

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:** March 5th, 2018
From: David Pisani, Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting (March 5th, 2018)

ATTENDANCE: (yellow highlight & asterisk*) = present

TOWN

Darien:
Easton/Redding:
Greenwich:
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:
NCC:
New Canaan:
Norwalk:
Weston:
Westport:
Wilton:
Cablevision:

MEMBER

Marc Marin
Damien Russell
Susan Morris
*David Pisani
Stoney Duren
*Roman Cebulski
*Kyle Seaburg
Juscelino Acevedo
*Natalie Carrignan
*Fran Kompar
Jennifer Young

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 1:54 pm. 5 towns were represented (5 districts).

[Minutes](#) from 1/8/18 approved. Motion by Kyle to approve the minutes; Natalie seconded.

1. Old Business

- a. Full Council Meeting Held on 2/8/18: iNet reports needed from Easton-Redding; Weston; Wilton.
- b. No appointments received for Greenwich or Stamford
- c. 2018 Grant funds of \$100,000 provided by Altice and \$24,000 by Uverse for a total of \$124,000. This will be split equally between Government and Education for a total of \$62,000 in grant funds available to Education.
- d. Technical Operations will be granted up to a maximum of \$2,500 for 2018.
- e. All schools must be up to date with iNet logs and Grant Report forms to qualify for a new grant.
- f. The next full council meeting is April 4th, 2018 at Altice. Education council will meet once more beforehand on April 2nd to approve grants for the full council.

2. A9CC Film Festival Access Awards

- a. Posters: Roman printed DRAFT posters. He will tweak it a little by changing the color to purple and update it with any new information the committee decides

- b. Members will get a pdf file to print on their own (standard size or 11 x 17)
- c. Dates for Access Awards: **May 1st** deadline for student entries.
- d. **May 7th:** compilation meeting (which is the regularly scheduled monthly meeting). It will be held at New Canaan High School.
- e. **May 16th:** judging from 8am to 3pm at Wilton High School.
- f. **Rule Changes for 2018:** The competition will now include Elementary and Middle School News Show categories. 2 submissions per district with a 10 minute maximum. These categories will be judged by the Education council. This rule change was approved unanimously after Fran made a motion for approval.
- g. The High School News Show category needs an outside judge. Last year Bruce Beck and a colleague were judges, and Roman will reach out to Bruce again for 2018. Committee member will also try to find more/other judges.
- h. The contest website requires dream weaver software to edit it.
- i. All education council members should make any comments on rule changes by March 9, 2018.

3. Grants

- a. **Overview:** With \$62,000 total grant funds available for 2018, the first round grant amounts were calculated to be approximately \$6,900 per school. This amount will change as each school submits a grant request.
- b. **Westport:** Natalie explained that Westport is in need of equipment to continue to broadcast due to equipment failure. This need is \$9895.50 (in excess of the \$6,900). Roman stated the purpose of the council is to insure broadcast and made a motion to approve with the understanding Westport will not receive a 2nd round grant in the fall. Fran seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously for \$9895.50
- c. **Norwalk:** Request includes cameras, mics, tripods, lenses, monitors, and cases. Kyle Removed technical Operations request from his proposal - and will hold off until September for Technical Operations grant. Total requested \$6090.13.
- d. **Wilton:** Fran's request was presented as \$7,499 and \$2,500 in Technical Operations. She will rework the grant request to provide for \$2,500 in Technical Operations and \$4,300 in equipment. Motion to approve by Kyle for \$6,888 and seconded by Roman. Unanimously approved.

4. General Discussion

- a. Kyle stated the Ronan M brushless gimbal for DSLR camera attained through an earlier grant is an excellent piece of equipment.
- b. Kyle asked about best practices to live stream graduation. Roman inquired if it would be a multi-camera or single camera set-up. Roman made suggestions.
- c. Natalie stated Tight Rope is a good option to set up a Scheduler, and that the new interface saves a couple of steps from some of the encoding and dvd creation.

- d. Devos (Discovery video) is clunky and buggy. Capture from stream for news show then use that file for upload to internet.
- e. Roman said that NC is looking to switch to YouTube for live streaming
- f. Closed Captioning on YouTube is usually completed within 24 hours.
- g. Roman stated they have used [Newtek Spark](#) has been used for live weather shots for the HS news show and works great. Will show an example soon.

5. Next Meeting

- a. April 2, 2018 at 1:30pm at Staples High School in the principal's conference room. Address: 70 North Avenue Westport, CT.

Motion to adjourn by David; Kyle seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pisani
Secretary