**TMC Membership Committee**

Present: Christa, Andrew, Laura, Brian

Absent: Shay

**Agenda:**

New Members: Dennis Trainor, HRC

New Members: Raw Story and Verso?

Recruit New Members at Meeting

**Discussion:**

1) Dennis Trainor: GritTV/Laura Flanders type of member; content fits with Consortium’s goals; not sure what else he brings; is this more than a one-man video production shop?

3 votes in favor

2 abstentions

Where do we want to be on the pundit continuum?

2) Human Rights Channel: interesting resource for a lot of us; great possibilities for collaboration; worked with Madeleine and she was great to work with; yes, this is one employee but it’s an organization’s project and it’s a very specific project;

unanimous in favor

3) Raw Story and Verso

Talking to folks who are not invested in the editorial work, but are the decision makers is difficult. Eventually, we’d like to bring in the mid-level folks at these organizations.

Engage larger organizations—they might be interested in what they can offer as a resource and thus become more involved in the progressive media infrastructure—be part of a vision

If some members get excused from submitting an application, then why do we have a committee? It feels like an equity issue.

Bring this issue up to the Coordinating Committee; have a conversation at the annual meeting about membership

4) Next Meeting early Feb