



Board of Directors Regular Meeting

February 21, 2018, at 5:30 pm

LCATV

63 Creek Farm Plaza, Suite 3, Colchester, Vermont 05446

Board of Directors in Attendance: Dick Pecor (DP) via phone, Carol Jones (CJ), Greg Drew (GD), Jeffrey Hathaway (JH), and Bob Shea (BS).

Staff in Attendance: Kevin Christopher (KC)

1. Call to Order by DP at 5:33 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve by CJ, 2nd by JH, passed unanimously.

3. Board of Directors Reorganization & 2018 Board Appointments

Colchester/Milton: CT (1-year) up for reappointment. A 2-year term is open.

Georgia/Fairfax/Westford: JH (3-year), CJ (2-year), and GD (1-year) up for reappointment.

No South Hero/Grand Isle/North Hero or At-Large terms up for reappointment

All candidates opted to return with the same term limits.

Motion to approve the slate of candidates by CJ, 2nd by BS, passed unanimously.

Motion to dissolve the current executive committee by DP, 2nd by CJ, passed unanimously.

KC took nominations for executive committee members from the floor.

CJ nominated DP for President, 2nd by BS. No other nominees.

DP nominated JH for Vice President, 2nd by CJ. No other nominees.

DP nominated CJ for treasurer, 2nd by BS. No other nominees.

BS nominated Curt Taylor (in absentia) for secretary, 2nd by CJ. No other nominees.

Motion to approve executive committee slate by JH, 2nd by CJ, approved unanimously

4. Public / Board Member / Staff Comment

None

5. Approve Minutes of 12/14/17

Motion to approve with changes by CJ, 2nd by GD, passed unanimously.

6. Executive Director's Report

KC reported that LCATV launched its new website on Feb. 12. This was a very soft launch as some of the functionality of the site is not yet active and there's still a bit of work to do. However, it was agreed that the new site was a better experience than the old even with this remaining work, thus the decision to launch early. Major improvements include HD video content that is friendlier for slower internet connections and the ability to live stream three events simultaneously.

The VT in the Civil War Heritage Trial project is suddenly more active. KC was one of several people to testify before the VT Senate Committee on Institutions last week and it's possible that the state will appropriate some money for the project, especially the video piece. KC expects that he will do the majority of the production work this summer/fall with some help from other AMOs around the state.

7. Treasurer's Report

CJ reported that 2017 year-end books are in balance. January 2018 financials were not yet available.

8. Old Business

a. Community Needs Assessment / Comcast Agreement – Discussion Item

KC met with Greg Epler Wood earlier in the day to look at the first draft of LCATV's Community Needs Report and Plan. There's still a bit of work to be done but there may be a draft to share with the board prior to the next meeting. There's still no word on when contact negotiations might begin and KC gave a brief update on the status of VAN's legal work and state in the Comcast/Vermont law suit. VAN has been granted intervener status and things are expected to progress in the coming weeks. There was discussion of the need for outreach to our members and KC indicated that VAN will be working more of messaging as things progress. It was decided to wait until there were more details about this messaging to communicate to LCATV members.

9. New Business

a. Future of the Mobile Video Lab – Discussion item

KC presented an overview of Lab usage and costs over the past few years. There was discussion about its intended usage, ability to function as a production vehicle and other possible uses such as equipment transportation and as a means of advertising. There was also discussion of the possible benefits of owning a smaller van for the transport of equipment for multi-camera shoots. KC will research costs of acquiring a small van and provide more information to the board at the next meeting. That discussion will also include an exploration of (if getting rid of the Mobile Lab) selling versus donating.

10. Executive Session (*if needed*)

There was no Executive Session.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 pm by BS, 2nd by CJ, passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted on February 22, 2018 (DRAFT)
by Kevin Christopher, Executive Director