

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

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**TO: ED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**FROM: JOHN REPICKY**  
**RE: MINUTES OF MEETING (Sept. 11, 2006 - @ CV)**

Sept. 12, 2006

Darien:	
Easton:	Carol Weinschel
Greenwich:	Charlie Chiesa
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Bill DeFelice
Redding:	Gayle Bogel
Stamford:	
Weston:	
Westport:	Bill Derry
Wilton:	John Repicky
Wright Tech:	Pat Paktinat
NCC	Stoney Duren
Maritime Aq.	
Conv. Of Sac. Hrt.	
Cablevision	Joan Hendricks

1) Meeting began at 1:33 pm with 6 schools represented. JR welcomed new member Carol Weinschel and Bill Derry, and welcomed Joan Hendricks who will replace Dominic Antonacci until a permanent CV rep is appointed. Minutes of May 30, 2006 were approved. Approved minutes will be posted on the ANCC web site. JR requested that members take turns keeping the minutes of meetings. GB suggested recording meetings and will bring recording equipment.

## **2) Review Status of 2005 Grants:**

- There has been no change in status from May: i.e. NC has not submitted a voucher for its funds and grant reports are due from NC, Norwalk, Conv. Of Sacred Heart. JR distributed a spreadsheet showing a summary of 05 grants & reports.

## **3) 2006 Grant Program & Re-distribution of Sacred Heart equipment:**

- JR announced that the ANCC has allocated \$60,000 for Ed Access grants this year. Government access was allocated \$40,000 plus equipment from a supplemental package program similar to what Ed Access had last year. Ed Access members should not expect any grant funding other than the \$60,000 allocated.

- JR proposed that the committee create 12 grants of approximately \$5000 each. As in the past, the committee will consider changing the amount based on need. Applications may be submitted at any time, but must be received no later than Jan. 2, 2007. (Forms are available on the ANCC website) Applications will be considered at the next regular meeting. Once an application is approved, the school has 30 days to submit a voucher to receive its funds or the grant will be withdrawn. The proposal was approved.

- JR reminded members that 1) equipment remains the property of A9 PEG access; 2) grant proposals must be for **access i.e. CH78** purposes; 3) equipment must be inventoried. Please see the "Grant Procedures" attached to the application. He also noted that there is a precedent for using grant funds to "pay off" previous expenditures. The portion being allocated to the grant will still be subject to inventory and record keeping procedures.

- JR distributed a list of the equipment recovered from Sacred Heart and proposed that schools request items from the list as part of the regular grant process, using 50% of the original cost as the planning value.

- JR asked members to give an overview of their needs for '06:
  - Redding - mini-studio & monitor;
  - NC - field production switcher;
  - GR - editing computers;
  - NCC - graphics computers;
  - Wilton - Mini-T interfaces for DVD, editing consoles, mini-DV decks

#### **4) Access Awards:**

After much discussion, the group decided to continue the awards program. However, it was recognized that there need to be changes. Some commented that there should be more awards, but of smaller amounts. A suggestion was made that we could possibly make awards to both the student and the student's school. We need to find a more efficient way to judge (perhaps pre-screen at the school and/or limit the number of entries from a school.) It was obvious that we didn't have time to address all the issues. The group decided on a special meeting, Sept. 25, 1:30 at CV, to work on the awards program.

- Joan H. noted that C-Span has a video contest for HS students that involves the utilization of C-Span footage in a program. Check [cspan.org](http://cspan.org) for more info.

#### **5) Meeting Schedule:**

After a short discussion, the group decided to keep meeting on Mondays. We will meet at Cablevision if they can provide the room. The following dates were selected: **Sept. 25; Oct. 30; Nov. 27; Jan 29; March 5; all @ 1:30 pm.** The Awards Program will necessitate meetings in April/May for judging. These will be determined once the parameters are set for the program.

#### **6) Other Business:**

- Joan H. mentioned the CT Challenge program on CV. The Challenge (similar to the old College Bowl programs) has been in the LI franchise and is now being offered in CT. See the Power To Learn website for more info.

- JR asked Joan to provide contact info for the head-end so members could check transmission quality. (Greenwich and NCC both have issues.) [ Deb Hutton said to use 203-750-5640 to talk to the tech on duty for technical issues. However, please contact her or Mark Smaga for programming or scheduling changes. Note: there is a form on the ANCC website for schedule switches - <http://westportct.net/ancc/ProgramSwitchreq.pdf> ]

- NC asked for an update on installation of its new fiber line. JR stressed that we need liaison with CV on installation & technical issues.

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:03 pm**