

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members
From: Natalie Carrignan, Secretary
Re: **Minutes of Meeting for April 21, 2025**

Date: April 21, 2025
Location: Virtual ([Google Link](#))

Attendance: (yellow highlight = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Tim McGuire
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino
Greenwich:	Sean Mayo - Excused
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
CSCC-Norwalk:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Vacant
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan
Wilton:	Maria Breece
Altice:	Esme Lombard

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:05 pm. 5 towns were represented; 5 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Approval of [February 10, 2025 minutes](#). Natalie motioned to approve. Mike seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Grants (David)

- **Round 1 Grants for 2025**
 - We have \$65,000. 8 districts are eligible. Each district is eligible for \$8,125, up to \$3,000 can be technical operations.
 - New Canaan has a grant report due.
 - CSH has two outstanding grant reports dues.
- **Wilton-** Grant is to build the MS program. It includes a greenscreen, microphones, camera equipment, storage unit, a black magic ATEM sound board system, a dedicated computer, and \$3,000 for the operators. Mike motioned to approve. David seconded. **\$8,100**. Approved unanimously.
- **New Canaan-** The tricaster mini has made a big difference in what they can record and broadcast. This grant is for a portable comm system, dedicated announcer camera, and a PTZ controller. Mike motioned to approve. David seconded. **\$4,187.88** Approved unanimously.

- **Region 9** - with the tariffs, etc. The microphones have gone up significantly. Is the strategy best to get it now or to hope prices go down for Sept? There were thoughts on both sides.

3. Access Awards

- Everyone should upload to this Google [folder](#).
- The folder will be organized by category rather than school this year.
- Please note/change/update the file name so it matches with the category it is placed in
- Hal sent a note that we received the \$6,000 and would like to know how we are using it, Mike will reply that we will be dispersing the money in the same alignment as last year.
- Maria will arrange for food for everyone.
- Videos are due to the school by May 2
- They have to air on the access channel **prior** to May 8
- The videos need to be uploaded by May 8
- The judging date is May 12 at Wilton HS Library - Start time 8:30 am
- Question about the compilation video for the full council May meeting
 - It will be of the winners
 - As they win that day, a copy can be made into a Winners Folder that can then be downloaded.
- Two sports categories were added- highlights and play by play. This year we will accept just about anything until we have better language among ourselves.
 - Highlight reel is one game and or a team highlight
 - Play by play is focusing on the sports announcer that can be multiple calls done throughout the year or multiple calls
- If there is a question about a category, please put it in a folder before judging so that the group can discuss before judging starts

- 4. Share-** Roman can share once the camera comes in. Maria will bring one of her cameras for the meeting on the 12th.

5. New Business -

- New Canaan has own [film festival](#). Entries due this Friday. Anyone is welcome to submit.

6. Upcoming Meeting Schedule- Next Meeting

- May 12, 2025 - 8:30AM in Wilton High School Library

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm. Mike motioned to adjourn. Maria seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrignan,
Secretary