Membership Committee

December 16, 2015

Present: Shay, Paul, Andrew

Absent: Christa, Aarti

1) New Members

--New Labor Forum (full member)--approved

--SF Bay View—pulled from consideration; no formal application

--CCEM—like NAM but based only in NYC; they reach out to hundreds of ethnic media in the US—approved

2) Possible New Members

--Latino Rebels-JoEllen

--Inside Climate News-Shay

--Investigate the West-Paul

--Maynard Center-Andrew

3) Joint memberships in other media orgs

JGK: I’ve started quarterly meetings with Eds of other media orgs. One goal is to facilitate outlets have joint memberships in our groups.

4) Dues

JGK recommends keeping dues steady

Non-dues paying members: what to do?

1) Dec: Formal letter

2) Jan 15: Letter from JGK

3) No member rate at conf if no dues paid

4) Personal calls from membership committee members to delinquent members

Discussion: This year, let’s ook at history of some who haven’t paid and make some determinations. Might be useful to survey them about why they haven’t paid. We may create criteria.

5) Annual Meeting

Proposal: Closed meeting for 1 hour in which we elect TMC CC members, review budget, etc. Then open it back up to coordinate around the 2016 election, especially addressing the anti-immigrant sentiment/ police violence issues.

Discussion:

--propose topical ideas for collaboration; can we move the needle around certain topics during this election cycle?

--ad hoc committee who can pre-vett by survey or list discussion