

## Press Release

### **LPTV Broadcasters Association gathers at NAB. Big attendance for the Home of Low Power TV.**

**STAMFORD CT, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2022** - Today, The LPTV Broadcasters Association held its first industry meeting and cocktail reception in LVCC's West Hall on the opening day of the NAB 2022 Show in Las Vegas. Much delayed due to COVID-19 – the Association members and sponsors from all over the country – gathered under the theme of “Welcome to the home of Low Power TV”.

Commenting on the event Frank Copsidas, LPTV Broadcasters Association Founder and President stated “It’s hard to believe our official launch was August 17<sup>th</sup> last year – in seven months we have created a vibrant association with an active membership based all over the country. We are making an impact on legislation and industry issues, notably now with The Low Power Protection Act. Our aim was to become the voice of the Low Power TV industry and we are. We are providing our members and the communities they serve with a valuable resource tuned in to industry affairs, technology developments and to navigate the halls of the FCC and Congress to deliver our views. Attendance exceeded our expectations, so fitting, as we announced and presented the inaugural Mike Gravino Award to Hossein Hashemzadeh, in recognition of the commitment and support of the Low Power, Translator and Class A Television Station industry.”

Sponsors of the LPTV’s Hospitality Suite and Reception included Alive Telecom, American Tower, Ateame, Baker Hostetler, Enensys, Igolgi, NewsNet, Paranormal TV and Q | HSN – Qurate Retail Network.

“Issues that members raised and discussed included the status of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act, when the next version of Rip + Replace will take a much-needed focus towards broadcasting, and The Low Power Protection Act – Class A Window. The Association has widely criticized and does not support the current version of the Low Power Protection Act citing its unnecessary narrow focus and the lack of inclusion, which is a disservice to Black, Hispanic, Asian, Religious, Veteran-owned broadcasters and station owners. So, who benefits?” stated Michael Lee, Executive Director, LPTV Broadcasters Association.

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LPTV Broadcasters Association is the non-profit industry organization representing Low Power, Translator and Class A TV Stations. With an estimated 5,500+ stations in cities and rural communities around the country the Association represents some 75% of overall TV stations in the USA. It's aims include providing a voice and representation for members with legislators and policy makers in an increasingly complex security focused communications landscape.

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