

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

Area 9 Cable Council, 17 Crawford Road, Westport, CT 06880 | <http://edaccess.a9cc.org/>

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members **Date:** December 7, 2020
From: Natalie Carrignan, Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting for December 7, 2020 **Location:** Virtual

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

| TOWN | Member(s) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Darien: | Joan McGettigan* |
| Easton/Redding: | Mike D'Agostino* |
| Greenwich: | <i>unfilled</i> |
| Greenwich /Sacred Heart: | David Pisani* |
| NCC: | Julie Caspter Roth* |
| New Canaan: | Roman Cebulski*(Committee Chair) |
| Norwalk: | Trevor Kline* |
| Stamford: | Paula Warde* |
| Weston: | Gabe Tully* |
| Westport: | Natalie Carrignan* |
| Wilton: | Fran Kompar* |
| Altice: | Esme Lombard |

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:10 pm. 8 towns were represented (9 entities).

Minutes from 10/13/2020 approved. Motion by Mike to approve the minutes; Natalie seconded.

1. Introductions of New Members:

- a. Current members introduced themselves
- b. New members introduced themselves
 - i. Julie Casper Roth - NCC teaching film and television, moved here in August, coordinating the new studio, welcome Julie!
 1. Julie asked for help identifying what NCC has purchased in the past.
Roman said he can help her find the old grants.
 - ii. Trevor Kline- Norwalk High School, SS teacher for 2 years at HS and tech ed certified, currently teaches social media impact class, welcome Trevor!
- c. Roman introduced the A9CC Google Drive as a holding place for all documents moving forward to the new members, and reminded old members

2. A9CC E Website

- a. Mike noted that the A9CC regular website does not have a connection to the A9CCE Google Site for our current minutes.

- b. Natalie mentioned that before Jenn left, she converted the old site to Google so that the client software, very outdated, was not needed.
- c. Joan has volunteered to be the webmaster for the committee. She needs access to the new site. Natalie will work with her on that. Roman can work with Hal on making sure the connection to the A9CCE Google site is on the regular committee website.

3. Grant Proposals- David could send them all at once if they are all uploaded. We are emailing word versions to Hal and cc'ing David and then David is sending PDF versions to Hal w signatures.

- a. Roman reviewed round 1 grants with committee and captured where everyone is on Round 1 grants. Updates are due to Hal by tomorrow, 12/8/2020
- b. **New Canaan-** This is a continuation of round 1. New Canaan had a tremendous fall season. Would like to do the same thing for the spring. Getting another camera. Ran into scenario with more than one sports on the same time, this camera and setup will allow for more than one event to be captured at a time. For the kids to get paid they have to have it show not only on YouTube, but also on Channel 78. Total request \$4,020.88. Paula motioned to approve. Julie seconded it. Approved.
- c. **Westport-** Round 1 was a replacement tri-caster. Now they need to replace the SD cameras with HD cameras. There are 6 in total. For Round 2 the grant is for two PTZ cameras with NDI capabilities and two mounts. Subsequent grants would be for \$3,980 for two PTA cameras and two mounts. Mike motioned, Fran seconded. Approved.
- d. **Wilton-** Asked the Wilton Education TV group for input. They are going to do a video about all the virtual productions they are doing. This is a continuation of the Round 1 grant. This grant provides more lighting and equipment for the events to make it easier to bring around. The other part of the grant is for the operators for total grant \$4162.32. Mike motioned to approve. Paula seconded. Approved.
- e. **Darien-** last spring bought 3 Padcaster studios w backpack storage, this fall started using it, one at HS, two at MS. We only need one at MS so we will move it to the elementary. Round 2 grant will get me two more Padcasters for two more elementaries. Leaving 2 elementaries left for later grant or PTA. www.padcaster.com Total for Darien \$3,836.20 Omni discount. Mike motioned to approve, Julie seconded. Approved.
- f. **R9-** trying to expand and put more content on by recording what occurs in the auditorium. We do presentations, PD, etc. We currently cannot film in there. Round 2, one more camera wall mounted PTZ and lots of wiring because the wiring has a long path to meet fire code and to reach the sound booth "table" now. Fran motioned, Gabe seconded. Approved.

4. 2021 Access Awards

- a. Area 9 cable education council does a contest each year as a way to showcase student work.
- b. Normally we have things finalized by February so we can start promoting things and students can meet the deadline by submission.
- c. We left it last meeting that we need a chair to oversee this subcommittee in order to have the contest this year.
- d. We could do it differently this year, we as a committee has to decide what that would look like.
- e. Mike asked a couple of questions. Did we speak with Esmee to see if Altice would fund the Repicky awards separately from our grants? Roman said Esmee could not make this meeting. Roman did not ask her yet. Repicky is \$500 per category and then money for the trophy.
- f. Mike and Frank believe it is important to recognize students, especially this year. Fran is open to a new format. Paula seconded the sentiment. Julie thinks having awards has many benefits for the students. Paula and Julie said they would be an extra pair of hands. Mike asked if we could simplify it to recognize a stand out student(s) from each school as a simpler approach?
- g. Roman mentioned that if we need to decide if we are going to recognize students then we need someone to oversee that. Mike suggested using Google for students to upload. Paula asked if students have to classify them. There were about 50 submissions in the past. Fran is happy to help and could get help from one of her teachers if it is simpler and less time consuming than in the past but we have to know what the over workload is. Roman reiterated that we need a point person on the committee to oversee the whole process. Mike asked if makes more sense to focus on high school kids and do participation awards for the elementary school.
- h. Roman summarized that we need to slim it down considerably and it will be a group effort, but he will ask people to think who could oversee it or we won't be able to have it.

5. Discussion about Content This Year

- a. It is difficult this year. The engagement is less and the access/time is less with the different learning models, all in, hybrid, or full distance.
- b. Julie's studio is almost up and operational. Julie will need help getting it onto Channel 78.
- c. Paula has a question. She does not work with students. Who should be reaching out to to see if content is being made by students? Roman said every school is different. Paula will look in PS for classes for film creation.

- d. Mike talked about how the Pandemic changed what people are broadcasting and that some districts are starting to propose for no snow days, only digital learning days. New Canaan said they won't do that.

6. Technology Showcase

- a. Roman asked for anyone with something to share from Round 1.
- b. Roman brought a tripod pouch. It allows the kids to lay the converter in the pouch and not dangle. If it dangles, it ruins the port if it is connected in and you have to send the camera in for repair.

7. Next Meeting

- a. February 8, 2021 at 4 pm via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Mike; seconded by Paula

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrigan
Secretary