Membership Committee

Present: Hanaa Rifaey, Shay Totten, Christa Hillstrom, Brian Stewart, Liz DiNovella

Agenda:

Dues Letter

High Country News

Chair for Committee

Dues Letter—We could remind people that there are openings on the committees, so they can be engaged in shaping the membership of the Consortium.

High Country News—“strong organization, will add to our membership, good fit”; “solid applicant”;

New Chair: Christa Hillstrom

Strategic Planning:

INN/AAN/ TMC : how do they differentiate?

INN—upsetting history; they are unprofessional

AAN—Hanaa is on the board; they are having the same questions about membership and expansion that we are

Are we comfortable using the word “progressive” about the Media Consortium?—Jo Ellen Green Kaiser

In the beginning, The Progressive was excited to join up with like-minded media outlets, such as The Nation, Mother Jones, ITT, etc.

Have a meeting with the Coordinating Committee

Agenda for next time:

1) Do we want to be actively recruiting? Is the Consortium big enough? Do we continue to grow ?

2) Shay will take a survey and see if we are missing any independent progressive news outlets that should obviously be members.

3) Jo Ellen will draw up a list of categories of news outlets that we don’t typically draw on for members (tho there are exceptions in each category) but that we could draw on for members (i.e. Canadian outlets, single-issue news outlets like Shelterforce, hyperlocals, etc).

Christa and Jo Ellen will work together to set the time and agenda for the next two meetings.

Thanks Everyone!