

Area Nine Cable Council

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TO: ANCC MEMBERS May 29, 2008

FROM: Geza Ziegler (Secretary Pro Tem)
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (May 28, 2008)

ATTENDANCE:

Darien: Dave Dever

Easton: Andy Anderson, Leighton Jordan

Greenwich: Paul Curtis, Stu Reider

New Canaan: Paul Sedlak Norwalk: Herb Grant Redding: Bob Moran Stamford: Geza Ziegler

Weston: Harvey Bellin, Don Saltzman, Peggy Jorgenson

Westport: Hal Levy, Judith Freedman
Wilton: John Repicky, Harry Somerdyk
Cablevision: Jennifer Young, Myles Rich

Chairman Hal Levy called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:40 pm at Bogey's in Westport. The following guests were introduced: Barbara Levy, Esther Ziegler, and Myles Rich from Cablevision. Jim Cameron, Marge Costa, Jeff Stollenwerck and Carole Young-Kleinfeld were excused.

- **1**. **Minutes.** The group unanimously approved the minutes of the April 23, 2008 meeting with no changes.
- **2. Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. \$8854.31 in ANCC account, \$105238.42 in access escrow account.
- **3. Old Business:** John Repicky presented the report of the Educational Access Awareness program for students in grade K-12. Funding is running out and is needed in the spring of 2009. Because the ANCC thinks this is a worthwhile project, ANCC members made suggestions for obtaining more funds. Specific suggestions to be discussed at our fall meeting. AA moved that the ANCC support the Educational Access Awareness program and seek funds to continue. Seconded and approved.

4. Legislation and Docket Review

House Bill 5814 "An Act Concerning Community Access Television" was folded into another bill and amended to provide town-specific community access capability for Area 2.

DPUC Docket 08-02-11 DPUC Review of Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Act 07-253. No new developments here.

DPUC Docket 08-04-02 DPUC Investigation of the need to Impose Federal Rate Regulation Requirements on Certified Cable Franchise Authority (CCFA) Providers.

HL reviewed this docket which pertains to loosening various requirements for ratesetting under the new legislation 07-253 for companies that become CCFAs under the so-called "cable light" regulations. ANCC will follow this.

PEGPETIA Grant Program through DPUC—Applications will be available June 2, 2008. First quarterly deadline is Aug 1, with follow-up deadlines to be the first day of each quarter.

5. Nominating Committee Report. Don Saltzman presented the proposed slate of officers for 2008-2010.

Hal Levy – Chairman
Don Saltzman –Vice Chairman
Carole Young-Kleinfeld - Secretary
Herb Grant - Treasurer

Nominated from the floor: John Repicky – Assistant Secretary

All nominees were seconded and elected.

6. Chairman's Report –Hal Levy, Chair

ANCC has completed its 27th year of operation. HL listed past and future expectations. Reported on new members and accomplishments:

- Acknowledged Carole Young- Kleinfeld's help and liaison activities. (Accolades!)
- John Repicky continued his tireless service to ANCC after relinquishing his secretarial duties by organizing a successful educational access program.
- Don Saltzman is "Mr. ANCC"

HL thanked Myles Rich, Jennifer Young and Sen. Judi Freedman and thanked all the members.

Note: 100% attendance record: Geza Ziegler, Harvey Bellin and Hal Levy.

7. Roundtable Discussion on Successes and Challenges.

- Discussion of changes in community access formats, and new regulations "Cable-light" and "advisory council-light".
- Lt. Governor is doing a series: Would like to put it on the Gov. Access channels. JY will send memo so Towns can decide if they wish to carry the programming.
- Equipment Grants from Cablevision: price and availability discussed. Miles and Paul will supply a list to Hal for distribution. Equipment needs to be selected soon.

8. Schedule for 2008-2009

Tentative meeting schedule for 2008-9: 6 regular meetings proposed: 9/17, 10/29, 12/17, 2/11, 4/8, 6/3. (Third or later Wednesdays preferred. Will redo schedule).

Respectfully submitted,

Geza Ziegler, Secretary Pro Tem ANCC