

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

Area Nine Cable Council, PO Box 1144, Weston, CT 06883 | <http://edaccess.a9cc.org/>

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members **Date:** April 7, 2014
From: Jennifer Cirino, Acting Secretary
Re: Minutes of Meeting (April 7, 2014)

ATTENDANCE: (yellow highlight & asterisk(*) = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Ivan Crowther
Easton/Redding:	Evelyn Reeve*
Greenwich:	Aaron Johnson
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	Karl Haeseler*
NCC:	Stoney Duren
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski*
Weston:	Erik Haakonsen
Westport:	Jennifer Cirino*
Wilton:	Ken Boehm
Cablevision:	Jennifer Young

RC called the A9CC Meeting to order at 1:40pm. 4 towns were represented (4 districts).

Minutes from 3/18/14 were approved with no corrections. Motion by ER; JC second.

1. Old Business

- a. Discussed the minutes procedure
 - i. First version is a Google Doc that is available as Comment View by EdAccess members immediately.
 - ii. Draft should be sent out to the council for perusal before next meeting.
 - iii. At the next meeting, those minutes need to be voted on following any corrections, changes or discussion of those minutes.
 - iv. The minutes then become public record and can be posted and shared with the public on our website's [Meeting Page](#).
- b. Ed Access Committee mission
 - i. Continue to share new technology and usage with our students.
 1. Next meeting will showcase Action/POV cameras (GoPro, Contour, etc.).
 - ii. Continue to explore ways to generate content for Ch 78 (such as with the annual video contest)

2. Full A9CC Meeting - April 2nd

- a. Ed Access members, Roman, Stoney, Jenn, and Erik, attended the last meeting.

- b. Amendment changes voted on last week. Ed Access grant applications still need to be brought before our Ed Access Committee first, then brought to the overall A9CC group for final approval with our recommendation.
 - i. Grant requests must be presented/approved in person at Ed Access meetings; not via email.
- c. Ed Access Committee's connection to the overall A9CC group.
 - i. A subset of the overall A9CC council that includes full A9CC voting members and representative from institutions that do not have full voting rights.
- d. With new AT&T funds in addition to Cablevision, will have \$150,000 total for A9CC group's grant: \$75,000 for Government side and \$75,000 for Ed Access Committee:
 - i. Cable grants can be submitted for the upcoming year starting now.
 - ii. The cycle of grants starts again in April.
- e. Approved grants from last A9CC meeting:
 - i. Westport, NCC, and New Canaan.

3. Grant Requests

- a. Ed Access grant cycle is now open.
 - i. \$6,500 for first round of Ed Access grant requests.
 - ii. Can use up to \$2,000 of that for equipment operators.
- b. Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich (Karl H): Grant request for \$6,500.33
 - i. To improve field production for recording and broadcasting of sporting events, community service activities, and school events.
 - 1. 1 Canon XA10; 3 GoPro camcorders - to record events
 - 2. 1 iMac 27" - to supplement editing capabilities
 - ii. ER motion to approve. RC second. Approved.

4. AAA Contest

- a. Upcoming Contest meeting dates:
 - i. **May 9th** - Deadline for submission of contest videos.
 - 1. Video contest entries must be broadcast on Ch 78 by May 9th.
 - ii. **May 12th** - Compilation of videos (during regular Ed Access meeting)
 - 1. **Time:** 1:30pm (expect meeting to last longer to compile videos and pre-screen if necessary)
 - 2. **Location:** TBD (most likely at Cablevision)
 - iii. **May 20th** - Voting Day for AAA video contest
 - 1. **Time:** 9am - 3pm
 - 2. **Location:** Westport's Technology Center, 136 Riverside Ave., Westport, CT 06880
 - iv. **June 2nd** - Trophy distribution / final Ed Access committee meeting for the school year.
- b. Contest Details:
 - i. Flyer will be updated this week by RC.

- ii. JC will update website with up-to-date info & flyer; will create 2014 registration form & voting spreadsheet.
- iii. ER will invite John Repicky, Bill Derry, and Peggy for voting that day; KH will invite Ellyn.
- iv. RC will coordinate with Jennifer Young about judging the HS News category.
- v. RC will check w/ Trophy company regarding turn-around time.
- c. Budget Items:
 - i. ER contacted Jennifer Young and there is \$1,000 available for trophies and certificates. JY needs a letter requesting the funds and invoices. Evelyn will send a request letter to JY (RC or JC will provide template from previous years).
 - 1. Need someone to purchase the certificates.
 - ii. ER will request funding for operating expenses for the Ed Access Voting Day. Estimate for food: \$100
 - iii. No monetary awards for video contest.
 - 1. RC checked with Hal; the DPUC (CT Public Utilities Council) states that you cannot pay students for their contest entries.
 - 2. Ed Access will continue with rewarding an equipment package.

5. Next Meeting

- a. May 12, 2014 at TBD (most likely Cablevision). RC will contact JY to request Cablevision's meeting room.
 - i. Bring grant requests to submit for next cycle.

Motion to adjourn by ER; KH second.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cirino
Acting Secretary