**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday December 5, 2018

Edison, NJ

**Meeting attended by**: Meeting attended by: Asbury Park; Ed Salvas, Bloomfield- Bob Duthaler, East Brunswick- Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Paglico, Edison –Mike D’Amato, Edward Cologna, Edison Schools- Patrick MacDonald, Fair Lawn-Dimitry Mikhoylov, Metuchen- Stephanie Gibbons, , OPTV -, Linda Besink, Bruce Goldsmith, David Banfield Perth Amboy -Dave Garb, Rutgers -Jeff Arban, West Milford – Bob Nicholson, Geoff Belinfante, JAG Managing Director-Rich Desimone and guest Frank Taylor.

**Call to order** by Dave Garb at 12:13pm

**Approval of minutes** from October 2018 meeting motion made by Geoff, seconded by Jeff Arban. Minutes were voted upon and approved. Abstaining were Stephanie and Anthony

Stephanie introduced and welcomed new member Patrick McDonald from Edison Schools.

Member introductions went around the room.

**Committee Reports:**

Executive: Dave G. recapped 2018 and talked about a slow down with the FCC on the Closed Captioning issue but thought it would be something stations should be planning for. JAG hired a new Managing Director, Rich Desimone. Linda Besink became the treasurer and Geoff Belinfante took over the External Relations Chair. At the Trustee Retreat we reviewed P&P, planned workshops at the NJLOM on Rights of Way, the Future of PEG Stations as well as 5G. JAG filed comments along with NATOA and other organizations regarding the FCC and Franchise fee breaks. JAG is also reaching out to area politicians.

Finance: Linda recapped finding a new CPA to help sort out JAGs finances and file necessary IRS forms. The committee recently met and invoices were sent out to the membership. The bank still needs a new address on file for the account.

Production: Anthony reported the JAM Awards and the workshops at NJLOM were being posted.

External Relations: Geoff said he had an interesting first year as chair. He spoke with and made contacts with many city officials at the NJLOM. New contacts with Morris Township and others at a conference at Montclair State College. Attended NAB in Las Vegas and NYC. He spoke about a company that specializes in PTZ cameras and wanted to know if members would like them to demonstrate at a meeting. Also met with members of Sustainable NJ who are interested in promoting their organization. Another contact was made with the NJ Film Commission.

Membership: Stephanie reported membership is down slightly but increased with 9 independent members and 10 organizational members. The committee will need a new chairperson for 2019.

Conference: Stephanie reported the conference will be in New Brunswick, NJ May 23 and 24, 2019. Rich spoke about the new excitement and the new location. A new discount will be offered for members putting in time on committees that do not have the budget or resources from their township to pay for them to attend. It will be for the full conference admission only. Big News- FM Valenti will partner with the conference and bring their “Road Show” to the conference trade show. That means more vendors and foot traffic at the show. The web site is up and running new information.

JAG Awards: Bob D. said the committee is starting up in December and looking for members to participate. He explained what the JAG awards are to new members.

Continuing Business: Voting to place for Trustees. With the five unopposed members running for the 2 yr. terms, Secretary, Dave Ambrosy cast his vote and made it official that Lee Beckerman, Linda Besink, Anthony Pagliuco, Bob Duthaler and Stephanie Gibbons were elected to the Board of Trustees.

Votes were then taken for the one year term. Darryl Love was elected for that Trustee position.

Dave G. announced meeting locations upcoming.

New Business: Stephanie reached out for recommendations to replace how she records and archives her meetings. Members offered many suggestions. Dave Banfield asked for suggestions to reduce audio interference from cell phones at meetings he records.

Jeff Arban motioned to adjourn with second by Anthony and the meeting adjourned at 1:31pm

Respectfully submitted by Dave Ambrosy