



**ACM-NE Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 6, 2014**  
**Philadelphia, PA 1:30 PM**

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Chair's State of the Region Report
4. National Representative Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Scholarships and Special Awards Report
7. Information Services Report
8. Conference/Video Festival Update
9. Chapter Reports
10. New Business
11. Adjourn

Northeast Region Meeting

ACM National Conference

San Francisco, CA 5/30/13

Karen called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

She introduced the board members who were present. (Karen, Dick, Jennifer and Rob)

Karen explained that we had our Annual Meeting in Methuen at the Video Festival. She briefly reported what took place at the Annual Meeting. She explained that in the past year the Board has increased its representation of all states with solicitation of board members from historically underrepresented states in the region.

Karen talked a bit about some of the information services the region provides including the newsletter and the web site. She also talked about the video festival and the special awards.

She mentioned that there are currently open nominations for the board and encouraged people to apply.

State reports.

Connecticut:

Jennifer talked about Connecticut and gave a brief overview of the regulatory structure of Connecticut and the difficulties associated with it. In particular to work in the statehouse to save some funds associated with community media.

New Hampshire:

Dick reported about the file sharing server and mentioned that they are starting to talk to other states about sharing efforts. He characterized the statehouse as quiet but efforts to build relationships with legislators. He talked about some of the franchising structure and the diversity of funding throughout the state with regard to franchise fees. They have hired Doris Ballard for a small stipend as a marketing coordinator.

Vermont:

Rob reported that he recently stepped down as Vermont Access Network. Glad to report that the new web site is live. Work continues on statehouse coverage. Also talked a bit about the negotiations with VTel.

## Mass

Bob Kelly reported. Legislative initiative includes a draft 501 bill that was designed to protect community media. This includes such things as HD and interactive program guide. Relevancy continues to be an important element in MassAccess effort. Also reported on two mini conferences that were held this year.

## New York

Patrick Dimotta from Queens talked abit about the world of difference between the city and upstate. He also talked about his impression of the conference and some of the conversations that took place at the membership meeting. Carvin of Rochester talked about some of the work they are doing in Rochester and the committment to the mission even without a franchise agreement.

Keri Stokestad introduced us to Melissa, one of the new staff members. Also talked about some of the work the national board is doing and recognized that there is a lot of work to do and soon. She mentioned that some of the work is growing the members. Board will also start to focus on revenue raising, and the work that Michael Heylin has been doing. She mentioned that Melissa will be working on communications from the national office.

## Maine

Karen briefly talked about Maine, who couldn't be here and basically did a shout out.

Karen talked about the affiliate handbook she has been working on with the national office. She mentioned that northeast continues to do well financially and hopefully will bring that template to other regions and chapters.

Karen then open up the floor to general discussion. First subject was the conflict with Mass Access event and Fall conference. John mentioned that part of the discussion at the national level is a national calendar to help with some of the event planning and strategies.

There was a question about next year's national conference. John mentioned the efforts to join with NAMAC, but all is still up in the air. Washington and Philadelphia are both being talked about and still looking at the best dates.

Suggestion that a Northeast calendar would also be beneficial.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

**ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY MEDIA NORTHEAST REGION REPORT TO NATIONAL**  
**Debra Rogers, NE Representative to the National Board August 2014**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- ❖ The 2014 NE Region Board of Directors election was held and we received a total of 37 Ballots. Elected were: Barbara Chisholm, Pua Ford, Karen Hayden, Lori Belche. The new Board will be seated at our fall meeting.

**FALL 2014 CONFERENCE: *Tradition Meets Innovation 2***

- ❖ The fall 2014 Board Meeting, Trade Show and Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua, New Hampshire on October 9 & 10, 2014. Planning continues. We would love to have you all there.

**VIDEO FESTIVAL**

- ❖ The 2014 Video festival will be combined with the fall 2014 NE Region Conference so that people are asked to travel only once per year. The event will be held in Nashua, NH on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

**CURRENT NE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| ▪ Karen Hayden, Chair                        | ▪ Maryann Arrien, NY Rep             |
| ▪ JP Fortier, Vice Chair                     | ▪ Jennifer Evans, CT Rep             |
| ▪ Barbara Chisholm, Treasurer                | ▪ Juliet Harvey-Bolia, NH Rep        |
| ▪ Rob Chapman, Secretary                     | ▪ Nancy Richard                      |
| ▪ Debra Rogers, Region Rep to National Board | ▪ Camille Bartlett                   |
| ▪ Keith Thibault, MassAccess Rep             | ▪ Erica Jones                        |
| ▪ Patrick Cody, VT Rep                       | ▪ P. Al Williams, Discretionary seat |
| ▪ Sally Ann Hebert, Maine Rep                | ▪ Pua Ford, Discretionary seat       |

**ACM AT NAB**

- I did an article for national and NE Region – you can read it [HERE](#)

**FINANCES**

Attached – Finance reports

**WEBSITE**

[www.acm-ne.org](http://www.acm-ne.org)

**NE REGION STATE REPORTS: Those available include ME, MA, CT, VT, NY**

**Maine: Sally Hebert**

Sally reported on the election of officers. One member (Tony) had to step down to health problems. JP talked about a demo of drones and quadcopters that went so well, JP bought one.

**Vermont: Patrick Cody**

Patrick reported that VAN has filed as an intervener in the current Charter CPG (franchise renewal) to work on issues of program guide, remote origination sites, high definition channels, etc. Comcast has petitioned the Public Service Board to take over the Charter systems in VT (Barre and St. Johnsbury) so this CPG renewal will have effects on Comcast.

**New York – Maryann Arrien - [www.acmny.org](http://www.acmny.org)**

Maryann reported that the state chapter has its quarterly meeting scheduled. She has been working on the affiliate's status with the national calls.

**Connecticut Report: Jennifer Evans & Pua Ford: <http://connecticutacm.wordpress.com/>**

Jen reported of hearings concerning Frontier communications and their proposal to take over management of the U-Verse application. The chapter filed as participants in the docket and continues to get questions answered. Jen mentioned Connecticut's appreciation in having one of their own as the recipient of the NE Region scholarship to attend the National conference. She reported they continue working on getting monies back into the general fund to support Connecticut community media and was excited to report that there is a new center in Connecticut.

**Massachusetts: Keith Thibault**

Keith reported that MassAccess had collocated with the JAG conference in New Jersey. He also reported that they have decided to adopt Telvue's Connect product for statewide content sharing.

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Accrual Basis

**Alliance for Community Media Northeast Region**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of July 23, 2014**

	<u>Jul 23, 14</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
0000 · Bank North Checking	54,145.13
Total Checking/Savings	54,145.13
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	355.00
Total Accounts Receivable	355.00
Total Current Assets	54,500.13
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>54,500.13</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	45,805.66
3900 · Retained Earnings	1,542.00
Net Income	7,152.47
Total Equity	54,500.13
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>54,500.13</u></b>

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## Alliance for Community Media Northeast Region

## Profit &amp; Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
4115 · ACM Support (Revenue Sharing)	0.00	0.00
4116 · Transfer from Reserve	0.00	0.00
4129 · Interest	22.09	10.00
4140 · Newsletter Advertising	0.00	3,500.00
4150 · Video Festival Income		
4150B · Video Festival Sponsors	0.00	1,500.00
4150D · Festival Plaques	0.00	800.00
4150E · Entry Fees (Video Festival)	11,129.32	14,500.00
<b>Total 4150 · Video Festival Income</b>	<b>11,129.32</b>	<b>16,800.00</b>
4160 · Regional Conference Income		
4160A · Regional Conference Vendors	1,125.00	11,500.00
4160A1 · Exhibitor Tables	5,500.00	
4160B · Regional Conference Sponsors	3,500.00	6,000.00
4160C · Region Conference Registration	0.00	26,250.00
<b>Total 4160 · Regional Conference Income</b>	<b>10,125.00</b>	<b>43,750.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,276.41</b>	<b>64,060.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
5102 · Promotion		
5102A · Web Site Expenses	69.88	300.00
5102B · Electronic Communications	764.36	1,500.00
5102C · Miscellaneous Promotion	100.00	0.00
<b>Total 5102 · Promotion</b>	<b>934.24</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
5105 · Bank Charges	0.00	100.00
5190 · Miscellaneous Expense	90.50	600.00
5215 · Postage & Delivery		
5215A · Election Postage	147.00	150.00
5215B · Newsletter Postage	120.84	150.00
5215C · General Postage	125.50	100.00
<b>Total 5215 · Postage &amp; Delivery</b>	<b>393.34</b>	<b>400.00</b>
5220 · Printing		
5220A · Printing- Newsletter	566.60	1,500.00
5220B · Election Printing	97.00	100.00
5220C · General Printing	0.00	100.00
<b>Total 5220 · Printing</b>	<b>663.60</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>
5270 · Travel & Lodging		
5270a · Ntl Brd Reg RepTravel & Lodging	1,251.41	3,500.00
5270b · Reg Chair Travel& Lodging	37.01	1,000.00
5270c · Travel & Lodging other	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 5270 · Travel &amp; Lodging</b>	<b>1,288.42</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
5275 · State Chapter Support	4,000.00	
6000 · Board Meeting Expense	3,173.59	3,500.00
6700 · Conference Scholarship	350.00	4,600.00
6725 · State Chapter Annual Support	1,000.00	6,000.00
6750 · ACM National Contribution	0.00	7,500.00
6775 · Special Projects	0.00	2,000.00
6800 · Regional Conference		
6800a · Regional Conference - Party	2,000.00	5,000.00
6810 · Food & Beverage	0.00	12,500.00
6830 · Professional Services	0.00	4,000.00
6850 · Printing/Postage	0.00	200.00
6875 · Supplies	0.00	1,000.00
6885 · Hotel/Conference Rooms	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 6800 · Regional Conference</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>22,700.00</b>

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**Alliance for Community Media Northeast Region**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**January through December 2014**

	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>6900 · Video Festival</b>		
<b>6910 · Food &amp; Beverage - VF</b>	0.00	4,385.00
<b>6950 · Printing/Postage - VF</b>	228.70	700.00
<b>6975 · Supplies - VF</b>	0.00	1,200.00
<b>6985 · Hotel/Conference Room - VF</b>	0.00	1,200.00
<b>Total 6900 · Video Festival</b>	<u>228.70</u>	<u>7,485.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>14,122.39</u>	<u>63,885.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>7,154.02</b></u>	<u><b>175.00</b></u>