

# SPJ Georgia Board Meeting Agenda

July TBD, 2017,

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## Old Business

June minutes to approve (Emailed)

## New Business

- Discussion about amending Bylaws. We will discuss a request for a change to the descriptions of Board members that includes combining the role of president-elect and treasurer. If the change is accepted a new copy of the Bylaws will be sent via email for membership approval.

DISCUSS bylaws changes (delegates: Sierra and Curt)

<https://www.spj.org/governance.asp>

- All of the detailed information about the bylaws changes to be voted on in Anaheim can be found [here](#). In addition, you'll find companion policies the board could adopt if the by-laws changes are approved. The policies are proposals and options the new board could use when it comes to selecting future board members and how the governance structure will operate.

The task force is proposing two major changes:

- The Regional Director positions be removed from the board but remain in place as Regional Coordinator positions. Their function and stipends would remain. They would have a direct line of contact to the board through a designated board member and could hold meetings on their own.
- A smaller, national board of nine members that includes three officers and six individuals chosen for their knowledge base, diversity, and ability to think strategically for SPJ.
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- Alisen will curate a monthly newsletter that will be scheduled to send on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. In this newsletter, we will announce the upcoming Board meeting time/location so members can attend should they wish.
- Nominating committee update – Jay

- Upcoming events – please help promote via your social media and word of mouth: Aug. 7 PJ pitching (registration opens today); Aug. 17 hyperlocal panel; Sept. 9 Woodstock coffee; Oct TBD Bethea chat
- Student rep report: Alisen may attend meeting with update (gearing up for new school year).
- Each board member is asked to plan and host a small meet-up with a featured speaker sometime in 2017. Let's plan these and post the dates on the website as soon as possible. Anyone work on this?  
Ellen will do one in Woodstock on Sept. 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on community news reporting with Patch editor Kristal Dixon
- **Nominations committee:** Chaired by Jay Suber. We will have a formal election in December for all positions.
- Member spotlight assignments:
  - Ellen wrote about Bill Phelps for July
  - Adina Solomon has one for August
  - Volunteer to write or find writer for October?

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