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Dr. Barry Orton
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Dear Barry,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the WAPC Board of Directors has chosen you to receive a 2009 WAPC Friend of Access Award in recognition for your continuing work in support of public, education, and government access television stations in Wisconsin.

For years our members have benefited from your expertise at our conferences and workshops. Over the last three years, your relationship with our organization has become even closer as we have worked together to preserve local access television in the face of legislative threats and corporate maneuverings. You foresaw state franchise legislation coming and organized a sounding of the alarm to cities. Once the bill was unveiled, your public support of access and consumers, expressed through your blog at *Waxing America* and the many interviews you gave to the press, got attention and helped slow down the legislative process so that positive changes for PEG could be made. Your behind the scenes coaching made WAPC more effective. This award is a small token of the amount of appreciation we want to express.

WAPC would like to present this award to you at the WAPC annual conference on Friday, May 1 during our 11:30 a.m. opening luncheon at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. Other 2009 recipients are attorneys Anita Gallucci and Joe Van Eaton.

This is the fourth year for this award. Previous recipients of the Friend of Access Award include Representative Tammy Baldwin, State Senators Judy Robson and Kathleen Vinehout, Wisconsin Representatives Louis Molepske and Gary Hebl, and the Friends of Oshkosh Community Access Television.

Thank you, Barry. Truly, you are a Friend of Access.

Sincerely,

Mary Cardona
Executive Director

cc: WAPC Members