

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

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**TO: ED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**FROM: JOHN REPICKY**  
**RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (January 29, 2007 - @ CV)**

January 30, 2007

## **Attendance:**

Darien	Vicki Mark Anthony
Easton	Carol Weinschel
Greenwich	Charlie Chiesa
New Canaan	Roman Cebulski
Redding	Gayle Bogel
Wilton	John Repicky
Westport	Bill Derry
Weston	Peggy Jorgensen
Conv. Of Sac. Hrt.	Ellyn Stewart
Joel Barlow HS	Brian Ciancio
Norwalk CC	Stony Duren
St. Joseph HS	Brian Highland
Wright Tech	Pat Paktinat
Cablevision	Gary Shaw, Jennifer Nacewicz

1) Meeting began at 1:33 pm with 13 schools represented. Minutes of November 27, 2007 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site. GB volunteered to record minutes for meeting..

## **2) Introductions**

Gary Shaw from Cablevision New Jersey introduced Jennifer Nacewicz ([jnacewi@cablevision.com](mailto:jnacewi@cablevision.com)) as the new educational access contact for Area Nine.

## **3) Status of Access Awards**

Since it is no longer possible to award money from the grant fund for awards, other choices/approaches were discussed. One approach might be buying equipment for schools in winning student's name as an award. J.R. had asked council to fund 2,000.00 for this year only to ease transition to new guidelines, since the contest is already in progress and has been publicized as having cash awards. Gary Shaw reported that it had been presented, but no decision had been made. J.R. noted that, in the past, a percentage of funds has been set for doing outreach, and the precedent may be able to support the idea of cash awards.

Group was polled:

1. Should contest be continued? Yes
2. Will buying equipment for schools work as an incentive. No

The general opinion was that buying equipment would work for elementary and middle school, but not for high school contests.

Awards such as the “Academic Video Award” at Norwalk Community College, with recognition and a small statuette may be a solution. The consensus was to continue awards and explore alternative to recognizing/motivating students, whether cash is available or not.

A motion was made by Charlie Chiesa that contest should continue. It was seconded by Carol Weinschel.

Sources of funding for small trophies to be presented will be explored. Entries may be broadcast on i-net for judging this year.

### **3) New Grants**

Grants were approved:

New Canaan - \$5000.00

Westport – existing equipment (Mac G5 and Powerbook from Sacred Heart Equipment - valued at \$1434.50)

### **4) I-Net reports and Grant reports are due.**

I-Net reports were submitted by: Darien, Greenwich, Redding, Westport, Wilton, & Wright Tech.

### **5) Upcoming meeting dates:**

- February 26
- April 2
- April 30

Meeting Adjourned: 2:35 pm  
Submitted by Gayle Bogel