

# SPJ Georgia Board Meeting Agenda

August 16, 2017, 8 p.m.

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## Old Business

July 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; alternate 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.
- We as a board should vote to decide how Sierra should vote for national candidates
- Social report from Bobby to include metrics and how it went with members sending social suggestions.
- Nominating committee update – Jay and Lou

- UPCOMING: Sept. 9 Woodstock coffee; Oct 25 Bethea at WSB; Taco Mac holiday party in December? Ellen started reaching out
- Student rep report: We don't have a student volunteer at this time. Ellen is talking to Bill Phelps about a journalism career advice fair this fall
- **Nominations committee:** Chaired by Jay Suber. We will have a formal election in December for all positions.
- Member spotlight assignments:
  - Lou Phelps for September (due the 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Haisten to write or find writer for October

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