**Coordinating Committee Report**

**August 1, 2016**

What follows is a new monthly one-page report on the Media Consortium.

**Proposal**: News Practice and Media Policy Convening. Should we hold our annual 2017 conference in DC and add 2 additional days for a joint media policy convening? See attached one-pager.

**Major Initiatives**

* **#WhoCounts**. Our immigration reporting project got off the ground this month with a hashtag and a tumblr aggregating member reporting. We plan to hold townhalls w/ immigrant policy experts to focus on challenges naturalized citizens face in trying to vote in NYC, Chicago, and CA. We are in talks re: funding w/ Four Freedoms Fund, McCormick, and local funders.
* **Just Transitions**. We have a proposal out to work with the New Economy Coalition to provide reporting training on banking and finance for the new economy. This economic justice project emerged from the CommonBound.
* **Media Policy**. Our MDF grant was renewed. See proposal above .
* **Metrics Project.** On hold while researchers finish their analysis. That will be followed by a communications push and hopefully a phase two.

**Membership**

* We brought on 2 new members, BINJ and New Left Forum. We expect to send out a late dues reminder shortly.
* Member database now installed. Staff are testing it. Should be open to membership by October 1.
* In September we will bring you a proposal for new paid membership types—partners (vendors) and individuals. Neither will have voting rights.
* Services: we plan to rebid our PR database account—rates have become too high for members.

**Financials**

* MDF grant in; WGF asked us to submit proposal for renewal.
* Budget for 2016 is on target. Budget for 2017 depends greatly on whether we can actually realize grants for the initiatives above.

**Impact**

* Our 2016 conference focus on racial equity continues to resonate as other journalism conferences follow suite.
* Manolia has been working behind the scenes to develop media funding for immigrant reporting projects that will benefit the whole Consortium.
* A major media/ media policy conference post election would be a lot of attention to TMC and the independent news sector.