

ACM National Member Meeting
August 18, 2016
Boston, MA

Karen called the meeting to order at 3:20pm

Board members attending: Karen, Barb, Rob, Pua, Erica, Lori, Deb, Maryann, Erich, JP, Kevin, Zeb, Jen, Keith

Opening comments from Mike Wassenaar and Keith Thibault and Mary Van Sickle.

Regional Chair Report

Karen share some thoughts on prior year and the work the Regional Board did. She reminded everyone that the regional Video Festival taking place in November in Portland, ME. She mentioned the scholarship work. She announced the results of the election, with the four incumbents getting another two year terms. The directors re-elected were Karen, Pua, Barb and Lori.

State Chapter Reports

Connecticut: Jen reported on the relationship building they've been working on, particularly within the access community itself, due to the weird regulatory structure. Talked a bit about the challenges they have in the structure.

Maine: JP reported for Sally. Not much goes on in the summer, with 80 access centers, they have about 20 regular members of CTAM. Announced a new board member and starting up a list serve. Difficult to overcome some of the geographical difficulties in Maine.

Massachusetts: Erich Archer reported on some set backs in the legislature. Working to identify lobbyists to work with. And reminded folks of their meet and greets.

New York: Maryann talked about work in the state house - four or five bills they have been working on. Focus on funding and parity with other channels.

Vermont: Kevin talked about VAN's work to become a 501c6, sponsored first video contest, and of course the franchise negotiations with Comcast.

New Hampshire: Doris reported that NH attendance is great due to proximity. Talked about regular meetings schedule, which they try to move around. She also talked about sharing initiatives that NH is working on.

Motion to approve minutes from 2015 passes unanimously.

Committee Reports

Information services: Pua presented a written report. She pointed out the work on the e-newsletter. She also wanted folks to remember to look for the newsletter and update any contact info.

Video Festival: Karen submitted a written report, providing some numbers and data on the past festival. She solicited input on the difficulties in registering for Hometown (national) and the regional festival and how to make the process easier. One comment on the possibility of having Hometown entries translate into regional entries.

Conference committee: Deb reported that the Region Board had elected to not have a 2016 conference due to the national conference taking place in Boston. The 2017 conference will be in North Falmouth, MA - November 1-3, 2017 at the Sea Crest Hotel.

Scholarship Committee: Barb reported that in 2015 gave a scholarship to Frank (?) to attend national conference as well as \$500 to state chapters for their own scholarships. She also mentioned the special awards recipients given out at the regional conference in Hartford. JP is the new chair and talked about the scholarships given for attending the national conference and that nominations are open for this years special awards.

Bylaws Committee: Rob announced that the new bylaws had been approved by the board in June. Copies are available and feedback is encouraged. Next steps are to incorporate.

National Report: Barb gave an update on some of the work of the National board. Encouraged folks to consider running for national board.

Treasurer's Report: Barb also brief folks on the finances of the board. She submitted written reports which will be available digitally soon.

Member's Comments/Announcements

A member from BRIC in Brooklyn talked about some of their outreach and celebratory events. Jason Daniels announced the 100 sec film festival that he is reinstating. All entries no longer than 100 secs. Al Williams announced the second year of crowdsourced cinema which reproduces famous films. Last year was Raiders of the Lost Ark. This year's film is The Princess Bride. Doris talked about Concord on Air fundraiser which is taking place soon.

Adjourned at 4:08pm.