



# Board of Directors

Mtg Minutes: October 20, 2009

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1 **Board Attendance:** Paul Irish, Ed Bianchi, Jay Hoffman, Cindy Remy, Alan Levi, Bob  
2 Owens, Diana Burritt

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4 **RETN Attendance:** Scott Campitelli, Doug Dunbebin, Jim Olinger

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6 Bob Owens called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

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8 **Approval of Minutes**

9 The board reviewed the Sept. 15, 2009 meeting minutes.

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11 *Paul Irish moved and Jay Hoffman seconded the motion to approve the Sept. 15, 2009 meeting*  
12 *minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

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14 **Review of Settlement with Comcast**

15 Stipulation to dismiss has been filed with the Public Service Board. All documents have  
16 been approved by Comcast and RETN. The joint public statement will be released when  
17 the docket has been dismissed. RETN has now received all funding for 2009.

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19 **Discussion of New Board Member Recruitment**

20 The board currently has at least nine seats vacant. These include representatives from  
21 several town, community, higher education, and private schools. Potential recruits were  
22 discussed. The board by-laws will need to be reviewed to see if adjustments are needed  
23 in regards to which groups should be represented on the board.

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25 RETN staff is currently working on creating a toolkit for new board members (both  
26 recruitment and orientation). There was discussion regarding the current profile of the  
27 board and what traits are desired in new board members.

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29 Next steps of board member recruitment include a review of the current by-laws and  
30 profiling the current board make-up. This work is directly correlated with current strategic  
31 planning efforts.

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33 **Discussion of VAN/DPS/cable operator statewide talks**

34 The DPS convened a meeting among all cable operators in the state and VAN to discuss  
35 the potential for a statewide contract template, which would relieve every AMO from  
36 negotiating every contract detail with cable operators. There would be a core contract  
37 with local variations. The board feels it is in RETN's and all Vermont AMOs' best interest  
38 to allow VAN to represent us in negotiating a statewide contract template. There was  
39 discussion to see if it would be necessary/feasible to work with other AMOs to create a

40 joint statement in support of VAN's work. The RETN board felt a draft resolution from the  
41 VAN board sent to all AMOs affirming AMO support of VAN's work would enhance VAN's  
42 effectiveness to represent state AMOs. No board action was taken.

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45 **Election of Board Officers**

46 Bob Owens nominated Jay Hoffman to be Board President. Paul Irish has agreed to  
47 remain Vice-President, Cindy Remy has agreed to remain Clerk, and Alan Levi has agreed  
48 to remain Treasurer.

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50 *Ed Bianchi moved to accept the slate of officers as presented (Jay Hoffman as President, Paul Irish*  
51 *as Vice-President, Cindy Remy as Clerk and Alan Levi as Treasurer). Diana Burritt seconded the*  
52 *motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

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54 The board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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56 Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Remy, Board Clerk