**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

**3/31/2021, 12:12 pm Online**

Meeting attended by: Bloomfield- Bob Duthaler, OPTV – Linda & Nick Besink, Perth Amboy -Dave Garb, Piscataway-, George Fairfield, Doug Seidel, Brian Belzer, Scotch Plains- Stephanie Gibbons, West Milford –Geoff Belinfante, SOMA- Dustin Dumas, JAG Managing Director-Rich Desimone, Asbury Park- Ed Salvas, Fairlawn- Dimitry Mikhaylov, North Brunswick -Craig Yetsko, Long Hill-Larry Fast, ReachUsTV- Bob Mello, FM Valenti- Dave Brown, Manalapan- Jan Zachary, Mendham, Michael Merritt, EBTV- Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Pagliuco

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

Approval of February, 2021 minutes- Motion by Geoff, second by Linda. Approved

Bob and Stephanie introduced new members joining.

Discussion- “From ARI to iPhones” Members discussed the use of different camera technology from GoPro, DJI Osmo, 360 cameras, drones and more.

Presentation by Steve Valenti and Bob Mello, FM Valenti. Talked about AI camera by ReachUs.

Committee Reports:

Executive- Bob said more webinars planned moving forward and working on topics

Finance – Linda, reminder to send in dues, looking for more members to join committee

Production- Anthony, 2 new JAG testimonial videos – Woodbridge with Craig Coughlin and EBTV with Planning and Engineering Director. Need more subscribers for YouTube channel.

External Relations- Geoff said Rushworks will present at the next meeting. Mentioned the new format for the newsletter. Great work by Rich and Doug. Montclair will have a new production on Racial Justice if anyone was interested in airing it.

Legislative- Dave G. said there was a hearing regarding Altice on March 16, 2021. Some area mayors submitted complaints regarding service. There is a bill in Trenton regarding closed captioning for video shown in public spaces. The ACM was aware of this as well and recommends PEG stations should start thinking of how they will add CC should the bill pass.

Membership- no report

Leadership Development- no report

JAG Awards- George, 15 videos submitted. Deadline extended to April 15th. First entry is free.

Conference- JAG Awards will be held during the conference. Dates are June 8-10. A webinar was held seeking topics and ideas for the Virtual Conference. Michael Merritt suggested a workshop on “systems for meeting coverage.” Also archiving and other ways to make meeting coverage available.

New Business- Jan Z. requested info on Live U and Bob talked about his experience. Dustin was interested in best practices for Zoom productions for independent producers and mentioned her recent article in the newsletter.

Meeting ended at 2:14pm

Respectfully submitted by Dave Ambrosy, JAG Secretary