

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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TO: ED COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: JOHN REPICKY
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (Dec. 6, 2004)

Dec. 7, 2004

Darien:	Kelly Duncan
Easton:	
Greenwich:	
New Canaan:	Rob Miller
Norwalk:	Bill DeFelice
Redding:	
Stamford:	
Weston:	Peggy Jorgenson
Westport:	Candace McGovern, Jack Culbert
Wilton:	John Repicky
Wright Tech:	Pat Paktinat, Randy Whitman
Maritime Aq.	Andy Bess
Sacred Heart	Brian Highland
Cablevision	Chris Klimek, Dominic Antonacci

- 1) Meeting began at 1:38 pm with 7 towns represented. Minutes of Nov. 1, 2004 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site.
 - Meeting dates: JR reviewed dates for the next semester: 1/24; 2/28; 4/11; 5/9 & 6/6. Judging for access awards will take place 4/4 - 4/8.
 - CM asked if anyone had a conversion program to change .wmf to .mov files. Westport is doing a United Learning (video streaming) trial. Free trials are available to schools through June, 2005. For information visit www.unitedlearning.com

2) Grants:

The committee reviewed proposals from: Darien, Weston, Westport, Sacred Heart, New Canaan, and Wilton. Grants were approved in the following amounts: Darien - \$554.41; Weston - \$3,281.55; Westport - \$4,046; Wilton - \$2,260. After much discussion, the committee awarded a "double" grant (\$11,000) to New Canaan to assist with the construction of a "state of the art" production center. NC will be sure to use access funds to purchase only the equipment directly related to access activities. The committee also entertained the request of Sacred Heart Academy for \$1000 to purchase equipment to create access programming. After hearing the presentation of Brian Highland, the group authorized an expenditure of up to \$3000. BH will work with Westport personnel to select appropriate equipment (including an editing computer) to get their program started properly.

- While on this topic the group reviewed a video produced by Wright Tech. RW suggested DVD Studio Pro to take i-movie output and create DVDs.

3) Access Awards Rubric:

This item was tables until the January meeting.

4) I-Net and Access Channels:

-CK explained that CV is monitoring I-Net for "dark" channels. All I-Net transmission sites are encouraged to get at least a graphic up ASAP.

- JR asked the group to consider two items that will probably impact our CH 78 operations in the future:

1) to allow for the possibility of certain producers (e.g. NCC) to transmit system-wide. He posed three options for this: a) have NCC transmit via I-Net and let locals record for re-transmission; b) have NCC transmit via I-Net and "cherry-pick" the signal to re-transmit locally as it is received; c) have CV switch to NCC on a specific evening, at a specific time, on a weekly basis.

2) to provide access for independent schools within a town/city. Arrangements similar to those in #1 can be considered or the school can simply provide a tape to the school system running CH 78. JR has prepared a list of personnel responsible for ed access in the various towns. During the discussion, JR raised the issue of Ed Access in Stamford. We need to find a stable source for CH 78, since we will soon be expecting to see programming from three participants (Stamford schools, Wright Tech, & Sacred Heart.)

JR asked all participants to consider how they would handle programming from other sources in their towns. We will try to develop a consistent policy at future meetings.

Reminder: I-Net logs are due in January. Please begin preparing them now. Submit your logs to Chris Klimek, Cablevision of Connecticut, 28 Cross Street, Norwalk, CT 06851

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 pm