

GATCom special meeting (Government Access Television Access Commission)

Minutes for August 12, 2021

This meeting was held by teleconference; the WebEx recording is available on request. Commission members Matthew Schwartz and Mary Hill, and coordinator Pua Ford were in attendance by 7:15pm. At this point there were only 4 members of this commission, with one position still vacant.

They watched six entries to the Nor'easters video festival, sponsored by the Northeast Regional affiliate of the Alliance for Community Media. These videos were in the category "Event Coverage, single camera – B2 [from an organization with an annual budget of \$300,000 or more]." WebEx screen sharing did not provide adequate audio, so the commission members watched on their own computers via the YouTube and Facebook links provided by the submitters, who were from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Videos ranged in length from 2 minutes to 3.5 hours, but judges are only asked to watch 10 minutes of any entry.

Joint viewing and conversation were completed by 8:45pm. Each of the three judges can submit their ratings on their own. ACM-NE uses FilmFreeway for online submissions and judging.

No business or motions were entertained pertaining to the department at this gathering.

Respectfully submitted,
Pua Ford

Next scheduled meetings:

Tuesday, August 24

Tuesday, September 28

Tuesday, October 26

Tuesday, November 23

Tuesday, **December 4** (*if needed, to approve 2022-23 operating budget proposal*)

Tuesday January 25, 2022