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TO: ANCC MEMBERS June 1, 2006

FROM: JOHN REPICKY

RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (May 30, 2006- Westport - Annual Mtg)

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Jim Cameron, Dave Dever

Easton: Leighton Jordan

Greenwich:

New Canaan: Paul Sedlak, Tony Thompson Norwalk: Marge Costa, Victor Cromwell

Redding: Bob Moran Stamford: Geza Ziegler

Weston: Don Saltzman, Bob Atkinson

Westport: Hal Levy, Candace McGovern, Dave Dreyfuss

Wilton: John Repicky, Carole Kleinfeld

Ed Access: Jack Culbert (Wpt)
Cablevision: Deb Hutton, Steve Shaye

Guest: Sen. Bob Duff, Dolly Curtis, Esther Ziegler, Barbara Levy

1) The meeting began at 6:30 pm with 9 towns represented. HL welcomed our guests. Minutes of April 26 were approved.

2) Treasurer's Report -

Activity	Date	ANCC Account	Access Escrow
Opening Balance	4/26/06	\$13,994.29	\$34,922.62
Interest & Dep.		2.26	\$100,100.00*
Checks & Debits		270.00	\$11,660.00
Closing Balance	5/30/06	\$13,726.55	\$123,362.62

Treasurer's report was approved. * (\$100,000 CV Grant 06; \$100 un-cashed awards check)

The meeting was suspended for dinner and an address by Sen. Bob Duff (25th District). Sen. Duff gave some insight into the workings of the Energy & Technology committee and the regulatory climate for voice and video services. He noted that CV was able to offer voice services will less regulation than the phone company and that now the phone company has been given clearance by the DPUC to offer video service with less regulation than the local CATV providers. Sen. Duff stated that the legislature will probably have to the issue in an attempt to preserve traditional public service requirements for video providers, but warned that the Federal Government could override any action taken at the state level. HL thanked Sen. Duff for taking the time to join us.

3) 2006 Access Grants:

For the 3rd year in a row, CV has allocated \$100,000 to the ANCC to support E&G access. CV has also pledged to provide a package of equipment to supplement the cash grant. Motion: To allocate \$60,000 for ed access and \$40,000 for governmental access, with the supplemental equipment (approx. \$2500 per town) going to the 10 G-channels. G-channel operators are to present the ANCC with an equipment list for the supplemental grant by June 30, 2006. Motion approved, (Unan.)

4) Update on docket 05-06-12:

The DPUC issued a draft decision stating that AT&T does not need to secure a CATV franchise in order to offer their proposed video services.

5) 05-04-10 CV Franchise Renewal:

- Responses to interrogatories were due by 5/19. ANCC filed it response (approx. 250 pages) on time. Copies were sent to members via e-mail.
- Proposal for Renewal (PFR) was also due from CV, but is not yet available.
- CV has filed two motions to delay the renewal process. Both have been denied.
- Public hearings on this docket will begin June 15th @ 6:30 pm. The hearing will be held at Westport Town Hall, Rm 309. Westport will televise the hearing on CH 79 and CV has made arrangements to carry their signal on CH 79 in the other towns (except Stamford CH78). ANCC members should make arrangements to carry this info on their town BB. Hearings will continue in New Britain during the last week of June.
- HL noted that the Area 2 hearings will take place on June 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Milford City Hall Auditorium, 110 River Street, Milford, Connecticut. This hearing will be covered by Milford Gov't Access TV. and can be found on I-Net channel 42.
- JR pointed out the enormous effort required of HL to complete the interrogatories. The members applauded HL.

6) Election of Officers:

Bob Atkinson & the nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for ANCC officers for the next two years. They were: Chairman - Hal Levy; Vice-Chairman - Don Saltzman; Secretary - Carole Kleinfeld; Treasurer - Bob Atkinson. Motion: To elect the slate as presented. Approved (Unan.) - HL had some kind words for outgoing Secretary John Repicky.

7) State of the Council:

- HL presented his State of the Council address in this our 25th anniversary year. The statement will be e-mailed under separate cover.

8) 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule:

- HL proposed the following schedule for 06-07: 9/6 - Westport; 10/18; 11/29; 1/10; Feb (TBA); 3/21; 4/25; Annual Meeting - TBA. Please contact Hal if you wish to host a meeting in your town.

9) Other:

- CK announced that CV has set up an access training session for 11 Wilton members.
- JR gave a report on the Ed Access Awareness Awards Program. \$7,960 was awarded for 21 projects, involving approximately 75 students. There were 55 entries (130 students). All of the entries aired on the access channel in their respective towns. JR thanked Candace McGovern (Wpt) and Dominic Antonacci (CV) for their work on the Awards committee, and Deb Hutton (CV) for providing frames for the certificates.

Next Meeting: 9/6, Westport Town Hall

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm