

A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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TO: ED COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: JOHN REPICKY
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (Dec. 5, 2005 - Westport)

Dec. 6, 2005

Darien:
Easton:
Greenwich: Charlie Chiesa
New Canaan: Roman Cebulski
Norwalk: Bill De Felice
Redding:
Stamford:
Weston: Peggy Jorgensen
Westport:
Wilton: John Repicky
Wright Tech:
NCC Stoney Duren
Maritime Aq.
Sacred Heart
Conv. Of Sac. Hrt.
Cablevision
Guest: David Dreyfus, ANCC Westport

1) Meeting began at 1:50 pm with 6 schools represented. Minutes of Oct. 31, 2005 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site.

2) 2005 Grants:

- JR noted that 5 grant recipients (Greenwich, NC, Nwlk, Westport, NCC) have not yet submitted the voucher for funds. (see ANCC website for form)
- To date, grants totaling \$50,038 have been made; there is \$9011.66 remaining in the account. If no more applications are made before Dec. 31, the committee will have to decide whether it wants to utilize the remaining funds for the next Access Awards program or disburse them now.
- Question: Can grant funds be used for non-equipment expenses such as videographers? A: Yes, however you must be prepared to document the expenses and relate them to programming. Also, there may be IRS reporting implications such as filing a 1099 form. For example: Allocating \$750 to pay a student to tape 10 events at \$75 each. You should be able to document the payments and relate them to the actual programs. Also, you would have to file a 1099 to any individual who receives more than \$600 per year.
- For those who have received grants: **Don't forget to fill out the Grant Report Form (available on the ANCC website)**
- **ALSO: I-Net logs are due in January. Future grants depend on utilization of grant funds for access. This utilization should be reflected in your I-Net transmission log.**

3) Access Awards:

- JR distributed a poster that can be used to promote the awards and reminded members that there is only 3 month until the deadline for elementary school entries.
- Again the issue of copyright was discussed. CC asked about utilization of copyrighted footage as well as music. After much discussion, the fact remains that copyright clearance is the responsibility of the producer. Dave Dreyfus promised to forward info on copyright-free music sites. JR noted that UnitedStreaming subscribers have access to some copyright-cleared footage. JR will also check with Chris Klimek for details on CV's clearances.
- JR also noted that PSA entries can be 59 seconds. However, only the 29 second entries can be played on the Cablevision subscriber network.

4) Construction Issues:

- The Darien I-Net installation is now complete.
- NCC is still having difficulty getting an estimate for the cost of moving its drop.
- New Canaan and Weston have to have new installations due to recent construction. JR suggested that they fill out the site request form (available on the ANCC website) and forward it to Chris K. Schools should try to keep a paper trail of all requests & conversations regarding I-Net installations.

5) Needs Assessment:

The ANCC met with Brian Grogan of Moss & Barnett on November 30. Mr. Grogan will be preparing the needs assessment for the DPUC and has asked for ANCC input. Hal Levy will draft a response by December 15th. The Ed Access committee must submit any comments to Hal by Dec. 9. So far, the committee has suggested the following:

- the need for a system-wide Ed Access Channel for higher ed. and regional users (e.g. NCC, Wright Tech, Joel Barlow, private schools that draw their enrollments from the region rather than specific towns, etc.);
 - a better means of promoting access programming (including some kind of program guide);
 - CV should be more pro-active in promoting access (i.e. reach out to potential users who are not currently utilizing access).
 - CV should have a more formal structure for technical issues involving schools and the I-Net (i.e. specific contact people; a response within a set period of time; timetable for completion of a project)
- An example of the need for this is the move of the I-Net drop at NCC. Even though they are willing to pay for the move, it somehow doesn't seem to get done. The lines of communication are not very good.
- Educational Channels - It has long been the practice for CV to provide Family Basic to the schools. There are now many educational channels on the digital tier. CV should provide the means for schools to receive digital channels of an educational nature (such as C-Span3, Science, National Geographic, etc)

Additional comments should be sent to JR asap.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 1:30 pm