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Minutes of Meeting
July 19, 2004

A meeting of the MCT Board of Directors was held at 7548 Standish Place in Rockville, Maryland on Monday, July 19, 2004. The Board members in attendance were:

Victoria Brailitsa	Ginny Hillhouse
Fernando Cruz-Villalba	Nancy Poole
Francha Davis	Eugene Saunders
G. Stanley Doore	Alice Scipio
John Hansman	F. Noreene Wells

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. Richard Turner, MCT Executive Director, Cintia Cabib, Kennan Cooley, Don Mooers, Paul Ormsby, Mike Walker and Dee Willett were also in attendance.

Call to order and Roll Call

The following Board members, having previously advised of other commitments, were excused: Allen Edwards, Ginny Gong, Carla Satinsky, and Roald Schrack. Stanley Doore moved and John Hansman seconded a motion to excuse them. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of minutes of May 17, 2004

The minutes of the May 17th meeting were approved with the following correction.

Marilyn Praisner, **Chair of the Montgomery County Council Management and Fiscal Policy Committee**, informed Richard Turner and Eugene Saunders that she expects to see a strategic plan by January 2005.

Ginny Hillhouse moved and Alice Scipio seconded a motion to approve the May 17, 2004 minutes with the correction. The motion carried unanimously.

Gene Saunders introduced the following individuals who received the Hometown Video Awards and Honorable Mention:

Hometown Video Festival - Winners

Michael Walker won for *Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp: A Look Behind the Scenes*.
Don Mooers won for *Global Montgomery #31*.

Hometown Video Festival - Honorable Mention

Victoria Brailitsa won for *Russian View*.

President's Report

Eugene Saunders discussed The Alliance for Community Media Conference attended by Cintia Cabib, Kennan Cooley, Marian Merewitz, Eugene Saunders and Richard Turner.

The Alliance for Community Media is the national organization for access providers. It acts as a national political lobbying tool representing our interests in relationship to Congress.

Highlights of the conference:

- Bunnie Riedel, Executive Director of The Alliance for Community Media, announced she would be stepping down at the end of the 2004.
- A memorial luncheon was held for Brian Wilson who passed away in April of 2004. He was the Chair of the Board for the Alliance for Community Media.

Eugene Saunders reminded the board that some board seats are up for elections in 2005.

- The deadline for letters requesting organizational representative seats is August 30, 2004. He indicated that only five letters have been received to date.
- The deadline for petitions seeking unaffiliated seats on the Board is Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 5:00pm. Current Board members running for unaffiliated board seats are John Hansman, Stan Doore, Nancy Poole, Alice Scipio and Eugene Saunders. Each board member is required to obtain 30 or more signatures from current MCT members.

Executive Director's Report

Richard Turner, Executive Director, Cintia Cabib, Director of Training and Kennan Cooley, Schedule Coordinator reported on the seminars they attended at The Alliance for Community Media Conference.

Cintia Cabib showed the three Public Service Announcements that were the result of the \$4,900 grant that The African American Health Program awarded to MCT. The PSA's centered on physical activities to increase your well being.

Informational Updates

Training classes for the staff will begin the second or third week in August for Facil, the new interdepartmental database.

Discussions are still in progress concerning the master contract and the production services contract with the county.

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The auditors will be here in August.

MCT and the Montgomery County Public Schools covered the Town Hall meetings in the City of Gaithersburg and at Blair High School. The topic of both meetings was gang violence. The shows were aired in English and Spanish.

The training department is in the process of developing a youth workshop.

Richard Turner and Donna Keating were elected as co-chairs of the PEG group.

Old Business

Richard Turner indicated that the *Fun Run* would need more advanced planning in order to build public awareness. Nancy Poole stated that her office had partnered with the *Montgomery County Road Runners* to handle the logistics for their Fun Run.

New Business

Eugene Saunders stated that the strategic planning committee had met several times to discuss the different types of program services that MCT can effectively offer to the community.

Alice Scipio moved and Francha Davis seconded a motion to approve using the Grand Rapids Media Center as a basic model to plan our future direction. The motion carried with Stan Doore in opposition.

Richard Turner will be making some adjustments and recommendations to our current budget so that it matches the master contract.

Announcements

Eugene Saunders announced that Francha Davis would be leaving the Board in January 2005.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.