Proposed Revised
BY-LAWS
NEW HAMPSHIRE COALITION FOR COMMUNITY MEDIA

ARTICLE I – GENERAL ORGANIZATION

1. Name. The name of the Organization shall be the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media, hereafter referred to as “NHCCM” in these by-laws. NHCCM is an affiliate of the Alliance for Community Media.

2. Purpose. The purpose of the NHCCM shall be as set forth in these By-Laws, including but not limited to:
   
   A. Providing consultation and support to individuals, businesses and organizations that seek to make media more accessible to the public;
   B. Preserving and further ensuring citizens’ rights to Public, Educational and Governmental access to media production technology and channels of Communication;
   C. Fostering cooperation among and facilitating the sharing of resources by, local community access organizations;
   D. Protecting and supporting local access through public policy initiatives at the local, state and national levels;
   E. Serving as a center for the collection and dissemination of information relevant to progressive uses of cable television and other telecommunication media;
   F. Raising funds by membership, subscription or admission, and any other means consistent with those in accordance with the Internal Revenue code.

3. Location. The principal mailing address shall be C/O P.O. Box 1211 Concord, NH 03302-2011

4. Fiscal Year. The NHCCM shall operate on a calendar year of January 1st to December 31st.

5. No part of these Bylaws may be in conflict with state or Federal laws or regulations.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility. Any individual or organization with an interest in Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access and community media willing to contribute to the NHCCM in the form of membership dues or other donations as approved and amended from time to time by the Board shall be eligible for membership in the NHCCM.

2. Types of Membership.
   
   A. Individual Member.
   B. Organizational Member.
   C. Underwriting Member
   D. The Board may from time to time create and/or dissolve additional categories of membership, and determine fees, rights and benefits that apply to each category,

3. Voting Members. Members have voting rights as defined in the membership policy.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
1. **Regular Meetings.** The NHCCM shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting per calendar quarter.

2. **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting shall be held in January, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.

3. **Special Meetings.** The President of the Board may call a special meeting at the request of five (5) members of the NHCCM. Notice of any special meetings shall be given at least two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting.

4. **Quorum.** A quorum at any membership meeting shall consist of a minimum of nine (9) members of the NHCCM as needed.

**ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. **Powers and Duties.** The affairs of the NHCCM shall be managed by a Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", who shall have and may exercise all authorities of the NHCCM, except those powers reserved to the general membership by these By-Laws. The Board shall appoint committees as appropriate. Committees shall (include) at least one board member. Committees shall report to the Board or its designee.

   A. The Board shall submit an annual report to the membership at the annual meeting.

2. **Number and Term.** The Board shall consist of seven (7) members and up to three (3) alternates. The NHCCM Board members will be elected at the annual meeting for a term of three (3) years, with staggered terms. The alternate position(s) will be a one (1) year term. (Number of Alternate positions increased from one (1) to three (3) as of 1/19/16)

3. **Nomination and Election.**
   A. Candidates for election to the Board shall be members. Candidates may submit in writing to the sitting Board their desire to have their name placed on the ballot. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.
   B. Elections shall be by ballot if requested by any member.

4. **Resignation or Removal.**
   A. A member or alternate shall resign by delivering his or her resignation in writing to the President or designee. Such resignation shall be effective immediately upon acceptance by the Board.
   B. If any Board member does not attend two (2) regularly scheduled meetings without prior notification within one (1) year period, that member may be removed by a vote of the other members of the Board.
   C. Any Director may be suspended or removed for cause, including, but not limited to, misuse of resources by a majority vote of the Directors then in office.
   D. Any director proposed to be removed shall be entitled to at least ten (10) days advance notice of matters being considered.

5. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the alternate. Any additional vacancies to the board can be filled by a special election at the discretion of the board or remain open until the annual meeting.

6. **Disqualification.** No consultant or underwriter (or their representative) or any other individual with pecuniary interest in the NHCCM shall serve on the Board.

7. **Compensation.** No member of the Board shall be compensated for his or her services as a Director. The NHCCM may reimburse any Director for necessary expenses incurred in the execution of his or her Board duties and responsibilities.

**ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**
1. **Election, Qualification and Term.** Officers shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Said officers shall be elected by the Board members at the first Board meeting following the annual meeting. The term of office shall be for one (1) year. All officers shall take office immediately following election by the Board. If an Officer is unable to serve the remainder of the Board shall appoint a replacement from the Board.

2. **Duties.**
   
   A. **President:** The President shall have such powers of supervision and management as customarily pertain to the office; namely preside at all meetings of the NHCCM and the Board, or designate a person to do so, be an ex-officio member of all committees and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.
   
   B. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall perform such duties as the President and Board direct and shall perform the duties of the President in the event of absence of the President.
   
   C. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings of the membership and the Board and distribute them to the Board and others as appropriate. The Secretary shall keep records of all correspondence of the NHCCM and perform other duties as directed by the President and the Board.
   
   D. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, safekeeping and disbursement of all funds and assets, see to it that all financial records and reports of the Organization are maintained and submitted in a timely manner as required by the Alliance for Community Media national organization, the State of New Hampshire, and the Federal Government.

**ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. **Regular Meetings.** The Board shall meet no fewer than four (4) times per year, at such time and place as the Directors may determine.

2. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President with two (2) days written notice. Said notice shall state time and place of the meeting.

3. **Executive / Non-Public Session.** The Board may go into Executive Session by a majority roll call vote of members present using RSA 91 A as a guideline.

4. **Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conductance of all meetings in all cases where they are applicable except where they are in conflict with these bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

Any part or all of these bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) Majority vote of the membership presented at a regular or special membership meeting duly called for that purpose, provided that a description of the proposed change shall be stated in a notice for such meeting distributed to the membership no less than seven (7) days before such meeting.

**ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION**
Upon dissolution of the NHCCM, assets shall be distributed to the Alliance For Community Northeast Region. Upon dissolution, all outstanding debts of the NHCCM shall be paid prior to distribution to the successor organization. No benefit, except for approved compensation shall be conferred upon any Board member or member upon dissolution.

ARTICLE X – INDEMNIFICATION

The NHCCM shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each of its Directors against all liabilities, counsel fees and expenses.