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Michael Legge Inducted into Horror Host Hall of Fame



Longtime ABMI-TV Producer Michael Legge -- host of the movie series *The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck* -- recently gained induction to the Horror Host Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame serves to recognize those who have made major contributions to the world of horror hosting. It was established in 2011 and has honored over 50 horror hosts nationwide.

Legge joins the ranks of other inductees such as horror host pioneers Vampira and Zacherly, as well as the ever-popular hosts Elvira and Svengoolie.

The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck debuted on ABMI in February 2004. It has since been picked up by public access stations around the country. It is also seen internationally on The Eerie Late Night Horror Show and Betamax TV on Roku.

"I'm very honored to be honored," says Legge. "Little did I know I'd still be around doing this, but to top it off with my joining the ranks of other horror hosts from the past decade makes me proud to be a weirdo."

ABMI Board Meeting by Zoom May Become Regular Thing

The July 14 meeting of the ABMI Board of Directors took place virtually by Zoom. After the meeting went off without a hitch, board members discussed the idea of board meetings taking place virtually from now on, as this would cut down on travel time for board members.

Publicity Director Steve Saraceno observed that Ashland Cable recently voted to hold all of their board meetings this way.

In other business, Board Vice-President Diane Mela Souvanna inquired about the mention of "Conway Technology" in the Treasurer's Report. Fleming explained that Conway Technology used to be Northeast Copier.

Board Member Earl Pearlman asked about the graduation coverage for Nipmuc High and Blackstone





High students. Fleming said the station was not contacted about any special activities to honor the graduates, as the schools did not have their regular graduations this year due to Covid-19 concerns.

Saraceno said his contact person for events at the Mendon Senior Center is Amy Wilson Kent, who is Director there.

Souvanna asked Pearlman whether many activities had switched to Zoom at the Mendon Senior Center. Pearlman said the committees have been doing Zoom conference calls, as only two people are allowed in the center at a time. Pearlman said some outdoor activities have been set up, such as bocce. The Senior Van has been retrofitted with plexiglass.

Pearlman reported that the Taft Library is doing curbside distribution.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Zoom, Tues. Sept. 8 at 6:15pm.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

10:30am Train Time

11:30am & 5:30pm Local Activities

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

1:30pm & 6pm - Local High School Sports

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm Sports Coverage

1pm & 7pm - Bellingham Emergency meetings

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm Local Sports

2pm & 8pm Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY=SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Speci

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47
Public Channel Comcast 8
Education Channel Verizon 43
Education Channel Comcast 98
Government Channel Verizon 45
Government Channel Comcast 11

Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

Bellingham High School students Joe Cavallaro (left) and Wesley Callery record a segment for BHS's Hawk TV on Feb. 26.





State Representative Mike Soter came down to the ABMI studio on March 13 to deliver a public service message concerning the outbreak of Covid-19.

ABMI Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman directs the shoot by Hawk TV on Feb. 26.





Tyler McMinniman (far left) meets with BHS Hawk TV Advisor Carlos Costa (far right) and students Wesley Callery (2nd from left) and Joe Cavallaro (2nd from right) during their visit to the studio Feb. 26.



Realtor Leo Fantini was main guest on Mike Shane's *Real Estate and Beyond* shoot June 19th.

ABMI Board to Review Applications For Scholarships

The ABMI Board of Directors is in the process of reviewing the applications for two \$1,000 scholarships for 2020. One scholarship will be awarded to a Mendon resident and one to a Bellingham resident.

Scholarship applicants must reside in either Bellingham or Mendon. The only other requirement is a demonstrated interest in Mass Communications.

Winners must complete a successful first semester at college in order to collect the award.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8
PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47
EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98
EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11
GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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Next Meeting to take place virtually by Zoom Tue. Sept. 8, 2020 6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

- 1. You can post free notices for your non-profit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at **abmi8@comcast.net**. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
- 2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Recorded public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
- 3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
- ABMI encourages interested volunteers.
 Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
- 5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
- 6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.

