**JAG General Meeting Minutes**

**5/26/2021, 12:12 pm Online**

Meeting attended by: Bloomfield- Bob Duthaler, OPTV – Linda & Nick Besink, Piscataway-, George Fairfield, Doug Seidel, Brian Belzer, Scotch Plains- Stephanie Gibbons, SOMA- Dustin Dumas, JAG Managing Director-Rich Desimone, Asbury Park- Nate McCallester, Fairlawn- Dimitry Mikhaylov, North Brunswick -Craig Yetsko, Mendham, Michael Merritt, EBTV- Dave Ambrosy, Anthony Pagliuco, Val Mitchel-Stevens, George Bumiller, Edward ?

JAG President, Bob Duthaler, called meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Approval of April, 2021 minutes- Motion by Michael M., Nick second, Approved

Stephanie mentioned new member FilmAcademy360

Discussion- JAG Awards and EV Expo 2021- Bob and George talked about highlights for the upcoming conference and awards. Doug also went through the conference website and Bob and Geoff discussed plans for each day.

Executive Committee:  nothing to add from the Committee Report

Leadership Development Committee:  only thing that Dave G wanted to mention is that the committee has been working on several documents from the P&P in preparation for this year’s Board retreat.  Dave explained that this committee is comprised of the chairs and vice-chairs of all the committees, so if you want to serve on LDC, please join a committee!

Conference Committee:  as discussed earlier in the meeting

Membership Committee:  Stephanie wanted to mention a new member, FilmAcademy360, as well as JVC having renewed membership for 2021.

Legislative Committee:  Dave G said there will be some items discussed as far as legalities and closed-captioning at the Conference.

JAG Awards:  as discussed earlier in the meeting

Continuing Business:  None

New Business – discussion, assistance, who needs help:  Nick Besink announced that OPTV in Oradell has now gone HD with Verizon.  They have an HD Channel, 2128 for HD.  For a short time, SD channel 28 will run parallel.  There is some uncertainty regarding distribution area.  The SD channel goes out to several other municipalities but there is a chance that the HD channel will be for Oradell only.  This needs to be worked out and finalized.  For now, SD channel 28 is in effect a temporary third channel.

Rich announced that Rushworks will be a Conference sponsor.

George Bumiller wanted to know how live phone-in Q & A works for municipalities that do it.  Bob led him to the Scotch Plains website where he can find all their meetings on-demand.

Bob thanked everyone for attending today.  Motion to adjourn by Linda Besink, seconded by Geoff Belinfante at 1:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Ambrosy, JAG Secretary and Linda Besink, JAG Treasurer