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Area 9 Cable Council

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**TO: A9CC MEMBERS**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF October 23, 2024 MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**October 24, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Jim Cameron, ~~David Dever~~, Mike Wheeler, Tim McGuire  
Easton: ~~Doug Dempsey~~  
Greenwich: Craig Jones, ~~Horst Tebbe, Don Conway, Barbara Heins, Sean Mayo~~  
New Canaan: ~~Paul Sedlak~~, Bob Doran, Roman Cebulski  
Norwalk: Irene Dixon, ~~Mark Minnock, John Freda~~  
Redding: ~~Bob Moran~~  
Stamford: Eric Morson, Bob Lion, ~~Ryan Fealey~~  
Weston:  
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan  
Wilton: Jeffrey Boehme, Maria Breece  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: ~~Esme Lombard~~  
Ed Committee:  
Guests: Larry Manzi (Norwalk)  
Excused: Doug Dempsey (Easton); Bob Moran (Redding); Dave Dever (Darien); Mark Minnock (Norwalk)

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:05pm with eight towns represented.

1. **Minutes** of the September18 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
  - Uverse pass through E&G funds TBD is still pending. Update was requested from Esme. Last year the payment was made on February 21. Hal will call Esme.
4. **2024 Round 2 grant program**

\$25,789 to Edu, \$34,336 to Gov; 7 grants of \$4,905 on the Government side; Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee; A maximum of \$2,500 for each grant can be allocated to operations; The deadline for submitting grants from the towns & schools is 12/4/2024.

| Town/School | Amount     | Ops | Notes/Status |
|-------------|------------|-----|--------------|
| Norwalk G   | \$4,905.00 | 0   | Approved     |
| Westport E  | \$3,157.80 | 0   | Approved     |

Delinquent Grant Reports:

| Town/School  | Amount     | Date Paid | Date Due  | Notes/Status                   |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| New Canaan E | \$2,000.00 | 3/12/2024 | 5/11/2024 | 3 Repicky awards – will submit |
| Wilton E     | \$3,000.00 | 6/18/2024 | 8/17/2024 | Operations report due          |
| CSH E        | \$6,866.00 | 5/31/2024 | 7/30/2024 | Will Request refund of payment |

5. **Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions**

*Using AI to summarize meeting transcripts* – Jim & Mike talked about using Google Notebook to create audio podcasts as a tool to promote and facilitate viewing of meeting videos. Darien TV79 tried this at its recent board meeting. The results, although not perfect, were impressive. Jim shared the audio podcast with our group and recommended checking out notebook:

<https://notebooklm.google.com/>

6. **Other Matters**

- None

Future Meetings: 12/11/2024 1/29/2025 3/19/2025 5/28/2025 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.