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FCC TO HOLD A ROUNDTABLE EVENT TO DISCUSS CLOSED CAPTIONING OF PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS PROGRAMMING

Washington, DC—The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will host a roundtable event to discuss closed captioning of public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access programming on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The event will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.

1:00 - 1:05 PM

Welcoming Remarks

1:05 - 2:15 PM

Overview: Why Caption PEG Programming?

This session will review the benefits of captioning PEG programming, and will provide an overview of the current rules generally governing the provision of closed captions on video programming.

Facilitator: Suzy Rosen Singleton, Attorney-Advisor, Disability Rights Office (DRO), CGB, FCC

Contributors:

- Eliot Greenwald, Deputy Chief, DRO, CGB, FCC
- Amanda Maisels, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
- Claude Stout, Executive Director, Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.
- Mike Wassenaar, President, Alliance for Community Media

2:15 – 2:25 PM

Break

2:25 – 3:35 PM

Best Practices for Closed Captioning PEG Programming

This session will discuss captioning best practices and address technical and practical challenges in the PEG environment.

Facilitator: Rosaline Crawford, Attorney-Advisor, DRO, CGB, FCC

Contributors:

- Diane Burstein, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, National Cable & Telecommunications Association
- Tole Khesin, Vice President of Marketing, 3PlayMedia
- Carol Studenmund, President, LNS Captioning
- Christian Vogler, PhD, Associate Professor at the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, and Director, Technology Access Program, Gallaudet University
- Heather York, Vice President of Marketing, VITAC

3:35 – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 - 4:55 PM

Closed Captioning Solutions for PEG Programming

This session will discuss budgeting for captioning costs, funding, and low-cost and free solutions to facilitate the provision of closed captioning on PEG programming.

Facilitator: Gregory Hlibok, Chief, DRO, CGB, FCC

Contributors:

- Jason Barnett, President/CEO, Flarean SBC, Volunteer Captioning Case Study: 2014 Minnesota Gubernatorial 30 Debates
- Steve Brunsberg, Operations and Production Manager, Saint Paul Neighborhood Network
- Donna Keating, Media Services Manager, Executive Producer, County Cable Montgomery
- Carl Richardson, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, Massachusetts State House
- Steve Traylor, Executive Director, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors

4:55 – 5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Registration and Attendance: The event will be open to the public but will be limited to the seating available. There is no pre-registration. All attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the event to allow time to go through our security process.

Webcast: The Commission will provide captioned audio and video coverage of the event over the Internet from the FCC's Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

Questions: The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions. Those following the live stream will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the event via e-mail at livequestions@fcc.gov. Depending on the volume of questions and time constraints, session facilitators will work to respond to as many questions as possible during the event.

Website: Updates to the agenda, as well as presentation materials, will be available on the event webpage at <https://www.fcc.gov/events/roundtable-discussion-closed-captioning-public-access-and-governmental-programming>. Interested parties can also follow the event on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/FCC>. To signify your participation in this event via Twitter, you can tweet your comment or question and include the hashtag #FCCLive. Then click refresh to view your tweet.

Disability Accommodations: Open captioning and sign language interpreters will be provided for this event. Other accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please allow as much advance notice as possible. Last-minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

For additional information about the event, please contact Suzy Rosen Singleton at Suzanne.Singleton@fcc.gov or (202) 510-9446.

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