

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

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**June 4, 2007**

John Repicky, Jennifer Nacewicz (Cablevision), Peggy Jorgensen (Weston), Bill Derry (Westport), Charlie Chiesa (Greenwich), Roman Cebulski (New Canaan), Stoney Drew (Norwalk Community College), Vicki Markanthy (Darien).

**Start: 1:55**

- 1.) **Approve Minutes of April 30<sup>th</sup>**. 1<sup>st</sup> - C. Chiesa; 2<sup>nd</sup> – P. Jorengensen. B.Derry agreed to take notes for the meeting.
- 2.) EDDY (Ed Access Trophy) **Award presented to Jennifer Nacewicz** from the ANC to Cablevision, thanking them for making it possible to have the awards.
- 3.) J. Repicky handed out the **Media Release form** which announced the ANCC winners of the **Third Annual Access Awareness Awards for students grades K-12. 63 winners.**
  - J. Repicky provided an accounting of what happened with the awards:
  - 27 trophies @ \$13 = \$376 with tax; certificates were \$88.50 with holders that added to them; and the equipment \$2958.00.
  - Only spent less than half of the \$1000 we had, and we still have \$500 to work with for certificates, with cash for equipment to schools.
  - C.Chiesa said trophies were very popular! Impacted teachers as well. The concept went over well, and one comment to prevent competition was to provide equipment to everyone who enters.
  - Could possibly look for \$200 more to pull this off next year. Possibly we can go to other funding sources.
  - J.Repicky will explore the possibility of raising funds from each district.
  - P.Jorgenson asked if we can judge together again; especially to provide feedback to the participants.
  - Need to find a way to streamline the process of evaluating. If iNET is used again, then everyone does a prescreening – breaking it into a pass/fail – then we do a final screening of working on the “passes.” Concerned that the technology may not be working well, so we aren’t all seeing the same thing.
- 4.) **Create 2007 Grants:** The Council allotted \$60 of the \$100,000 to education. The supplemental equipment package is going to be handled by the council. Assumption is 12 grants at \$5000 each. There is presently a little over \$3000 left over from last year, and that can be allocated to the equipment prizes OR we can subtract from the \$60,000. Possibly we make those decisions in September. Figure around \$5000 per district, and we’ll see where it goes from there. Since some districts haven’t been participating we can probably say 10 grants at \$6000.
- 5.) **Dates for the FALL:** Sept 10, Oct 15, Nov. 19.. we’ll map out the rest after that. We’ll continue to meet at CV.
- 6.) Jennifer Nacewicz handed out information on the high school program, **“The Challenge.”** (Produced by Cablevision, News 12 and presented by Power to Learn – academic quiz show for all highs schools within our franchise area.)

7.) **Appointments:** J. Repicky – appointment letters just went out, so check with them if you want to be the official representative on the Council. Each district by law is allowed one representative, so make sure if possible that you are the official rep. It is important for Peggy Jorgensen to continue in the position.

8.) **Construction Issues?** Any problems? R.Cebulski having internal problems with school construction; but not connected to Cablevision problems.

9.) **TIP on “converting” VOB files for import.** J. Repicky asked about dealing with video files and if there was a ripper available. Copy the VOB file to your desktop, and take the VOB and rename as an MPG – and it was easily usable now for importing into video editing software.

10.) **AV Supply Quote:** J.Repicky created a supply quote for audio-visual materials after comparing prices between many vendors. Offered the quote to any district that wants to take advantage of the special pricing. It is available in electronic form if you e-mail J. Repicky. If used, please add on top of P.O., “Used the Educational Film Cooperative A/V Supply Quote.”

11.) **Wished Vicki a great retirement!!!**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:12