

Your Annual Report Submission

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| Chapter name: | Georgia Pro |
| Region: | 3 |
| Name of person submitting report: | Ellen Eldridge |
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| When did you most recently conduct officer elections? | 12-10-2016 |
| Chapter president: | Ellen Eldridge |
| Chapter vice president: | Dan Whisenhunt |
| Chapter secretary: | Lou Phelps |
| Chapter treasurer: | Dan Whisenhunt |
| Additional board members: | Julius Suber Mark Thomason Jennifer Matthews Haisten Willis |
| How many programs and projects did you complete between 5/1/2016 and 4/30/2017? | 4 |
| Was your chapter represented at Excellence in Journalism 2016? | Yes |
| If yes, who represented your chapter? | Curt Yeomans Jennifer Matthews Ellen Eldridge Dan Whisenhunt |
| Was your chapter represented at your regional conference? | Yes |

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| If yes, who represented your chapter? | Ellen Eldridge Dan Whisenhunt |
| What is the name of your financial institution? | Chase |
| What is the total balance of your account(s) as of April 30, 2017? | 3,620.87 |
| Reviewer #1 name and email: | Dan Whisenhunt |
| Reviewer #2 name and email: | Ellen Eldridge |
| Reviewer #3 name and email: | Haisten Willis |
| Did your chapter file a 990? | Yes |
| If yes, are you submitting a copy of your 990 with this report? | Yes |
| Are you submitting copies of bank statements with this report? | Yes |
| Are you submitting copies of your bylaws with this report? | Yes |
| If yes to any of the above, please use the "Upload File(s)" button to the right to upload your 990, bank statements and/or bylaws. | Form 990.docx files.zip spjgabylaws2016(1).docx |
| YOUR PROGRAM OF THE YEAR: What was your signature effort this fiscal year? What was the event that drew the biggest audience and the most attention? | The region 3 conference was our biggest event, with SPJ Georgia planning and promoting four of the seven sessions. Additionally, because the conference was held in Atlanta most if not all people who attended were from Georgia. |

SPJ OUTREACH: What did your chapter do to train or engage the public? We're looking for anything you did to teach non-journalists about journalism.

We worked hard this year and successfully partnered with Atlanta Press Club and other journalism organizations this year. We had a highly successful (60 attendees) at our holiday mixer in December 2016. This led to additional (every two months) mixers with APC and local orgs.

STUDENT OUTREACH: Did your chapter present sessions at scholastic press association conferences or college media conventions? Did you visit high school or college classes as guest lecturers?

President Ellen Eldridge spoke at the Communication Colloquium at Kennesaw State University and worked with the board student representative to identify and reach out to advisers in Georgia.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Did your chapter offer high school and/or college scholarships to students pursuing a career in journalism?

No

ETHICS: Did your chapter teach journalism ethics to journalists or the public in your service area?

We had a session at MediAtlanta (Region 3 conference) where Mark Thomason talked about his situation with Fannin Focus newspaper and going after a corrupt judge.

FOI: Did you offer FOI programs? Did you partner with other organizations to defend press freedom in your service area? Did you lobby or protest for FOI?

No

DIVERSITY: Did you teach diversity to journalists or partner with diversity media groups to promote the concept?

We held an immigration reporting panel in April 2016 and a discussion between Muslims and media in April 2017 so it doesn't fit into this report.

SPJ SUPPORT: Did your chapter help judge the Mark of Excellence or Sigma Delta Chi awards? What about regional and other chapters' awards? Contests from other organizations?

no

MEMBERSHIP: How many members did you gain or lose this fiscal year? What specific actions did you take to retain or recruit members? Any innovative efforts?

i have no idea because the SPJ website isn't working as it should and even though I personally called to work out my chapter dues, the SPJ website doesn't reflect it. We have been focusing on quality of programming and networking with other orgs to extend our reach. We've already seen this working and I believe we will gain more members from work out freelance committee is doing in 2017

COMMUNICATION: What did your chapter do to keep members informed about chapter activities? Do you publish a newsletter? Communicate via an email string? Can you provide links to a chapter Web site(s), Facebook page, Twitter account, or other ways you reach members?

we have a newsletter going out monthly again

FUNDRAISING: Did your chapter conduct any fundraising activities this year? Explain your efforts and the results.

no

Did your chapter complete any other activities during the year not explained above? Do any of the above activities require elaboration? If desired

no

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