**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

**4/28/2021, 12:12 pm Online**

Meeting attended by: Bloomfield- Bob Duthaler, OPTV – Linda & Nick Besink, Piscataway-, George Fairfield, Doug Seidel, Elio Salvaggio, Scotch Plains- Stephanie Gibbons, West Milford –Geoff Belinfante, SOMA- Dustin Dumas, JAG Managing Director-Rich Desimone, Asbury Park- Ed Salvas, Nate McCallester, Fairlawn- Dimitry Mikhaylov, North Brunswick -Craig Yetsko, Long Hill-Larry Fast, Mendham, Michael Merritt, EBTV- Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Pagliuco, Val Mitchel-Stevens, Mike Garza, Theresa Brightman, Matt Burns, Rick Gearhardt, George Bumiller, Darryl Love, Rush-Rushworks

JAG President, Bob Duthaler, called meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

Approval of March, 2021 minutes- Motion by Nick second by Geoff. Approved

Stephanie introduced new member Theresa Brightman from Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Discussion- “Share the Wealth” Newsletter, JAG Web Site, Social Media. Are you sharing? Rich spoke about the new format for the newsletter and how it makes it easy to share articles and other JAG information with your mayor, BA, vendors, etc.. Membership needs to help market it and spread the news about JAG. Bob also mentioned sharing it to your cable advisory board and school media people. Other members spoke about how they are using it and sharing.

12:45- Bob introduced Mike Garza and Rush from Rushworks who gave a presentation on their 3 user interface.

1:30- Reports- Chairs and Vice Chairs gave brief reports on their committees.

Finance- Linda thanked members for their dues.

Production- Anthony said new segments for the NJLM booth video are needed and a link will be set up to submit content to. Mentioned the YouTube channel. Send content to Doug.

External Relations- Dustin also talked about the YT channel and social media efforts. Geoff added they are trying to make sure members have paid their dues if they are using benefits. Talked about a password change that Leadership will decide on.

Membership- no report

Legislative- Linda said “Protecting Community TV” is on hold as it needs to be introduced to the new congress. Mentioned closed captioning will be a hot topic in the near future. Bob said it will be discussed at the upcoming conference.

JAG Awards- George reminded TODAY is the deadline to enter. First entry is free. Awards are June 9th. Virtual Red Carpet 6:30pm-7:30pm and awards 7:30pm-8:30pm.

Leadership- Doug said they have updated JAG docs and letters and will fwd. to exec. Bd. Told membership if you want to get involved on a committee, reach out to the leadership committee and they will help find a place for you.

Conference- Doug mentioned the new conference web site and George walked members through it and showed some features. More info will be added as it develops.

Continuing Business- none

New Business- Bob mentioned Verizon upgrade to PEG channels. Verizon is asking for requests to be on official town letterhead. Dustin asked how stations are re-opening and access by the public who want to produce content. Members discussed different policies they have.

Motion to adjourn by George, second by Geoff. Meeting ended at 2:22pm

Respectfully submitted by Dave Ambrosy, JAG Secretary