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**Connecting Your Town to Your Residents**

You're Late / You're Late / For a very important date. / It's time to register today. / You're late, You're late, You're late!!!!

The Eastern Regional Communication and Technology Conference is almost upon us.



This conference is created yearly for our JAG members and the New Jersey Access Community. We are bringing to you the only conference for PEG Access of its kind in the country!

Workshops have been created with information that you need to know for the future operation of your channel!

Hot off the Las Vegas Strip, over 40 vendors will be on hand showcasing their newest equipment designed for our PEG industry and at a price to fit our budgets! Our vendors will be on hand to help you make your station look like the broadcasters. Come out and experience the latest tools in our trade! Learn firsthand how this equipment could work within your access community and what new devices are being created within our field as a whole.

For an easy commute and a short distance away you can. All this and more can be discovered in Morristown, NJ !

But most importantly, you will be able to network with communication professionals throughout the industry.

The event is coming up fast and runs from May 31 – June 2, 2017.

To register for the event or to just find out more about the event, please visit [www.powerofpartners.org](http://www.powerofpartners.org).

The conference is made for our members! So please come out and support JAG's biggest and best event of the year!!

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**General Meeting**

Schedule 2017-18

**Apr. 26-** Summit  
 No Vendor Presentation  
**May 31-June 2**  
 JAG Conference  
 Hyatt, Morristown, NJ  
**Jun. 14-** West Milford  
 No Vendor Presentation  
**Sept. 27-** Varto Technologies in East Rutherford  
 Presentation-by our host  
**Oct. 25-** Scotch Plains  
 Presentation- TBD  
**Nov. 21, Tuesday-** Edison  
 Presentation- TBD  
**Dec.** TBD  
**Jan. 31** TBD  
**Feb. 28** TBD  
 Presentation- TelVue  
**Mar. 29-** 4Wall Entertainment in Moonachie  
 Presentation-by our host

By Cindy Hahn, Executive Director, CNet

## Affinity Tables and Breakfast Roundtables....Small Groups with Big Topics

The annual JAG conference is right around the corner, and there are two conference opportunities planned at which attendees can share ideas on specific topics in a casual setting.

The “Affinity Luncheon” is back by popular demand on Trade Show Day, Thursday, June 1st. This luncheon is an extraordinary opportunity to explore a single topic with experts and others who share your interest. There are eleven different Affinity Tables planned



this year on topics ranging from the latest rulings on Closed Captioning to how to improve your Sports Production. From Lighting Tools to Social Media, and from 5G Wireless Advancements to the importance of Channel Branding. There is truly a table for everyone!

Affinity Tables have limited seating, however, so sign up for the table of your choice at the Meet and Greet on Wednesday night or at Registration on Thursday morning.

Attendees will also have the chance to share ideas, challenges and successes at Friday morning’s “Networking Breakfast”. There are four roundtables planned on Volunteer Development and Management, the Future of Media and Your Community, Copyrights and Fair Use, and Programming Development. Do you need some helpful advice on a new initiative? Want to share your great experience with others? Or maybe just want to participate in a discussion about where our industry is headed? Enjoy breakfast, coffee and good conversation.



Year after year, conference attendees tell us that networking opportunities are one of the most important reasons to attend this conference. People truly value the chance to talk with and exchange ideas with others in the PEG, media and technology communities. We’d love to see you there. Please join us!

by Rich Desimone, Conference Committee Chair

This year's Eastern Region Communication & Technology Conference will be full of opportunities to learn about new equipment and what solutions will work best for you. Register NOW.

## Presentations

**Datavideo-** A new line of portable solutions called GoKits. This is a two PTZ camera kit which would not require a camera operator. The other product will be KMU-100. Datavideo's all new KMU-100 is a unique 4K multi-camera production solution that delivers multiple virtual full HD (up to 1080p) scaled camera angles with minimal installation cost and simple operation.

**JVC-** New products such as the PTZ system which has an IPO architecture and cameras such as the GY-HM200SP and the GY-HM200HW

**Rushworks-** You'll learn how to maximize your production value by effective use of PTZ cameras ... and the company's PTX Universal PanTilt heads. Introducing motion into camera shots is the key, and RUSHWORKS' innovative Dynamic Auto Zoom, Motion Presets, and integration of the newest product, NEWSDOLLY, combine to greatly enhance your productions while dramatically reducing the need for human resources.

**TelVue-** Learn all about the new HyperCaster AIO (All-In-One) that packs multi-channel playback, encoding, native SDI & IP switching & recording, up & down-conversion, HD/SD simulcast, and graphics over all sources in a single, powerful box so you can broadcast more with less.

**Tightrope-** New upgrade expands intuitive 'schedule once, publish everywhere' workflow to help community stations promote and share their programming across social media

**Varto Technologies-** NDI Technology makes content integration and distribution easier.

**4Wall Entertainment-** A look at the new products introduced at NAB.

## Workshops

- Lighting- Learn how with a three-light kit you can get a number of different looks.
- How Technology Can Help You Grow Your Audience – You have the content....now how can you most efficiently get it to your audience?
- IP Workflow – How will innovations in IP technology change your workflow? Learn about the latest developments to make your organization more efficient.
- How Technology Can Save You Money – Covering an event is now easier than ever with new technology to include the ability to stream a live feeds back to master control for distribution, robotic camera control, shot presets, insert graphics, and more.

## User Groups

**Telvue-** Corporations #1-HyperCaster AIO v6.1 Broadcast more with the less, with the HyperCaster AIO (All-In-One) broadcast server and #2-TelVue Connect / CloudCast Learn how to enhance your broadcast operation with TelVue's suite of cloud-based Internet video services

**NewTec-** TriCaster Jump Start Training: Power and Portability You don't have to be a video expert, own a studio, lug any complicated equipment around, or use expensive professional cameras to make great content quickly and stream it live in minutes..

**Apple:** What's new in Final Cut Pro X

**Adobe:** What's new in Adobe Premiere Pro CC 17

## Vendor “Serving Community Media” Award 2017



JAG is honored to present Yervant Keshishian, Varto Technologies, with this year’s Serving Community Media award. This annual award recognizes vendors that have supported our conference, the stations of New Jersey and the work of community media throughout the country. Yervant brings a work ethic rarely found today. JAG members are keenly aware that when they have a problem Yervant is always willing to help. He has a natural gift as a communicator and a genuine desire to listen. Yervant has done a number of presentation at JAG meetings and conferences supporting JAG’s mission to educate to rave reviews. JAG is a better organization because of our partnership with Yervant. Congratulations.

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### Drone Certified Training

May 30 & 31, 2017, 8am-5pm, Hyatt Morristown

**Special application rate for JAG Members.**

Jersey Access Group offers this training to assist municipalities in the use of this new technology by many departments for a variety of purposes to support their operational needs.

Course instructor is a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) with a 95% success rate for attendees acquiring FAA certification for Commercial Operations under 14 CFR Part 107.

Click button below to register

**Only 8 spots left**



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Come to the Best Roast in Town.

## It’s not Over till It’s Over

### A very special farewell to Rich Desimone



This year’s conference banquet will be like no other JAG has had before. They say retirement is a bitter sweet reward. Well you ain’t seen nothing yet. You will not want to miss an evening full of surprises when some of JAG’s best orators get the moment they have been waiting for, for so many years, to tell you about Rich. So many stories. So many secrets revealed. But watch out because Rich will be the last to speak-so don’t expect him to get mad because he’s Italian and he will get even.

Please join us. Click for tickets.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=5izl8xcab&oeidk=a07ee2s4yn6dad332e>

*Presented by the very super-secret banquet committee*

# Thanks for the help!

Rich Desimone, Chair, External Relations

# Volunteerism

The External Relations Committee is looking for a new chair. This position includes a seat on the executive board. This will end my 16 years as chair. I will be available to help to make the transition as easy as possible. Those interested should contact me.



Two new executive board positions have been added. Nominees are Linda Besink and Ed Cologna.

<b>Executive- Meeting May @ 12NOON</b>	<b>Production- No Meeting Scheduled</b>	<b>Membership- - No Meeting Scheduled</b>
Dave Garb, President	Peter Namen (Chair)	Stephanie Gibbons (Co-chair): Annual survey
Victoria Timpanaro, V.P.	TBD: (Secretary)	Cindy Hahn: (Co-chair): Outreach
Debbe Gist, Treasurer	Dave Ambrosy: Producer	Linda Besink: (Secretary) Data Management
Dave Ambrosy, Secretary	Nick Besink:	Debbe Gist: Member tracking
Jeff Arban, Corresponding Secretary	Lauren Watson:	Bob Duthaler: List Serve
Stephanie Gibbons, Trustee	Jeff Arban: Interviews	George Bumiller: Outreach
Bob Duthaler, Trustee	Brian Belzer: Editor/Camera	TBD: Managing Delinquent Accounts
Peter Namen, Production	Anthony Pagliuco: Editor/Camera	
Rich Desimone, External Relations		
<b>Finance- No Meeting Scheduled</b>	<b>Legislation- No Meeting Scheduled</b>	<b>JAG Awards- No Meeting Scheduled</b>
Debbe Gist (Chair):	Dave Grab (Chair): NATOA	<b>TBD (Chair):</b>
TBD: (Secretary)	TBD: (Secretary)	various members (Secretary)
Herbert Hall: Budget Review	Bob Duthaler: NJLOM	Dave Ambrosy: Judging Sites
Bob Duthaler: Budget Review	Ida Erik: NJ Legislation	Bob Duthaler: Submissions
Allan Rosen: Budget Review	Linda Besink:	Dave Garb: Program Development
Stephanie Gibbons: Budget Review		Peter Namen: Production
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Outside Contract: Bookkeeper w/QuickBooks		Rich Desimone: Registration, Event Producer
		Debbe Gist:
<b>External Relations- No Meeting Scheduled</b>	<b>Sub Committee Marketing</b>	<b>Conference- Meeting Mondays in May @ 2:00pm</b>
Rich Desimone (Chair): JAG meeting vendors, Action Plan, NJLOM Join Session	Victoria Timpanaro (Social Media)	Rich Desimone (Chair): Trade Show, Program, Marketing, Newsletter
Stephanie Gibbons (Secretary): Members	Dave Garb: JAG Web Site	Cindy Hahn (Co-secretary/Treasurer): Program, Workshops Manager, Marketing, Newsletter
Dave Garb: NJLOM Join Session, Booth Staffing and rooms	Rich Desimone: JAG Newsletter	Stephanie Gibbons (Co-secretary): Registration, Municipal Outreach
Cindy Hahn: Writer/Editor	Cindy Hahn: JAG Newsletter, Writer/Editor	Victoria Timpanaro: Student Symposium, Marketing, Production Workshops, College Outreach
	Bob Duthaler: JAG Web Site	Dave Garb: Student Symposium, Legislative Workshops
	Peter Namen: Videos	J Robertson: Affinity Lunch & topics
	Jeff Arban: Interviews/Graphics	Jeff Arban: Interviews/SLRs/Meet and Greet
	Outside Contract: JAG Web Site	Dave Ambrosy: Entertainment, Production
		Bob Duthaler: Technology Workshops, Ads
		Ed Cologna: Trade Show Announcer
		Geoffrey Belinfante:
		Outside Contract: Web Site
		Outside Contract: Social Media



## Bits & Bytes

- May 15, 22, 29 — Conference Committee meetings
- May 30-31 — Drone Certification Training: a two day class to prepare for FCC certification exam.
- May 31 — Executive Board Meeting, NATOA NJ Chapter meeting
- May 31 — Executive Board Meeting, Legal meeting
- May 31-June 2 — JAG Conference: With the assistance of our partners TelVue, 4Wall Entertainment, Verizon, Varto Technologies, Rushworks, Tightrope, and Helmer, Conley, & Kasselman, P.A.

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## Member Spotlight

By Debbe Gist, Membership Committee



Jim Bullard is currently serving his 7th year as an elected Councilman in Piscataway Township. Jim has also been volunteering at Piscataway Community Television for 21 years. During that time he has been named PCTV's Volunteer of the Year nine times to acknowledge the many, many hours he devotes to the station each year. Jim has done every job there is at the station, including being the floor manager, camera operator, reporter and assisting with training new members. He is currently PCTV's "volunteer mentor" and as such he works one on one with new volunteers and gets them familiar with how to set up the studio, the equipment, the set, etc. so they don't feel overwhelmed when they first start working with the equipment. As a Councilman, Jim keeps his fellow council

members up to date on all the things PCTV is doing and the events being covered and reminds them of what an asset the station is to the community! As a municipal elected official and a very active member, and strong advocate of an access TV station, Jim Bullard's selection as JAG's 2017 Municipal Excellence award is very well deserved. Congratulations

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Who's coming to the conference. Most bringing 2-6 people.

**Hotel almost sold out. Register Now**

Austin, TX	Metuchen, NJ	Albany, NY
Asbury Park	Middlesex County College, NJ	East Bridgewater, MA
Brooklyn, NJ	New Jersey City University, NJ	Rye, NY
Bloomfield, NJ	Newark, NJ	University of Scranton, NJ
Chatham, NJ	North Brunswick, NJ	Wallington, NJ
State College, PA	Oradell, NJ	Warren, NJ
Denver, CO	Perth Amboy, NJ	Watertown, MA
East Brunswick, NJ	Piscataway, NJ	Washington, DC
Edison, NJ	Red Bank, NJ	Washington, NJ
Essex County College, NJ	Rutgers University, NJ	Wayne, PA
Glen Rock, NJ	Scotch Plains, NJ	Westminster, MD
Haddon Heights, NJ	Somerville, NJ	White Plains, NY
Lihue, HI	West Milford, NJ	William Paterson University, NJ
Long Hill, NJ	William Paterson University, NJ	Woodbridge, NJ

Get all the conference details and updates at [www.powerofpartners.org](http://www.powerofpartners.org)



**Click POP button to register for the conference.**

**\*\*Important! Be aware you can only use an email address once and you cannot make any changes to your reservation after you click on continue.**

## Welcome New Organizational Member Helmer, Conley, & Kasselmann, P.A.

JAG Members,

We would like to thank Ken Fellman for this work in making Helmer, Conley, & Kasselmann, P.A. to the Jersey Access Group. Ken has provided legal assistance to JAG for the last few years. Ken's firm is located in Colorado but his routes are in NJ where he lived so many years. During that time, it became clear that JAG would need to find a firm that was licensed to practice in NJ. Through Ken's efforts he was able to become an Associate in Helmer, Conley, & Kasselmann, P.A.

Along with becoming an Organizational Member of JAG Helmer, Conley, & Kasselmann, P.A. will also be a sponsor of our conference and supported it with a program ad. Ken Fellman and Brandon Dittman will also be joining us at the conference and be participating in the Welcome Affinity Lunch and workshops. Brandon's expertise includes the FCC rules and regulations on the use of drones.

### HELMER, CONLEY & KASSELMAN, P.A.

#### ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Proud to Support the Jersey Access Group and Its Members

- Broadband and Telecommunications Law
- Public Utilities Law
- Municipal Law and Land Use



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We welcome Helmer, Conley, & Kasselmann, P.A. to JAG and look forward to a successful partnership.

Rich Desimone

External Relations Committee Chair

## Organizational Members



HELMER, CONLEY & KASSELMAN, P.A.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

## **IF You Build It They Will Come. Will YOU**

**Why haven't you signed up yet.**



**The Membership Committee will be calling you for the answer.**

**Their objective: To register YOU.**

- **Can't get the money- Request a JAG scholarships**
- **Haven't found the time to register- They will do it for you.**
- **Can't get off work- Stop by the trade show during your lunch. It's free.**

**Vendors need to see people and you are the people they need to see.**

**JAG needs your help to survive. Membership comes with responsibilities.**

**Save them the phone call and register now!**



***Click POP button to register for the conference.***



## COMMITTEES CORNER

### Drone Certification Training

Only eight seats left

**May 30-31, 2017**

**Hyatt Morristown, NJ**

### JAG Annual Conference



**May 31-June 2, 2017**

**Hyatt Morristown, NJ**

### NATOA 2017 Annual Conference

**Sept. 11 - 14**



The Grand Hyatt  
Seattle, WA

<https://www.natoa.org/events/annual-conference/2017/>

**Registration Open**

### NJ League of Municipalities



**Nov. 14-16, 2017**

**Atlantic City, NJ**

**Save the Date**

### **EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: *Rich Desimone, Chair***

Interest is growing in the drone class. We have an article on small cell deployment in the May issue of NJLOM magazine. He have our tenth organizational member, Helmer, Conley, & Kasselmann, P.A. We are reaching out to additional vendors to join JAG. Still looking for a chair to take over in 2018. To join the committee, contact Rich Desimone at [rjdesimone@verizon.net](mailto:rjdesimone@verizon.net).

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Debbe Gist, Chair***

Website password will be changed on May 1. Those who have not yet renewed will lose access to the members only section until their renewal is received. If you are interested in joining the Finance Committee, please contact me – [dgist@piscatawaynj.org](mailto:dgist@piscatawaynj.org) 732-562-2305.

### **PRODUCTION COMMITTEE: *Peter Namen, Chair***

NO REPORT If you would like to help please contact me at [pnamen@jagonline.org](mailto:pnamen@jagonline.org) .

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

#### **Legislation Committee: *Dave Garb, Chair***

Closed Captioning is still floating around the hallways of the FCC. The 5G issue is pushing its way in to our communities. The Legislative Committee needs your eyes, ears and contacts in order to keep JAG up to date with the latest information on this and all subjects that could be of interest to the access community.

Please help us keep an eye on these issues that may have a direct impact on you and your stations operations by joining the Legislative Committee. If interested, please contact me at: [davegarb@paps.net](mailto:davegarb@paps.net).

#### **Membership Committee: *Stephanie Gibbons & Cindy Hahn, Co-Chairs***

Is your JAG membership information up to date? If any of your contact information or staff has changed in the last six months please let us know so update our records and make sure the JAG correspondence and information is going to the right place and right person. Do you want someone added to get valuable JAG info? Send any changes to [stgibbons@verizon.net](mailto:stgibbons@verizon.net). If you are interested in joining this growing team please contact: Stephanie Gibbons at [stgibbons@verizon.net](mailto:stgibbons@verizon.net)

#### **Conference Committee: *Rich Desimone, Chair***

The committee is working hard and is putting together another great conference. 40 vendors, 12 vendor presentations, 11 welcome affinity lunch topics, 10 workshops, 4 user groups, and new this year 4 roundtables at Friday's Networking Breakfast. This year's keynote lunch will be a special workshop about the changes in technology coming our way. Michael Darcy, Executive Director NJLOM has confirmed attending the keynote lunch. Panelists will include representatives from Verizon and Comcast. NOT TO BE MISSED. Contact me if you would like to join an amazing team of dedicated people, at [rjdesimone@verizon.net](mailto:rjdesimone@verizon.net).

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