

Connecticut Alliance for Community Media (CTacm)
Membership Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2009
50 South Main Street

2:30 p.m.
West Hartford, CT

Attending: Margot Hardenbergh, Jennifer Evans, Pua Ford, Karen Handville, Rachel Draghe, Scott Hanley, David Dever, Jim Cameron, Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Billie Scrusse, Aldon Hynes, Susan Huizenga, Marie Saddig, Stuart Reider, Carol Hartman, *others*

Guests: Mary Ann Arrien, Chuck Sherwood, Keith Thibault, *others*

1. Call to Order by Co-chairs Evans and Hardenbergh at 2:40 p.m.
2. Resolution to establish a Connecticut chapter of the Alliance for Community Media
 - a. Ford referred those present to the pertinent Bylaws of the national organization, attached to the agenda.
 - b. Ford read a proposed resolution. It was moved for adoption from the floor; the motion was seconded from the floor (Reider/Dever).

Whereas, the individual and organizational members of the Alliance for Community Media recognize the need to come together for the purpose of pursuing the organization's goals within Connecticut's borders, and

Whereas, five individuals have come forward to serve as officers of a Connecticut chapter, and

Whereas, the national Board of the Alliance for Community Media has given recognition to a Connecticut chapter with those five officers as a(n interim) Board

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the members of the Alliance for Community Media residing and working in Connecticut, establish the Connecticut Alliance for Community Media.
3. Set date for Annual Meeting of CTacm: People felt that the month of September would be good for a conference of professional development workshops and an annual meeting. The precise date will be scheduled by the Board.
4. Accept (interim) at-large Board members: Hanley and Huizenga volunteered to work on the Board.
5. Appoint *ad hoc* committees: This item was tabled, so that the room could be used for a previously scheduled workshop.
6. Adjournment: By general consensus, the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pua Ford, secretary

ARTICLE VIII – CHAPTERS AND SIGs

Sec. 8.1 - Establishment of Chapters and Affiliates

The National Board may, by ordinary resolution, and must upon written petition of 25 individual or organizational members, establish such Chapters and Affiliates as the Board shall think proper and not inconsistent with the purpose of the Corporation or these Bylaws and may define terms and conditions for their existence and set requirements for membership for the purposes of providing a forum for sharing information, resources, and skills, and helping communities establish a support system for their operations.

Sec. 8.2 - Membership in Chapters and Affiliates

1. Membership in any or all Chapters and Affiliates shall be available to any individual or organization, which meets the membership requirements.
2. The Equal Opportunity Affiliate shall have all the requirements incumbent upon Regions in Section 7.4 of these Bylaws.
3. The Equal Opportunity Affiliate shall designate one person, its Chair or another, as a voting member of the National Board and may designate an alternate, in which case the alternate shall serve in the absence of the Equal Opportunity Affiliate representative.

Sec. 8.3 - Governance of Chapters and Affiliates

Each Chapter and Affiliate shall be governed by a Chair and such other officers and directors as shall be appropriate and who shall have the powers and duties designated by these Bylaws, the members, the members of the Chapters and Affiliates, and the National Board.

Each Chapter and Affiliate shall establish procedures for the conduct of its business, meetings, elections, and other matters, consistent with these Bylaws, which procedures shall be filed in written form with the National Board of Directors. Changes or amendments to the procedures will not become effective until written notice thereof shall have been filed with the National Board.

Sec. 8.4 - Interim governance of Chapters and Affiliates

If a Chapter or Affiliate be newly established or re-established, or shall otherwise not have a Chair, the National Board may, by ordinary resolution, appoint a Chair for that Chapter or Affiliate, for a period not to exceed two years, and may prescribe interim procedures for that Chapter or Affiliate. Within two years, the Chair shall develop a directive body for the Chapter or Affiliate, which body shall ratify the prescribed procedures or may develop its own procedures, which shall be filed with the National Board.

Sec. 8.5 - Requirements of Chapters and Affiliates

Each Chapter and Affiliate must:

1. Prepare and submit budgets and conduct its financial affairs in a manner and form as prescribed by the National Board.
2. Ensure that no person shall serve as its Chair unless that person shall be an individual member of the Corporation.
3. Ensure that no person shall serve on its directive body unless that person shall be an individual member or the representative of an organizational member of the Corporation.
4. Ensure that no individual is discriminated against with regard to membership, services, access to

information or any activity of the corporation because of color, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, religious belief, physical challenges, developmental challenges, political belief, economic status or for any reason contrary to law.

5. Ensure that no member of the Chapter or Affiliate be deprived of the right to participate in decision-making or to representation on all matters of interest or effect to the Chapter or Affiliate.
6. Ensure that no individual or organizational member of the

Chapter or Affiliate be deprived of the right to vote in any election to select the members of the directive body of the Chapter or Affiliate.

7. Take no action, which would cause the tax-exempt status of the Corporation to be placed in jeopardy.

Section 8.6 - Affiliation Agreement:

All Chapters and similarly constituted groups under Section VIII of these Bylaws must enter into an affiliation agreement with the National Organization as referred to in section 2.3.7.

Core Values

How the Alliance wants to impact the world.

In order for democracy to flourish, people must be active participants in their government, educated to think critically and free to express themselves. The mission of the Alliance for Community Media is to advance democratic ideals by ensuring that people have access to electronic media and by promoting effective communication through community uses of media.

CORE VALUES OF THE ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY MEDIA

- In accomplishing its Ends, the Alliance will demonstrate to, and share with the world these core values.
- **Honesty and Integrity:** Alliance for Community Media operations and communications are fair, open and transparent.
- **Diversity:** Alliance for Community Media engages all people and strives to increase access to ACM activities for all people.
- **Global society:** Alliance for Community Media recognizes the need for electronic democracy is a worldwide issue.
- **Education:** Alliance for Community provides and shares educational resources and training to all of our communities so they are informed about community media and empowered as citizens.