**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday June 27, 2018

West Milford, NJ Library

**Meeting attended by:** OPTV - Nick Besink, Linda Besink, Bruce Goldsmith, Dave Bandfield; Ramsey- George Bumiller, Bob Braggin; Rutgers - Jeff Arban, West Milford – Bob Nicholson, Geoff Belinfante, Nathan Bedford, Gary Steele; Vivian Gaspar, Ron Rifkin, Sarah Clark

**Call to order** by Linda Besink at 12:15pm

**Approval of minutes** from April 2018 meeting motion made by Jeff Arban, seconded by Geoff Belinfante. Minutes were voted upon and approved.

Member introductions went around the room.

**Committee Reports:**

Executive: Linda said we need to think about this year’s NJLOM in November. Also, this year’s Board Retreat will be in either late July or early August. Dave G. would like to have dates that everyone is available. The Retreat might be at the same hotel as last year. We need to concentrate on realistic goals.

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

 Main Checking $8,980.04

 Conference Checking $17,199.59

 Conference Savings $36,543.11

 JAM (JAG Awards) Checking $2,819.65

 JAM (JAG Awards) Savings $700.63

To be deposited: $7,500 for Conference Checking; $500 for JAG Award Entries; and $710 for the main account. Four dues invoices have been paid, two municipal, one pro-rated corporate and one individual; 7 are in-process; 50 members paid to date.

Membership: No report.

Production: No report.

External Relations: Geoff followed up regarding new groups participating in the conference (CCM and Free Press). The question is do these groups support higher local participation in media? How do we encourage journalists/organizations in this regard? For example, News-12 to produce and distribute local content.

Legislative: No report.

Conference: No official report.

Continuing Business: Since there were fewer attendees than usual, a lengthy discussion followed regarding NATOA vs. ACM. They have different focus and it’s not one-or-the-other.

It was also mentioned that a JAG package that could be given to municipalities and governing bodies who aren’t JAG members, outlining benefits of JAG membership.

New Business: Vivian asked that for the stations airing her shows, whether it’s possible to know exactly what times they are being shown.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff A, seconded by Bob N. Adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda Besink**

September 19, 2018