

VMX Governing Committee Minutes 2-1-18

Present via Slack: Rebecca, Drew, Kim, Jackie, Cor, Jim (entered late), Jamie (entered late)

Motion to accept the minutes of 1-11-18

Kim - Motion to Approve

Jackie - Second

Vote: 5-0-0

Old Business:

1. Bugs/ issues

- Distribute/download fails - Jackie reports Distribute fails from shows that have not failed in the past, despite troubleshooting no success. Jackie sent file samples to TelVue; her last request for support from TelVue was Jan. 11; Jackie re-emailed on Jan. 15 with no response to date. Rebecca had some download fails that later worked. May be related to how quickly they are downloaded after appearing on Connect? March 1 is the next call with TelVue. Jackie will resubmit and cc Charley Paige.
- Programs stuck at top of Connect feed - this happened once and was cleared up.
- "Originals and DVD assets now being counted" message - Kim emailed Charley about meaning of this for Connect users. No word yet.

2. Update on member accounts.

- RSM - Rebecca reported she spoke with RSM following decision last week to require that access to VMX be through local AMO. He is not interested in submitting programming via their local AMO, so he will be continuing to submit his programming to the main Media Exchange and emailing the VT AMOs when he posts content since he already has a Telvue Account.
- VT PBS - now sharing livestream content with AMOs, but not on VMX yet. Drew will follow up.

New Business:

3. VAN/Statewide AMO Committee update.

Cor reviewed the Statewide AMO Working Group's draft recommendations to the VAN Board regarding VAN petitioning to be designated as the Statewide AMO per Rule 8. The VMX Governing Committee is named in the document as potentially working with the Working Group to prepare a Petition to the PUC, and, if designated, potentially taking an active role on behalf of VAN "to administer a state wide PEG access network and to promote the sharing of PEG content among cable systems." The recommendation does not include pursuing a statewide cable channel.

Comments/feedback/questions:

- Drew: the proposal makes sense; pursuing a statewide cable channel is not a priority to get content out to viewers - there are many other ways to do that.
- Rebecca asks if someone from VMX and Archiving Team should join the Working Group? Cor is currently on both committees now.
- Cor: Does our Committee have the capacity to handle more? In a lot of ways it's what we are already doing. More sharing of live events is doable; Slack channel makes it manageable.
- Drew: VMX Committee is managing bugs well; we could handle more topics of substance. What specifically would be the new charge to the Committee? What are the goals?
- Rebecca agrees we have capacity, need specific expectations. Technical expertise may have to

come from outside the Committee.

- Drew: "Tech Core" mentioned in the document is the shared server room for BAMOs at Media Factory, which has a co-management team. There is physical space in the room for expansion and its proximity to Internet 2 has potential for future statewide AMO functions.
- Overlaps with current VMX Committee role: VMX Committee has the capacity to represent AMO users and troubleshoot; we would be doing the facilitation and coordination of livestreams, educating AMOs, comparing various workflows; AMOs may be livestreaming over the Connect (formerly Cloudcast) system,
- Kim: A lot of CCTV's workflow is live testing at various venues - could use support with this.
- Drew: for some events, we could offer tech support to smaller AMOs on the day of the event. Potential outcome not only shared livestreams but more AMOs doing livestreams generally.
- Rebecca: It's a change in thinking to offer livestreams of regionally interesting programs in addition to posting the finished video on Connect. Can use Slack channel to get conversation going about it.
- Drew: Potentially could have a separate Slack channel for live events with details.
- Jim: using Livestream now for local board meetings but really appreciate shared live content from Montpelier and Burlington
- VAN Board would have to define new charge for Committee and vote to expand mandate before we can participate in petition. Since livestreaming is essentially "program sharing," this activity fits with our current Committee scope to facilitate filesharing - it is real time filesharing.
- Kim: Regardless of designation, our Committee wants to foster sharing of livestreams. We could offer a workshop on this at the VAN Annual Meeting in May and keep the momentum of this discussion going. Rebecca will talk to Kevin about getting on the agenda.
- Jim: Interested in establishing a weekly time slot/block for live shared programming - wouldn't have to know the exact topic but could be promoted as "Live From the Statehouse" - AMO could capture it or broadcast it live. If the block is consistently available, stations will pick it up. Benefit to AMOs: easier to tune in than to download and schedule files.
- Drew: Unified marketing efforts are helpful.
- Kim: Would this be generated by one AMO, or rotating through AMOs?
- Jim: Lots would be from ORCA, but it would be good to share the burden.
- Rebecca: Hearings would be of interest, would be tough to know when to end event without cutting it off. Details to be worked out.
- Overall, the Committee is favorable to the proposal; want to hear more details about the scope of responsibility. Propose that Lauren-Glenn prepare petition draft - we don't have that expertise.

Next meeting - March 8 at 1:00 PM - Note this is the 2nd Thursday in March due to Town Meeting Day.

Motion to adjourn: 2:45 PM
7-0-0

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