

## **Bylaws**

Community Television Consortium of Stark County  
Approved April 12, 1984 / Revised December 7, 1999

### **ARTICLE I Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Community Television Consortium of Stark County, hereafter called the Consortium.

### **ARTICLE II Purpose**

The purpose of the Consortium shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Enhancing the quality and relevance of the educational and cultural programming accessible to Stark County television viewers.
- B. Enhancing the quality and relevance of health and health education programming accessible to Stark County television viewers.
- C. Providing a forum to share expertise and information about technological changes, programming cable and broadcast availability and utilization, operation and production, and accessing the servicing of different audiences.
- D. Combining individual institutional resources to achieve and utilize television access.
- E. Cooperating to seek financial support for operational and project needs.

### **ARTICLE III Membership**

#### *Section 1 Regular member*

- a. Regular membership shall be open to individual, non-profit, health and educational institutions of Stark County. Consortia and other associations representing collections of organizations are only eligible for associate membership.
- b. Regular members shall pay dues as established in Article V. Section 1.
- c. Regular members shall be entitled to full voting rights through their authorized representative subject to the following restrictions:
  - 1. Dues must be paid on time and in full.
  - 2. Members' representative must have attended three of the previous six meetings.

## *Section 2 Associate members*

- a. Non-profit health or educational organizations of Stark County not eligible under Section 1 may become Associate members after meeting the following criteria:
  1. Associate members shall pay dues as required in Article V, Section 2.
  2. Associate members shall be entitled to attend all Consortium meetings, and shall have voting privileges through one representative on the Governing Board.

## *Section 3 Individual members*

- a. Individual memberships shall be open to any Stark County person or group interested in the goals and activities of the Consortium and not eligible under Sections 1 or 2 of membership.
- b. Individual members shall pay dues as established in Article V, Section 3.
- c. Individual members shall be entitled to attend all Consortium meetings, and shall have voting privileges through one representative on the Governing Board.

*Section 4* Membership under any section is contingent upon a vote of acceptance by a majority of the regular members.

## **ARTICLE IV Organization**

*Section 1* Each regular member shall be permitted one voting representative on the Governing Board.

*Section 2* Associate members shall be represented on the Governing Board by one representative to be elected by a vote of the active associate members in November and who shall serve for an annual term from January 1 through December 31.

*Section 3* Individual members shall be represented on the Governing Board by one representative to be elected by a vote of the active individual members in November and who shall serve for an annual term from January 1 through December 31.

*Section 4* Consortium business shall be conducted by a Governing Board consisting of the representatives from regular member institutions.

*Section 5* Officers of the Governing Board shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer to be elected annually by the majority vote of the Governing Board membership.

- a. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and perform such duties as assigned by the Governing Board.

- b. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and assume the Chairperson's responsibilities for meetings in his/her absence.
- c. The Secretary shall take minutes at all meeting of the Consortium, prepare agendas, assign meeting places, and be responsible for all correspondence.
- d. The Treasurer shall keep the financial records for the Consortium.

Officers shall be nominated at the regular October Board meeting to be elected in November, and take office each January1.

## **ARTICLE V Dues**

*Section 1* All classes (regular, associate, and individual) of membership dues shall be determined and regulated, as deemed necessary, by a vote of the Governing Board. Individual members who provide more than 50 hours of volunteer service each year will not be required to pay membership dues.

*Section 2* Notification of dues shall be sent to each member at least sixty (60) days prior to the state of the Consortium's fiscal year.

*Section 3* The fiscal year for the Consortium shall be from January 1 to December 31.

*Section 4* Members of any category who do not pay the required dues by January 1 shall be dropped from the membership list and shall forfeit all rights and privileges within the Consortium.

*Section 5* Reinstatement of a member whose dues are in arrears shall be subject to a vote of acceptance by the majority of the regular, paid up members.

## **ARTICLE VI Governing Board Meetings**

*Section 1* The Governing Board shall meet monthly to conduct the business of the Consortium.

*Section 2* Board business shall be conducted by an affirmative vote of the members present.

## **ARTICLE VII Committees**

*Section 1* The Chairperson shall appoint committees as needed.

*Section 2* Committees shall be chaired by a member of the Governing Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII Public Advisory Committee**

*Section 1* Membership in the Consortium Public Advisory Committee shall be made available to representatives of the community and their constituencies. This committee shall serve the Consortium in an advisory capacity

*Section 2* Meeting of the Public Advisory Committee shall be called by the Chairperson of the Governing Board at least once a year.

*Section 3* Members of the Advisory Committee shall be selected by the Governing Board as needed.

### **ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Authority**

All meetings of the Consortium shall be conducted according to Standard Parliamentary procedures. Disputes will be settled in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.