**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday June 12, 2019

West Milford TV – West Milford, NJ

**Meeting attended by**: Bloomfield – Stephanie Gibbons; OPTV – Nick Besink, Linda Besink, Bruce Goldsmith; Perth Amboy – Dave Garb; Roselle – Darryl Love; Rutgers - Jeff Arban; Scotch Plains – Bob Duthaler; West Milford – Ada Erik, Bob Nicholson, Geoff Belinfante, Gary Steele, guest Doris Aaronson; JAG Managing Director Rich Desimone.

**Call to order** by Bob Duthaler at 12:05pm

**Approval of minutes** from April 2019 was tabled as they were not yet available.

Member introductions went around the room. No new members were present.

**Committee Reports:**

Executive: Bob Duthaler welcomed everyone to this final meeting of the working year. He asked that committee chairs submit their reports for the July newsletter. We are working on sessions at the League of Municipalities in November, and the time slots are set. At the May conference, JAG has support and interest from NJLM, NATOA and the NJBPU on the franchise fee issue. A committee will be formed and a call to action will go out. Princeton Borough is in danger of losing their funding, JAG will do what we can to help. Bob thanked the Conference chairs.

Finance: Linda reported on past-due memberships for 2019. One will not renew, one has a bad email address and one has sent no replies. Nine invoices have been re-sent after contact with the municipality. Four independent producers have not renewed. There are 17 who have not been members for two years or more, and the Membership committee needs to reach out to them. As far as paid memberships, for 2019 there are 38 municipalities/educational, 13 independent producers, and 6 organizational.

Production: the videos were recorded at the conference and will be available to use at the JAG booth at the League in November.

External Relations: Geoff B. reported that Unique Photo is interested in joining JAG.

Membership: Darryl noted that Cathedral International attended the trade show at the conference and had a very good experience. How are churches going to fit in with JAG’s mission? Bruce said he spoke with every vendor at the conference, and would like to explore ideas about what segments are we missing.

Legislative: Dave G. said that there will be a meeting for ideas regarding the franchise fee issue to discuss ideas for the call to action. We need to understand what JAG can do and what we cannot do. A sub-committee will form to explore this.

Conference: Stephanie said that the conference post-mortem is in process to occur in a couple of weeks. Workshops were rather poorly attended; were some scheduled too early in the morning and did the afternoon go on too late? Also for the Student Symposium, we need to refine who to contact for students to attend.

JAG Awards: Bob Duthaler said the awards are still open. Hope to have a ceremony at the end of the year.

New Business: September’s meeting will be at Varto’s new facility on September 18.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff A, seconded by Geoff B. Adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda Besink**