**General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday April 25, 2018

Oradell, NJ Borough Hall

Meeting attended by: Bloomfield- Bob Duthaler, Metuchen- Stephanie Gibbons, OPTV - Nick Besink, Linda Besink, Bruce Goldsmith, Bob Dent, Dave Bandfield; Perth Amboy -Dave Garb, Ramsey- George Bumiller, Bob Braggin; Rutgers - Jeff Arban, West Milford - Geoff Belinfante; Fair Lawn - \_\_\_\_\_\_; Rich Desimone; Vivian Gaspar, Ron Rifkin

**Call to order** by Dave Garb at 12:00 noon

**Approval of minutes** from March 2018 meeting motion made by Jeff Arban, seconded by Linda Besink. Minutes were voted upon and approved.

Member introductions went around the room.

**Committee Reports:**

Executive: Dave G reported that he and Linda Besink met with our new CPA, Kathy Clayton from The Spire Group in Clark, NJ. Kathy is going through JAG’s financial and IRS filing records.

Finance: Linda reported the following balances in JAG bank accounts:

 Main Checking $9,777.31

 Conference Checking $5,573.24

 Conference Savings $46,539.88

 JAM (JAG Awards) Checking $2,344.65

 JAM (JAG Awards) Savings $700.58

Three dues invoices have been paid; 15 are in-process; six have been re-sent; and 53 are still outstanding.

Production: No report.

External Relations: Geoff said email invitations to the Conference will be sent. Emails will go out to potential and independent members, as well as to Montclair State, Center for Cooperative Media and Free Press.

Membership: Stephanie said that membership is growing with entities that have not joined JAG in the past. Committee members will follow up with members that have not yet registered for the Conference. A new Organization member, AC Video Solutions, has joined (pro-rated dues), representatives of which were met at NAB.

Legislative: Dave G recapped JAG’s letter of support for A2139 in the New Jersey Legislature to its supporters. Also, TelVue is working on closed captioning and will hopefully roll it out at the Conference.

Conference: Steph asked Rich for update. Committee has had several meetings and these will increase in frequency until the Conference. The Keynote lunch will feature a 5G panel with representatives from NJ Wireless and Verizon. There will be a raffle for a 360 4K VR camera.

JAG Awards: Bob said entries had to be in by April 3. The link to upload the video entries has been sent out.

Grants: no report.

Continuing Business: Dave G urged members to sign up to serve on a Committee if they have not done so. Nominees for Legislator of the Year need to be in place by May 1.

New Business: Who needs help? A discussion of how to attract volunteers was held, with suggestions of student and teacher involvement.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff A, seconded by George Bumiller. Adjourned at 1:31 pm.