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### **Minutes**

The meeting was held at Denver Open Media (DOM) located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Kalamath.

#### **Opening Introductions, email and contact list, Consensus based Decision Making**

We started at 6:30 and went till 9:00pm.

Attendees: Phillip Reynes  
Coudley Coit  
Fran Rew  
Remy Kachadovrain  
Tina Braxton  
Doug Johnson  
Paula Bard  
Tony Snowcross  
Nathan Coe – Attended via web cast from Durango

We passed out a contact list so that people could get email out to each other and communicate better. As the contact list was passed out we discussed the concept of consensus driven decision making upon which IMC's across the country are commuted to using. Each attendee spoke about there intrests and what brought them to COIMC

Coudy Coit – Reporting and camera work, he has a strong interest in police issues, judicial issues and works in the springs area.

Fran Rew – Video and Topic-Walk walks

Remy Kachadovrain – Writing, audio and video experience and radio personality from KGNU Has a great deal of historical knowledge about COIMC.

Tina Braxton – workers justice and labor issues

Doug Johnson – Server issues and tech support he to has a wealth of historical knowledge about COIMC

Paula Bard – Photography and writing she has worked with Copwatch in Denver and has interest in photo journalism and police/social justice issues

Phillip Reynes – prison reform activist and environmental activist and writer

Tony Snowcross – DOM director with a strong interest in open media

Nathan Coe – Environmentalist aan d social activist from Durango attended via web cast

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### **Server Issues and Web Site Issues**

Doug is our server tech expert. He was asked and said he was willing to be our tech man for the server. He is not a Drupal expert and so we still need a web master with drupal experience for that aspect. It was hoped that if Doug would handle the server issues we could continue to rely on Ringo for Drupal help and look for local Drupal assistance—there is a drupal users group that meets at DOM on the last Tuesday of each month so we will contact them to see who can or would be willing to help locally.

Doug agreed to look at the server after the meeting to see what could be done about getting the site back up on the web. He then told us how old and outdated the server is and so he was asked what the cost was in getting a new one. \$800.00 for a good one and if we wanted more reliability and other benefits maybe \$1,200.00.

This seemed reasonable and doable to the group and consensus was reached that we should get a new server. \$180.00 dollars was pledged by the members of the meeting and we are going to check to see if any DNC money is left. At this point we had checks and so it was asked if anyone could serve as treasurer. Tina Braxton offered and the group reached consensus that she will be our new treasurer.

The need for a local web master was also discussed. Consensus was reached that a search for one should be started.

Consensus was also reached that an About us section should be added to the menu with our posted Principles of Unity, Mission Statement, and Editorial Policies along with other contact information once these things are finalized.

### **Principles of Unity**

Principles of unity were discussed. Consensus was reached that we affirm agreement with the national principles of unity for IMC but that COIMC needs to refine these to fit us. All agreed to read the principles of unity in the supporting info packet and continue discussion next month.

### **Mission Statements**

Mission Statements were discussed. Consensus was reached that we affirm agreement with the national Mission Statement for IMC but that COIMC needs to refine these to fit us. All agreed to read the mission statements in the supporting info packet and continue discussion next month. Consensus was reached that COIMC should be an organization that meets the needs of all of Colorado and not just Denver.

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### **Editorial Policies**

Consensus was reached that all of us needed to read through the policies in the information packet and come back to this next month.

### **Consensus on where we would like to see COIMC in the Future**

Three and six month goals were discussed. Consensus was reached on both.

#### **3 month Goals**

Consensus was reached on the following goals.

- A consensus on a Principles of Unity Statement, A Mission Statement, and a editorial Policy.
- Input on what people have liked and disliked about COIMC
- An assessment of the talent and areas of interest of meeting participants.
- The establishment of an outreach plan to help groups be more aware of what COIMC is about and how we and they can work together. See the next section

#### **6 month Goals**

Consensus was reached on the following six month goals.

- The establishment of an editorial and site administrator work Group with its own email list (it would be open to all)
- The establishment of a technical work group to implement the goals in the peace above and to work on improving the site in other areas.
- Other working groups as the collective deems needed.
- The addition of an About Us Tab on the front page menu with a clear Statement of Unity, a Mission Statement and our Editorial Policies. The inclusion in the Contact Us Tab with how to get on the general mailing list and other list that we may establish
- The addition of a donate to COIMC tab and the establishment of a paypal account for people to do so.
- To join the Colorado Pres Association (I may have the name wrong) so we can credential reporters. The cost is a \$300.00 fee plus an individual fee that is nominal.

### **Consensus on what can be done to Increase Submissions quality and volume**

Consensus was reached that COIMC needs to involve more community groups and individuals and that an outreach effort needs to be made. To this end Remy, Tina Paula Phil and Doug agreed to put

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together a list of groups who we would like to hear more from on the pages of COIMC. The topic will be discussed more at the next meeting. The tentative aim will be to put together a presentation and an email as well as follow up with personal contact.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Next meeting will be at DOM on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.