

## **AFFINITY GROUP COALITION CHARTER**

### **I. Membership**

- A. The Founding Members are:
  - BETA Group (BGS)
  - Major Market Group (MMG)
  - National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA)
  - Organization of State Broadcasting executives (OSBE)
  - University Licensee Association (ULA)
- B. All Founding Members are considered as permanent.
- C. As deemed appropriate to the mission of the organization, AGC Founding Members may consider other organizations for membership.

### **II. Voting and Quorum**

- A. Each representative has one vote.
- B. For the purpose of fulfilling a quorum one representative of a member will be sufficient.
- C. In the absence of a quorum, the chair may hold open a question pending a canvass of the missing members.
- D. When requested by two members the chair will request licensee polls on questions before the full AGC, to be conducted by or under the auspices of the AGC and reported in such a way as to reflect minority opinions.

### **III. Representation**

- A. Each member organization elects or appoints two licensee representatives to the AGC.
- B. Members agree their representatives may speak for the organization and on behalf of the organization's membership.
- C. Representatives serve terms of at least one year, the actual term to be designated by the representative's organization.
- D. It is recommended that representatives for each organization serve overlapping terms to assure continuity of representation.

### **IV. Participation**

- A. In the event a representative is unable, or unwilling, to participate for an extended period the AGC may request that the member affinity group elect a new representative.
- B. With permission from the AGC, members may elect alternate representatives to serve for the purpose of replacing an absent representative or, in special circumstances, to provide skills or knowledge required by the AGC.
- C. To promote continuity, members may identify incoming representatives and request permission from the AGC for those individuals to participate in discussions prior to actual service.

- D. Members may request permission for a senior organization staff member to attend meetings, to participate in discussions, and to provide support for the AGC. Such participation does not include voting privileges.
- E. When deemed appropriate the AGC may invite additional participation, including representatives of CPB, APTS, PBS, the major producing stations, and others.

**V. Officers**

- A. Leadership of the AGC resides in the chair, the vice chair/chair elect, and the immediate past chair.
- B. In the event the immediate past chair is no longer one of the voting representatives of his or her affinity group, s/he will serve *ex officio* and without vote.
- C. The chair serves as the spokesperson for, and has authority to speak on behalf of, the AGC.
- D. The duties of the chair include (1) calling, determining the agendas of, and presiding over meetings, (2) overseeing AGC logistics, (3) appointing committees of the membership, (4) assigning duties to other officers, and (5) such other duties as requested by the members.
- E. Annually the AGC elects a vice chair/chair elect.
- F. The chair and the vice chair may not represent the same member.
- G. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair presides over AGC meetings and acts with the authority of the chair.
- H. Upon termination of the chair's term, or on resignation, the vice chair assumes the chair.
- I. Should the chair be vacated in mid-term, the AGC may elect that the incoming chair complete the term and serve a subsequent (full) term.
- J. The chair may, with approval of the AGC, appoint committees from within the membership to accomplish the objectives of the AGC.

**VI. Meetings**

- A. Meetings, in person and by conference call, will be held regularly as agreed upon among members.
- B. The chair will be responsible for scheduling and for establishment of agenda.
- C. There will be an Annual meeting in August or September of each year to elect the new vice chair/chair elect, install the new chair and adopt the budget for the next fiscal year.
- D. Special meetings may be called by the chair or a majority of the members.

**VII. Other**

- A. The AGC fiscal year will be October 1 through September 30.

**VIII. Amendments**

- A. Amendments to this Charter may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

Agreed upon by unanimous vote of the Founding members and certified by the chair.

Approved August 13, 2005.

Amended September 28, 2006.