



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHICAGO ACCESS CORPORATION (CAN TV)

DATE: December 13, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the large conference room. Chairman Anna Ninoyu called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

The Board Members present and constitute a quorum: Rochester Bailey, Rashanah Baldwin, C. L. Furlough, Anna Ninoyu, Ryan Podges, Branden Rowe, Robbie Smith, and Sufyan Sohel.

Emeritus Members present: Sarah Eilefson and Levi Moore

CAN TV staff in attendance: Darrious Hilmon, Mary Stack, David Tainer, Lesley Johnson,

A motion to approve the agenda was introduced, the motion was revised to move the Appointment of Committee Chairpersons to after the Executive session. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith McDonald – Thanked CAN TV for having events to create synergy for everyone.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

Board Development Chair Anna Ninoyu presented a resolution for the recommendations as shown below:

- Keith McDonald to be elected as a CAN TV member-director to a 3-year term ending December 2026.
- Sufyan Sohel renewed as director to a 3-year term ending December 2026.
- Daniel O. Ash, Nikki Lang, David Kwon and John C. Robak to be elected as directors to a 3-year term ending December 2026.
- The following directors to be elected as officers for a one year term:

Anna Ninoyu	Chairperson
Branden Rowe	Vice Chairperson
Sufyan Sohel	Treasurer
Ryan Podges	Secretary

A motion to accept all nominations was seconded and approved.

CHAIRMAN'S AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Anna Ninoyu reported that next year's goal was to build more partnerships. She reviewed accomplishments for 2023.

- *Gala sponsor Thank You letters were sent from the Chair on behalf of the CAN TV Board.*
- *The Executive Committee authorized onboarding of Davidoff Strategy to provide a 2-phase, 2-session Board Training program. Branden is reviewing interfaces similar to Google Docs that will help the Board communicate better and provide more transparency of information. The Executive Committee is working with counsel to assess and propose updates to current Board documents.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

The Executive Director, Darrious Hilmon gave examples of our current on programs and events.

- *Media Relations – 28 pieces of coverage and 58.7M online readership, 400K print circulation and 4.8K radio audience.*
- *The Gala had 225 guest. Filmed one-hour cablecast special program will premiere on 12-20-23.*
- *CAN TV has had over 38 million streams since starting in September 2022.*
- *You Tube 12,000 subscribers*
- *NPO most live since COVID. 15 new NPO members in 2023.*
- *Program Services 28 new submitters.*
- *CAN TV media sponsor at Thanksgiving Day Parade*
- *Friday night spotlight doing great.*
- *Studio A completely refurbished this year.*
- *Back on air via streaming because of Comcast outage.*
- *Training doubled the number of in person class participants*
- *Organizational Wellness Assessment*
- *CPS partnership*
- *Week of Giving. December 18 – 23.*

TREASURER'S & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Branden Rowe presented the September Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report. The Finance committee held a meeting via Zoom on November 30, 2023.

The September 30, 2023 Financial Statements were reviewed. As of September revenues were less than budgeted by about \$744,792 mostly because of two areas cable company revenue and contributions. Expenses were over budget by about \$80,728.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the draft September 30, 2023 financial statement; the motion carried.

Reviewed the 2024 budget which had been approved by the Finance Committee at their November meeting and then emailed to the full Board for approval at today's meeting.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the 2024 Budget; the motion carried.

Resolution for Board approval to authorize bank signers on Chicago Access Corporation bank accounts

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution; the motion carried.

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENT RELATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Robbie Smith presented the P&GR Committee Report. She thank her committee members and Levi Moore who is leaving the board.

- Updates monthly from lobbyist. Nothing impacting CAN TV in October or November.
- Advocacy: To key elected Officials. Build and maintain relationships with elected officials at different levels. Add them to monthly email distributions.
- Political Forum: Committee will discuss the pros and cons of starting it again.
- 2024 Democratic Convention: Looking for opportunities for CAN TV.
- FCC – No actions relevant to PEG television.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the P&GR Committee's Report; the motion carried.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chair Sufyan Sohel reported on the 40th Anniversary Gala.

DIRECTORS EMERITUS

Sarah Eilefson stated that moving to the new facility and the 40th Anniversary Gala were 2 of the most important things to happen to CAN TV in its 40 years. She also thanked Levi Moore for his service and that we will miss him.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board meeting schedule for 2024 was presented.

A motion to convene to executive session was moved and seconded; the motion carried.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm

Board of Directors Minutes Submitted By:



Anna Ninoyu
CAN TV Board of Directors