

## CCTV Center for Media & Democracy

*The mission of CCTV Center for Media & Democracy is to open the door for democratic social change to happen. We aim to be a trusted provider of free speech training, tools and channels. We serve activists, civic leaders, nonprofits and community members who want to increase their reach and impact.*

## MINUTES

Thursday October 12, 2017 | Time: 5 - 6 p.m. | CCTV HQ

**To Do: Change the 11/9 CCTV/ Ch 17 BOD Meeting**

**Welcome & Attendance:** Erin Malone, Mike McNamara, Jane Knodell, Jason Pelletier.

Welcome Mary Simons - See Mary's short biography, below.

**Approval of Minutes** – [September 2017](#) - Approved.

**Financials** - [September 2017](#) (year end) - Approved.

### DISCUSSION/ ACTION

- **FY18 Budget** - [Narrative](#) \* and [FY18 Budget](#) - Approved.
- **Board Operations/ Future Meetings** - Opportunity for us to shift gears now that the merger is not so likely. The simplest things for Board leadership, to set our own agenda and do our own minutes. General support for this approach given that we can maintain this on a quality level. Let's try it. Means that we have to pay more attention. Also like to see us support the strategy with specific activities. This might include Board expansion, additional educational activities, additional giving.
- **Channel 17 / CCTV Development Discussions/ Plans** - Meeting next week with Ch 17 Trustees on 10/19.
- [Big Data, Politics and the 2020 Election](#) on 11/9 - Partners ACLU VT, VPIRG, AARP.
- **BT Sale Update** - The Maor withdrew support for KBTL. First vote is on Monday to narrow from 3-2. Fully expect that it will be KBTL with one other for a final vote on the 30th. Hard to know what will happen. Could be a bunch of 6-6 votes on the 30th. KBTL is very very tight but it is viable if carefully run.
- **BAMO Update** - Staff Meeting/ Ribbon Cutting on 10/26.
- **Marlboro/ CGVT Merger Status** - Need to raise adequate funds for a Director (\$40K/ Year for 3 years). For now CGVT is folded into CCTV operations for FY18. We had a productive meeting with Vermont Community Foundation, who are functioning as an active partner.

**ADJOURN - 5:30 p.m.**

\* [Link to Channel 17 Budget FY18](#)

**Upcoming Meetings:** [Link here](#): **Second Thursdays:** 10/12, 11/9, 12/14 Holiday Party

## **[BOARD CONTACT INFO](#)**

**Welcome Mary Simons.** I was a Humanities teacher for ten years, in both public and private middle and high schools, in Vermont and Connecticut. I recently earned my Masters Degree in Education Reform from the New School For Social Research in Manhattan, NY. I love working with adolescents: their open minds, their exuberance and willingness to explore, their un-squelched faith in fairness and justice, and their contagious, vibrating interest in experiencing the world. After much thought and preparation, I am now starting a summer program for juniors and seniors in high school. Since I live in Vermont, it seems easiest to spread this opportunity through the grapevine - through teachers whom I know and/or whose work I respect, by talking to guidance counselors, and through parents of former students. I'm extremely excited about Conversations From the Open Road: it builds on the integrity and exhilaration of intellectual pursuit, but is not strapped by the constraints of the traditional school model. This program is a 2 week road-trip to a specific area, investigating a certain pressing issue, culminating in a short documentary film that our young people create, shoot and edit together.