie Carrigan, Secretary
Re: **Minutes of Meeting for March 13, 2023**

Date: March 13, 2023
Location: Virtual ([Zoom Link](#))

Attendance: (yellow highlight & asterisk(*) = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	*Joan McGettigan
Easton/Redding:	*Mike D'Agostino
Greenwich:	Michael Reid
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
NCC:	Julie Casper Roth, Scott Perry
New Canaan:	*Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Vacant
Westport:	*Natalie Carrigan
Wilton:	*Fran Kompar
Altice:	Esme Lombard

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:07 pm. 5 towns were represented; 5 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Approval of [December 12, 2022 Minutes](#). Roman motioned to approve. Natalie seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Grants

Overview of 2023 Grants & eligibility

- Total amount is \$65,025.00. It will be split up among the districts who have met attendance requirements. There are a few districts not eligible.
- Maximum of \$3,000 for technical operations this year.
- Deadline for schools is Sept 14 for Round 1, grants can be submitted earlier if they are ready
- Any unused Round 1 funds will be retained separately for E and G and E and G will determine independently how to divide up the remaining funds in round 2
- Uverse grant funds will also be for Round 2 when it comes in.
- There are seven eligible entities for Round 1. So that means each Round 1 grant can be up to \$9,289.28.

Missed Meetings [Letters](#)

- The linked letter is not about having appointed a rep. So the title is being updated to No Rep Letter.

- The other letter is if your rep has not been attending and you are going to lose the eligibility
- The team determined to create one letter that had all options in it and edited the letter together.
- Mike called a vote to approve the letter. Fran seconded it. Approved unanimously.

3. Access Awards

Fran shared the updated draft of the [Rules and Guidelines](#) for the group to edit.

Mike suggested to continue forward this year, but if Altice agrees to fund it, we should call it the Altice Awards or something like it, and get the information out earlier for greater participation.

- Submission date: **Tuesday, April 28, 2023**
- Date range to broadcast on Channel 78 is **April 28, 2023- May 3, 2023**.
Fran needs to create a registration form for this year and will try and send the form out to the districts by March 15, 2023.
- Time limits are all the same, categories are all the same
- Format for judging- **Blended on May 4, 2023 or May 11**
 - **Fran has to see if the room is available on May 11 or not.**
- Format for the final product- **All of the winning entries on a compilation disc**

Judging Rubric

- Roman asked about the judging rules,
- Fran reminded everyone that we streamlined last year.
- Roman suggested since it is a checklist no total is needed or value is needed
- Fran took that column out on the Rules and Guideline form

Broadcast question:

- Mike asked if Altice can push out a broadcast across all the Channel 78s at the same time across all districts.... Roman thinks it is possible and that Esme can make it happen. **Roman will check with Esme.**

Trophies and awards

- Mike has spoken with Esme and they have worked together to go through the levels of approval for Altice to provide the funding.. Esme is optimistic.
- Roman will contact trophy companies to see what date things need to be to them for the trophies to be back for the first week of June.

Additional Thoughts/Questions/Ides

- Mike shared ideas about some changes to the awards to encourage more participation including offering prize money or other types of rewards to the students rather than just a trophy and the Repicky money to the school
 - Roman said we would have to get confirmation first and then put it in the context rules. Mike noted the Repicky prize was not in there right now. Fran said it wasn't there because we had not confirmed funding year over year.
- Mike praised the red carpet event that Wilton had at a BOE meeting with the Superintendent, Fran said he also signed something for the students.
- Mike suggested to think about that Repicky Award like a Stanley Cup that travels from District to District each year.

Not Yet Addressed

- Are we going to honor the awards and trophies owed to winners from last year?

- In December Julie asked how we might get her students involved. One suggestion was to have them help judge.

4. Tech Showcase

Anyone is welcome to share.... Nothing was shared during this meeting.

5. Upcoming Meeting Schedule-

April TBD

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. Natalie motioned to adjourn. Joan seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrigan,
Secretary