**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday October 31, 2018

Scotch Plains, NJ

**Meeting attended by**:

Oradell: Nick Besink, Linda Besink, Bruce Goldsmith
West Milford: Bob Nicholson, Geoff Belinfante
Stop My Crisis: Vivian Gaspar, Ron Rifkin
Piscataway: Peter Namen
Asbury Park: Ed Salas
Woodbridge: Lee Beckerman
Richard Desimone
East Brunswick: Dave Ambrosy
Rutgers: Jeff Arban
Perth Amboy Schools: David Garb
Scotch Plains: Bob Duthaler
Roselle: Darryl Love
Ramsey: George Bumiller

**Call to order** by Dave Garb at 12:08pm

**Approval of minutes** from September 26, 2018 meeting motion made by Jeff Arban, seconded by Nick. Minutes were voted on and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Executive: Dave G. reported that the Exec. Committee voted and approved Insurance for the Board. Linda gave a brief explanation and said coverage would start in January, 2019.

Dave also let members know the conference will be back in New Brunswick in 2019.

Finance: Linda reported that the tax filings are up to date. She wants to create a “Treasurers manual.” The committee is starting the budget process and she asked committee chairs to start preparing their budgets.

Membership: No report

Production: Peter asked towns to send in good video that they produced to Anthony so he can compile a new JAG video for the NJLM conference.

External Relations: Geoff B. reported he had a brief conversation with a representative from the State Film Commission. He wants to get a sense from JAG if it was worth pursuing a relationship. He also was in contact with a software company VCCLive that provides Live Call in capabilities. He plans to discuss social media needs at the next ER committee meeting.

Legislative: Dave G. said that several JAG members have been asking about HD transmission on access channels. He asked Natoa and they said it is mostly large cities that have been provided an HD channel. Bob said that Comcast has been upgrading their head ends and it may be a good time to put pressure on them. His connection in one town is now an HD connection but being broadcast in SD. Dave also reported that there may be legislation regarding 5% cap on franchise fees and Ken Fellman asked if JAG wanted to be included in comments that will be submitted.

Conference: Rich met with GV Expo and talked about possible sponsorship. At Cini-Tech he was speaking with an Electricians Union Rep. in regards to the amount of work out there and not enough technicians. He will pursue to see if he would be a fit for our conference in some way. Also talked with a former New Bay contact, now at NAB to build a relationship with JAG. Had a meeting with the Hyatt, New Brunswick. Will meet with Stephanie and Cindy H. and the Conference Committee will begin to meet soon.

JAG Awards: Bob said the committee will begin meeting at the end of November. It will be at the conference again in 2019.

Continuing Business: Nominations are open for Trustees through November 15th. (5) 2yr. and (1) 1 yr. positions are available.

Dave motioned to open nominations with a second by George.

Nick nominated Bruce, seconded by Geoff for the 1yr. position. Bruce accepted.

Bob nominated Darryl with a second by Lee for the 1 yr. Darryl accepted.

Bob nominated Lee, second by Jeff for 2 yr. Lee accepted.

Dave g nominated Bob with second by Peter for 2 yr. Bob accepted.

Peter nominated Stephanie with second by Geoff for 2 yr. Rich reported Stephanie accepts.

Dave G. nominated Linda, seconded by Peter for 2 yr. Linda accepted.

Dave A. nominated Anthony P, seconded by Jeff. Dave said Anthony would accept.

Voting will take place at the November meeting.

New Business: Upcoming meeting locations are: December- Edison, January- East Brunswick Library, February-Princeton, March- Piscataway, April- Oradell, June – West Milford.

Other Business: Darryl talked about creating a job notification system for members to share resources, personnel etc.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, seconded by Dave A.. Adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Presentation by Russel from Broadcast Pix followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ambrosy