## BY-LAWS

## OF

## ACTON COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION, INC.

Amended 1/17/2013

## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be Acton Community Access Television, Inc. (hereinafter in these bylaws referred to as the "Corporation"), unless and until changed by amendment of the Articles of Organization.

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation shall be as set forth in the Articles of Organization and these by-laws, including, but not limited to, producing public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access programming for the residents and organizations of Acton, Massachusetts, and assisting Acton residents and organizations in the production and cablecasting of PEG access programming.

The purposes shall be exclusively charitable, scientific and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

## Section 1. One Class Of Membership

Membership shall consist of one class, to be designated as regular, and shall not be limited as to number.

## Section 2. Election of Members

All persons, firms, corporations, businesses, organizations, institutions and other entities in the Town of Acton who subscribe to the purpose of the Corporation and who support the Corporation by participation or with a contribution of money, service or equipment shall be eligible to election to membership in the Corporation. All persons serving on the Board of Directors shall automatically become members of the Corporation upon election to the Board, and all other proposed members shall be approved as members by a majority of the Board in accordance with the aforesaid standard. All members shall have a right to notice of and attendance at meetings of the Corporation. Any person interested in becoming a member of the Corporation shall submit a written and signed application, on a form approved by the Board of Directors, to the Clerk of the Corporation.

## Section 3. Voting Rights

Voting members shall be all duly elected members who, within the current or the preceding fiscal year of the Corporation, have (1) signed a membership form or are members of the Board of Directors and who have also (2) participated in either of the following ways: (a) by making a contribution of money, service, or equipment, or (b) by attending the current or a recent meeting or other recent formal event of the Board or Corporation. "Recent" shall mean "within the current or
the preceding fiscal year of the Corporation."
At every regular or special meeting of the members, each member authorized to vote shall be entitled to one (1) vote, in person or by proxy, on each matter submitted to a vote of the members; however, voting on amendments and/or restatements of the Articles of Incorporation and/or the Bylaws shall be reserved to the Board of Directors.

Every proxy shall be executed in writing and shall be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation prior to the exercise thereof.

## ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Section 1. Powers and Duties

The Board of Directors shall have general power to control and manage the affairs and property of the Corporation, and shall have full power, by majority vote, to adopt rules and regulations governing the action of the Board of Directors and shall have full authority with respect to the distribution and payment of the moneys received by the Corporation from time to time; provided, however, that the fundamental and basic purposes of the Corporation, as expressed in the Articles of Organization, shall not thereby be amended or changed, and provided further, that the Board of Directors shall not permit any part of the net earnings or capital of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of any private individual.

## Section 2. Number of Directors/Term of Office

The number of Directors shall not be less than five (5) and not greater than nine (9). The persons named in the Articles of Organization shall serve as the initial Board of Directors and shall elect additional directors to staggered terms as required.

Directors shall be elected by vote of the Board of Directors from a slate proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Directors shall serve for three (3) year terms, on a staggered basis.
A Director need not be a member of the Corporation prior to his or her election to the Board of Directors. Questions concerning eligibility shall be determined by the Board of Directors holding office prior to the election concerned. Each Director shall continue in office until the expiration of the term for which he or she is elected, or until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until his or her death, resignation or removal.

## Section 3. Resignation or Removal

A Director may resign by delivering his or her written resignation to the Corporation at its principal office or to any Corporation officer. Such resignation shall be effective upon its acceptance by the Board of Directors.

Any Director who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without sufficient excuse may be removed from the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those
present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Any Director proposed to be removed shall be entitled to at least ten (10) days notice in writing by mail of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such removal is to be voted upon and shall be entitled to appear before and be heard by the Board of Directors at such meeting prior to such vote for removal taking place.

## Section 4. Vacancies

Any vacancy in the Board of Directors arising at any time and from any cause may be filled for the unexpired term at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority of the Directors then in office.

## Section 5. Disqualification

No member of the Corporation's staff shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors. No close relative of the Corporation's staff shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors, nor shall any close relative of a member of the Board of Directors be an employee of the Corporation. No employee or close relative of an employee of the Acton Cable Television Licensee, or its parent and/or affiliates, may serve as a member of the Board of Directors, nor shall any Director or close relative become an employee of the Acton Cable Television Licensee, its parent and/or its affiliates.

## Section 6. Compensation

Directors as such shall receive no compensation for their services. A Director shall not be precluded from serving the Corporation in any other capacity, other than as a staff member, provided that a full disclosure of the nature of such service and the compensation therefor, if any, is filed with the Clerk of the Corporation. If appropriate, a formal agreement with said Director shall be approved by the Board of Directors, prior to the service being provided; provided, however, that no conflict of interest is inherent in such service. Said Director shall be precluded from voting on such formal agreement, or on any issue coming before the Board that relates to such service.

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors for the transaction of such business as may be done in accordance with law, the Articles of Organization of the Corporation and these by-laws shall be held at such times as the Board of Directors may fix from time to time. Meetings of the Directors may be held by telephone conference call and/or such other means as designated by the Board of Directors.

## Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Directors and shall be held at such time and for such purposes as may be specified in the call for said meeting, with reasonable notice given to each Director pursuant to Section 3 below.

## Section 3. Notice of Meetings

Except as hereinafter required, no notice of the time, place or purposes of regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be necessary. Written notice of the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors following any change in the time or place for such meeting, and written notice of all special meetings of the Board of Directors, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given to each Director at least five (5) days prior to the day fixed for such meeting. When a meeting is adjourned, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken. Notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors, when required, shall be given by the Clerk. Notice of special meetings may be given by the person or persons calling the meeting or shall be given by the Clerk at the request by such person or persons.

## Section 4. Quorum

A majority of the Directors in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the acts of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

## Section 1. Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the membership shall be held on a date deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, but in no case less than once each year, at the principal office of the Corporation in Acton, or at such other place in said Town as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate. At such time, the members may transact such business as may be done in accordance with law, the Articles of Organization of the Corporation and these by-laws.

## Section 2. Special Meetings

A special meeting of the Corporation may be called at any time by the President of the Corporation, the Board of Directors, or by receipt of the Clerk of the Corporation of a written request of ten (10) members. Special meetings shall be convened not less than ten (10) days or more than forty-five (45) days after being called.

## Section 3. Place for Meetings

All meetings of the Corporation shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation in

Acton, or at such other place as the Board of Directors may fix from time to time, or in the event of a special meeting, at such place as the Clerk of the Corporation may designate.

## Section 4. Notice of Meetings

Notice of regular and special meetings of the members shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. In lieu of any written notice of a regular or special meeting of members required to be given by law, notice of such meeting may be given by causing notice of such meeting to be officially published. If eighty percent (80\%) of the members of record entitled to vote at the meeting do not have addresses of record within the territory of general circulation of the newspaper required for official publication, the notice shall also be published in newspapers which have an aggregate territory of general circulation which includes the addresses of record of at least eighty percent (80\%) of such members of record.

## Section 5. Presiding Officers

The President of the Corporation shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the members, and the Clerk of the Corporation shall record the minutes of all such meetings.

## Section 6. Quorum

A duly called regular or special meeting of the members shall not be organized for the transaction of business unless a quorum is present, but the members present at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, and the acts of such a meeting shall be the acts of the members.

A quorum of the membership shall consist of the lesser of $5 \%$ of the voting members, or 15 such members.

## ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

## Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Clerk, and a Treasurer. All officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from the Board of Directors. No person shall hold more than one office at any one time. Each officer of the Corporation shall be elected annually and shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Corporation, or special meeting held in place thereof, and thereafter until his or her successor is chosen and qualified.

## Section 2. Duties of the President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. The President shall make a report on the affairs of the Corporation at each meeting of the members and Directors, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the members and Directors are carried into effect;
subject, however, to the right of members or the Directors to delegate to any other person any specific delegable duties. The President shall execute in the name of the Corporation all deeds, bonds, mortgages, membership certificates, written contracts and other documents and, when necessary or proper, shall affix thereto the corporate seal. The President shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee and shall nominate the chairpersons of all other committees. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to his or her office or may be required by the Directors.

## Section 3. Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President, and shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as are set forth in these by-laws, as now or hereafter amended, and as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

## Section 4. Duties of the Clerk

The Clerk shall issue notices of Directors' and membership meetings as hereinbefore set forth, shall attend and keep the minutes of the same in suitable minute books, shall have custody of all corporate books, records, papers, and the corporate seal, shall attest the signing and sealing by the President of all instruments requiring the corporate seal and the signing of all other instruments when so required by the President, these by-laws, or by law, shall do such other things as may be required by law, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to his or her office or as may be required by the Directors. There shall be one Assistant Clerk. In the event there is no Clerk or he or she is absent, the Assistant Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk.

## Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Corporation shall be the chief financial officer and shall have custody and control of all funds and valuables of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall receive the funds of the Corporation and shall make disbursements therefrom and shall keep regular books of account showing receipts and disbursements, and shall submit a monthly financial statement and an annual audited statement of all such receipts and disbursements to the Board of Directors for their examination and approval. The Treasurer shall deposit in the name of the Corporation all moneys and valuables of the Corporation with a depository or depositories designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as are incident to his or her office or as may be required by the Directors.

## Section 6. Resignation or Removal

Any officer may resign by delivering his or her written resignation to the Corporation at its principal office or to any other officer. Such resignation shall be effective upon its acceptance by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may remove from office any officer by a two-thirds $(2 / 3)$ vote, whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby.

## Section 7. Vacancies

A vacancy in any duly constituted office may be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors whenever it occurs.

## Section 8. Compensation

Officers shall receive no compensation for their services as officers of the Corporation as such; provided, however, that any officer may, if authorized by the Board of Directors, be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

## ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

## Section 1. Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Corporation shall be as follows:
(a) Executive Committee
(b) Finance Committee

## Section 2. Appointment and Functions of Standing Committees

The President shall appoint the chairpersons and members of all standing committees, except the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The chairman of each standing committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

## Section 3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the chairmen of the standing committees and the President and officers of the Corporation. The President of the Corporation shall serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee. During the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management and direction of the affairs of the Corporation in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. All actions by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next following such action, and shall be subject to revision and alteration by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that no rights of third parties shall be affected by any such revisions or alterations. Regular meetings of the proceedings of the Executive Committee shall be kept by the Clerk of the Corporation. One-third of the members of the Executive Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, at least two (2) of whom shall be officers of the Corporation, and in every case the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Executive Committee shall be necessary for the passage of any resolution.

## Section 4. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall develop and recommend to the Board of Directors the annual budget and work plan; shall regularly monitor the Corporation's expenses and income; and shall recommend budget adjustments to the Board of Directors as needed. The Finance Committee shall also review the annual financial statements; approve annual audit reports, if conducted; and recommend to the Board of Directors the selection of, and fees to be paid to, an independent certified public accountant for the Corporation. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to report to the Board of Directors whether the Corporation is meeting its projected budget; on the scope and adequacy of the annual audit, if conducted, and related fees; to continually monitor and report to the Board of Directors on the effectiveness and adequacy of the Corporation's internal accounting controls, and to include in that report its findings as to whether or not any errors, omissions, criticisms or recommendations contained in the management letter of the independent certified public accountant, if one accompanies the annual audit, have been properly dealt with.

## Section 5. Nominating Committee

Whenever a vacancy in the Board of Directors exists, the President shall appoint an ad hoc Nominating Committee of three members. At least one member of the Nominating Committee shall be a Board member, the other two members may but need not be Board members.

The Acton Board of Selectmen shall have the right to formally submit names to the Nominating Committee, and in any year in which a person previously so nominated and elected is at the end of term or has resigned, the Nominating Committee is obligated to accept one such name and present that name to the directors as a nominee.

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee (with the advice of the Superintendent of Schools) shall have the right to formally submit names to the Nominating Committee, and in any year in which a person previously so nominated and elected is at the end of term or has resigned, the Nominating Committee is obligated to accept one such name and present that name to the directors as a nominee.

The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board of Directors a slate of the required number of directors to be elected, or more than the required number, and where the term of any directors to be elected is not three years due to resignation of other reasons, shall recommend which of the proposed nominees shall be elected to each term.

At the time of election by the Board, the Board of Directors is not limited to the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee and may consider additional candidates.

## Section 6. Other Committees

The President may appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, other committees, including on an ad hoc basis, as appropriate. The President shall define the objectives of said committees, and said committees shall be discharged upon acceptance of their final reports.

## ARTICLE IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF

The Board of Directors may authorize such staff positions as may be necessary in the conduct of the business of the Corporation, including an Executive Director. The Executive Director shall have the authority and responsibility to manage and operate the Corporation's affairs in accordance with the general policies and directions specified by the Board of Directors, shall supervise the daily operations of the other employees, if any, and shall have additional authority and duties, as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. All such policies, directions and duties shall be communicated to the Executive Director by the President of the Corporation, or by the chairperson of the Personnel Committee. The Executive Director shall report to and be directly responsible to the President of the Corporation.

The Executive Director shall be entitled to compensation for his or her services. The Board of Directors shall negotiate a contract with the Executive Director specifying salary, initial term of service, renewal and other provisions as appropriate. The Executive Director shall not be deemed a member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, nor shall he or she be deemed to be an officer of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE X. INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each of its Directors and officers against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees, reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which he or she may be involved or with which he or she may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, by reason of his or her being or having been such a Director or officer, except with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been adjudicated not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the Corporation; provided, however, that as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by which such Director or officer pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no indemnification either for said payment or for any other expenses shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved as being in the best interest of the Corporation: (a) by a disinterested majority of the Directors then in office; or (b) by a majority of the disinterested Directors then in office after the Corporation has received an opinion in writing of independent legal counsel to the effect that such Director or officer appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the Corporation. Expenses, including counsel fees reasonably incurred by any such Director or officer in connection with the defense or disposition of any such action, suit or other proceeding, may be paid from time to time by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking by such individual to repay the amounts so paid to the Corporation if he or she shall be adjudicated not to be entitled to indemnification under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 6. The right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to indemnification to which corporate personnel may be entitled by contract or otherwise under law.

## ARTICLE XI. CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST

## Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the Corporation's interests when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or Director or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

## Section 2. Duty to Disclose

(a) In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, a Board member or officer of the Corporation must disclose the existence of any financial interest that could be considered a conflict of interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Board of Directors, which shall consider such matter.
(b) Any Director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined in paragraph (c) below, is an interested person.
(c) A Director or Officer has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
(i) An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement,
(ii) A compensation arrangement with the Corporation or with any entity or individual with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement, or
(iii) A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Corporation is negotiating a transaction or arrangement. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

## Section 3. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion thereof, the interested party shall leave the Board of Directors meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The Board of Directors shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

## Section 4. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

(a) A Director or officer of the Corporation who might be an interested person may make a presentation at the Board of Directors meeting, but after the presentation, he or she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
(b) The chairperson of the Board of Directors shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
(c) After exercising due diligence, the Board of Directors shall determine whether the Corporation can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
(d) If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Board of Directors shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested Directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Corporation's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

## Section 5. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

(a) If the Board of Directors has reasonable cause to believe a Director or officer of the Corporation has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform such Director of the basis for such belief and afford such Director an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
(b) If, after hearing the Director's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board of Directors determines that the Director has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, the Board of Directors shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

## ARTICLE XII. LIQUIDATION OR DISSOLUTION

In the event of the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, no Director, officer or member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the Corporation from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the Corporation, shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws; provided, however, that no part of the net earnings of such organization or organizations shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholders, member or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of such organization or organizations shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and such organization or organizations shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## ARTICLE XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

## Section 1. Seal

The seal of the Corporation shall consist of a flat-faced circular die with the name of the Corporation, its state of incorporation and the year of its organization cut or engraved thereon.

## Section 2. Notice

Whenever written notice is required to be given to any person, it may be given to such person either personally or by sending a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by telegram, charges prepaid, to his or her address appearing on the books of the Corporation, or in the case of Directors or members of another body, supplied by him or her to the Corporation for the purpose of notice.

## Section 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the twelve (12) months ending December 31st of any given year, except as from time to time otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

## Section 4. Notes, Checks, Etc.

All notes, drafts, checks and other orders for the payment of money shall be signed by the President and the Treasurer, or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

## Section 5. Conduct of Meetings

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the members of the Corporation and the Board of Directors and its various committees, except where the same shall be in conflict with law or these by-laws.

## ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

Any part or all of these by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors duly called for that purpose, provided that notice of the substance of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal shall be stated in a notice for such meeting mailed to the Board of Directors no less than seven (7) days before such meeting.

## AMENDMENT HISTORY

## 2/3/2010 Original Version of bylaws

## 9/20/2012 Created Position of Assistant Clerk

Amended ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1. OFFICERS by inserting this new underlined language, "The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk and a Treasurer. All officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Assistant Clerk, who need not be a Director."

In ARTICLE IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF, at the end of the second paragraph, added this language: "... Nor shall he or she be deemed to be an officer of the Corporation, except that at the discretion of the Board of Directors the Executive Director may serve, ex officio and without a vote, as the Assistant Clerk of the Corporation."

## 1/17/2013 Changed the Maximum Board Size to Nine From Seven

Amended ARTICLE IV. SECTION 2 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS/TERMS OF OFFICE to revise the first sentence to read, "The number of Directors shall not be less than seven (5) and not greater than nine (9)."

