**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

**12/2/2020, 12:12 pm Online**

Meeting attended by: Bloomfield- Bob Duthaler, East Brunswick- Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Pagliuco, OPTV – Linda & Nick Besink, Perth Amboy -Dave Garb, Piscataway- Ronnie Garret, Elio Selvaggio, George Fairfield, Doug Seidel, Brian Belzer, Scotch Plains- Stephanie Gibbons, Darryl Love, West Milford –Geoff Belinfante, Bob Nicholson, SOMA- Dustin Dumas, JAG Managing Director-Rich Desimone, Asbury Park- Ed Salvas, Manalapan- Jan Zachary, Hopewell- Joy Arena, Fairlawn- Dimitry, Montclair- Rick Gearhart, George Bumiller, RUTV- Jeff Arban, Yu Miriam, Paul Distefano from Disisti, Valeri ??, Nate APTV

JAG President, Bob Duthaler, called meeting to order at 12:17 pm. Noted that no 2021 Budget will be introduced at this meeting.

Motion to approve the October minutes by Jeff, second by Geoff. Darryl wanted correction that he was representing Scotch Plains and not Roselle in the attendance list. Minutes were approved.

Discussion Topic: “Is Your Station Ready for the Second Covid Wave?”

Discussed how stations were doing their town meetings. Some live and most are virtual again. Talked about production techniques like using multiple laptops connected to your switcher as if they were individual camera inputs. Taking time for participants of a Zoom mtg. to set up their shots and adjust lighting and headroom etc.

Bob introduced Paul Distefano from Disisti Lighting who gave a presentation of their products.

1:42pm Reports:

Executive Board- Bob mentioned he’s looking to put together a December webinar or “hang”, before the holidays.

Finance- Linda said we have 45 paid members, 8 Organizational and 11 Independent in 2020. 2021 invoices are going out soon.

Production- Bob mentioned Lee’s article in the newsletter on producing videos for the League of Municipalities. You can see them in the members section on the web site.

External Relations- Geoff thanked Doug Seidel for all the work he’s doing with our social media and for everyone contributing to the newsletter.

Legislative- Dave G. spoke to the ACM. The Protect Community TV Act will need to wait to be introduced after new Congress takes office. FCC Commissioner Pai announced he’s stepping down.

Membership- Stephanie echoed Linda that there are 64 paid members, just 1 short of their 65 member goal for 2020. A survey was done recently and she will have results by the end of the year.

Leadership- Dave G said the committee is still building up. Nothing new at this time.

JAG Awards- George said nothing new now. Will have another committee meeting soon.

Conference- Bob said committee had exploratory meeting, trying to decide how to do a virtual conference with informational sessions.

Vote for Trustees: Dave A. received 11 voting member submissions. Results were 11 votes for Bob D. and Linda, 10 for Anthony and George F., 9 for Stephanie, 4 for Bob Nicolson. The top 5 were elected.

Bob reminded those on the Board the Re-org meeting is January 13th at 10:30/11am. TBD

Discussion- Brian and Doug form Piscataway mentioned they joined the forum PEGPros and wanted to share it with the membership.

Managing Director Rich D. reminded committee chairs to have their year end reports for the next newsletter.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff, second by Geoff, approved. Meeting ended at 2:10pm

Respectfully submitted by Dave Ambrosy, JAG Secretary