**General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday December 13, 2017

East Brunswick Public Library

Meeting attended by: Asbury Park; Ed Salvas, Bloomfield-Bob Duthaler, East Brunswick-Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Pagliuco, Metuchen- Rich Desimone, Stephanie Gibbons, OPTV - Nick Besink, Linda Besink, Bruce Goldsmith, Perth Amboy -Dave Garb, Piscataway Twp.-Peter Namen, Ramsey- George Bumiller, Rutgers - Jeff Arban, West Milford - Bob Nicholson, Geoff Belinfante

**Call to order** by Dave Garb at 12:06pm

**Approval of minutes** from November mtg: none

Member introductions went around the room.

Committee Reports:

Executive: Dave G reported it was a year of issues to solve with finances. He has called in Ken Fellman to help rectify. Jeff suggests creating a “nuclear football” in the future so other Executive members have access. Dave G said Ken Fellman recommends having more people on the accounts. Rich D was made Managing Director or JAG. The organization had success at NJLM. Thanks to Geoff B making all the contacts on the floor chatting it up. Uncertainty with NATOA and their new president. The JAG Conference is now being co-organized by Stephanie and Cindy Hahn with assistance from Rich D.

Finance: Linda mentioned we are looking for a CPA. Getting a new budget together. Invoices for members will be going out soon.

Production: Peter said footage from NJLM was dropped off to EBTV who will edit the workshop so it can be placed on JAG site. Asked for help from other stations and if any members have new programs to let him know.

External Relations: Geoff reviewed the past year. Added 4 new organizational members. More vendors for meeting presentations. Participated in the Conference and NJLM. Looking for a Marketing Chair and help with Social Media presence. Mentioned doing a presentation at the NATOA Conference in Phily.

Membership: Stephanie said we gained new member, Hopewell. Cindy sent out notices to PA stations. In March some members returned to JAG. April was the survey. Getting current members to mentor new members. Princeton will host a meeting. Indie producers have joined. More than 50 contacts were made at NJLM and committee is reaching out to them and former members to see if they might rejoin.

Legislative: Dave G, watching Net Neutrality

Conference: Steph asked Rich for update. Committee has had a few meetings. New signage has arrived. Had conversation with New Bay Media about growing the conference. New name is Eastern Video Expo. No more passport, spaces for vendors to double. New Bay to help market it.

JAG Awards: Bob said it will open in late January for submissions and will be for the 2017 calendar year. Going to hold it at the conference. Online submissions on Connect as well as judging. 5 for 4 entries again.

Grants: Bob mentioned that money for scholarships must be obtained with that in mind. It can only be used for that purpose, not from other monies received. Must be in its own account.

Continuing Business: none

Elections for Trustees were held. Dave A, Jeff Arban, Dave Garb and Debbe Gist were elected to 2 year terms. Anthony Pagliuco was elected to a 1 year term.

New Biz: none

Motion to adjourn by Dave A, seconded by Nick. Adjourned at 1:41 pm.