

SPJ Georgia Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 14, 8-9 p.m. via conference call

Old Business

May minutes to approve

New Business

Unexpired board term: Former SPJ Georgia Vice President Mark Woolsey resigned in April, effective immediately. Board will discuss and potentially vote on having Mitchell Northam serve out the remainder of the term, which runs through the end of 2018.

Board meeting schedule/location change: Discussion and potential vote on changing time and location for the SPJ Georgia board's July 14 meeting. Currently, the meeting is set for Noon-1 p.m. at Alon's Bakery in Dunwoody (4505 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30346). Proposal is to change the time to 3-4 p.m. and the location to East Atlanta Branch Library (400 Flat Shoals Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316).

Freelance Committee: Space has been reserved at Atlanta Journal-Constitution headquarters (400 Flat Shoals Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316) on Aug. 18. Board will discuss and potentially vote on spending \$100 to reserve this space as required by the AJC.

From Freelance Committee Chair Adina Solomon: "Personal trainer event: Have a personal trainer talk about the problems of extended sitting and teach us some stretches.

Mark Woolsey talked to a personal trainer he knows, Avril James, and she has agreed to do it. She wants to a Wednesday in October, but a Thursday is a possibility too. She's interested in an honorarium, around \$150. Haisten Willis will ask the board about this at its next meeting. Mark has contacted Indigo Yoga, which is going through an ownership change. They'll let us know in July if serving as the venue is an option. Mark will start contacting backup venues, especially yoga studios."

Next freelance committee meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20 at Lindbergh Starbucks (2571 Piedmont Rd NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30324).

Treasurer report: SPJ Georgia treasurer Danielle Douez will present our most recent bank statement to the board.

Podcasting workshop: 17 tickets have been sold as of the creation of this document (June 7, 2018) and the event is now sold out for non-members. Six SPJ Georgia members have also registered. The event will feature three panelists: Pete Corson, Kalena Boller and Michelle Khouri in addition to host Sean Powers.

Wikipedia edit-a-thon: Danielle Douez is leading plans for a Wikipedia edit-a-thon focusing on women in journalism and tech. Will be hosted at General Assembly inside Ponce City Market. From Danielle: "Progress update on Wikipedia edit-a-thon planning: General Assembly is generously providing a free venue at Ponce City Market, lunch and gifts for panelists including a free class and swag. For that reason we've decided not to charge for the event. Willoughby Mariano of the AJC will be our moderator. We are still trying to nail down the other panelists. Date/time: Saturday July 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m."

Diversity committee: Committee chair Larry Johnson will plan an event, potentially another edition of 2017's Media and the Muslim Community to be held in September or October ahead of the 2018 elections. From Larry: "Edward Mitchell of CAIR Georgia and Soumaya Khalifah of the Islamic Speakers Bureau are both on board enthusiastically. Shuaib Hanief of Atlanta

Muslim says he will participate if we decide to do it, but he was disappointed that last year's event wasn't bigger, and thinks we should focus on a marketing plan for the event in the interest of return on investment. I'm going to start directly contacting journalists early in the process to drum up interest early (now that Soumaya is on board). I am also going to talk to Soumaya about trying to get the Center for Civil and Human Rights on board. I plan to have started those two initiatives by the time we meet next week.”

Budget committee: Committee chair Danielle Douez sent a proposed budget to all board members. The non-binding annual budget will be discussed during this meeting and voted on during the board’s July meeting.

Moving Night: Board member David Armstrong mentioned the idea of hosting a journalism-specific movie night at a local bar. Board will discuss the idea.

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