**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

**2/27/19, 12:00 pm in Princeton, NJ**

Meeting attended by: Asbury Park - Ed Salvas, Bloomfield - Bob Duthaler (Also for Scotch Plains)  
C-Net - Cindy Hahn, East Brunswick - Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Pagliuco, Sascha Basista  
Fair Lawn - Saul Rochman, Dimitry Mikhaylov, The Aphrodisiac Chefs - Anthony Vincent, Elyse (?)  
Metuchen Media - Stephanie Gibbons, Montclair – Rick Gearhart, plus one  
Oradell - Nick Besink, David Bandfield, Linda Besink, Bruce Goldsmith  
Perth Amboy BOE - David Garb, Princeton TV - George McCullogh  
Rutgers University - Jeff Arban, West Milford - Bob Nicholson, Geoff Belinfante, Ada Erik  
Woodbridge Twp - Lee Beckerman, Rich Scuderi, Independent Producer  
James Degnen, Independent, SaMut Scott, Independent, Michelle Granberg, Independent Producer

JAG President, Bob Duthaler, called meeting to order at 12:03pm

Minutes from January 30, 2019 were moved by Jeff and seconded by Linda and were approved.

Bob asked that Voting Member forms be filled out and returned to the secretary.

Cindy Hahn from State College Pa., CNET, was acknowledged for making the trip out to NJ. Member intros went around the room.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee- Bob said the committee met and reviewed standing committees and the 2019 Budget.

Finance- Linda reported that the budget is prepared and will be introduced later in the meeting. Committee is looking for members and reminded attendees membership dues are now due.

Production- Lee is the new chairperson. Committee talked about videos needed for web site and NJLM booth and will set priorities for these.

External Relations- Geoff talked about the new relationship with Montclair State College. They also want JAG to help by showing their Live broadcast on April 10, 2019 on Immigration.

Membership- Bruce and Darryl are co-chairs. They met and reviewed the P&P and Action Plan for the committee. Darryl spoke about outreach to politicians in minority communities to find out how they can participate and be represented by JAG.

Legislative- Dave G. said there are 2 issues to watch. 1) The FCC looking to change how cable companies calculate franchise fees which could mean a reduction that towns receive. A letter about this was sent to Congressman Pallone. 2) Talked about a court case involving Manhattan Cable and Producers and “rights” associated with being a government funded station.

Conference- Cindy said workshops are being finalized, early bird rates are open now – April 1st. The committee is ahead of schedule. Full time students are FREE. Rich mentioned to the independent producers present there is a special rate and they can participate on panels. Linda has a code for member discounts.

JAG Awards- Bob said they will take place at the conference and will be open very soon.

Continuing Business- Meeting locations for 2019 are all booked.

New Business- Linda gave the first reading of the 2019 JAG Budget. Bob announced nominations for Legislator of the Year and Municipal Excellence awards are open and to contact him with any nominations. Bob also noted Paul Distefano is back in the area and looking to get the current company he’s with involved with JAG.

Discussion and Assistance- Stephanie was interested in recommendations for “cinema type” cameras. Princeton producers talked about getting distribution for their programs.

Bob introduced Jesse Lerman from Telvue who talked about their upgrades and products and closed captioning solutions.

A motion to adjourn by Ada and seconded by Geoff. Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm

Respectfully submitted by Dave Ambrosy, JAG Secretary