

# A.N.C.C. - Ed Access

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TO: ED COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
FROM: JOHN REPICKY  
RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (Jan. 24, 2005)

Jan. 25, 2005

Darien:	Kelly Duncan
Easton:	
Greenwich:	
New Canaan:	Randy Clark
Norwalk:	Bill DeFelice
Redding:	
Stamford:	
Weston:	
Westport:	
Wilton:	John Repicky
Wright Tech:	Pat Paktinat, Randy Whitman
Maritime Aq.	Joe Schneirline
Sacred Heart	Brian Highland
Cablevision	Chris Klimek, Dominic Antonacci

1) Meeting began at 1:38 pm with 6 towns represented. Minutes of Dec. 6, 2004 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site.

## 2) Grants:

The committee reviewed a proposal from Norwalk for \$5500 to produce 3 short videos for CH 78. The proposal drew significant discussion. The committee had serious reservations about the proposal. It was noted that the original grants were limited to equipment only, as CV wished to see concrete returns on its investment. Some latitude was given to using funds for personnel assuming minimal fees to allow for taping evening events, etc. JR was concerned that the entire grant program could be jeopardized if funds were given to sub-contractors rather than to support "home grown" efforts. JR also commented that, since Norwalk submitted its proposal by 12/31, they should have the opportunity to receive a grant. *Motion: Return the proposal to Norwalk in the hope that they will come up with a grant more in keeping with the spirit of access grants (i.e. to support the efforts of the educational community to produce programming rather than to sub-contract to outside providers.) Passed: Unan*

Remaining 2004 Funds: JR submitted a proposal to utilize remaining 2004 funds. Eight new grants would be created. The target amount for each grant would be \$2500. Proposals are due (via e-mail) by Wednesday, 2/23/05. Grants would be considered collectively and be awarded at the meeting of 2/28. A suggestion was made to wait and bundle the funds with whatever may be offered in a 2005 grant program. JR noted that the Council made a similar proposal for the use of remaining Government Access funds, since the Council does not want to keep a large balance in the grant escrow account. After some discussion about grant limits (hopefully some grant requests will be for less than \$2500 so that a few could add a little), the plan was approved.

**Please note that, according to ANCC rules, reports from previous grants must be submitted before new grants can be approved.**

**3) Access Awards Rubric:**

JR distributed materials from PJ and Weston HS for the group to consider. PJ and CM being absent, the group was reluctant to finalize any rubric. There was some discussion of the scoring for "Relevance to School" and suggestions would be welcome. Otherwise, the group felt that Peggy's draft was almost ready to go.

**4) I-Net and Access Channels:**

Chris has received I-Net logs from Darien, Greenwich, Weston, Wilton, Westport, Wright Tech and the Maritime Aquarium. **I-Net logs are due by January 31. Submit your logs to Chris Klimek, Cablevision of Connecticut, 28 Cross Street, Norwalk, CT 06851. This is a DPUC requirement.**

**I-Net programming:** CK distributed list of dark channels. CV personnel have repeatedly gone through the I-Net line-up and noted programming (or lack thereof). Please review the list and contact Chris if you fell that there are any errors. It was noted that Weston HS and Barlow HS are temporarily off the air due to construction.

Bill DeFilice noted that Norwalk does not need to have transmission equipment at their middle schools. Channels 71, 72 & 74 can be re-allocated

**5) Other:**

CK distributed copies of press articles on the access awards program

Projects are due by 4/1 (and they must have been shown on the access channel prior to that time) Please get the word out to your teachers and students.

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:50 pm**