

SPJ Georgia Board June meeting minutes
Thursday, June 14, 2018, 8 - 9 p.m. via phone conference call

Roll call: Members present: Haisten Willis, Kimeko McCoy, Larry Johnson, Jay Suber, Danielle Douez and Mitchell Northam. Absent: David Armstrong, Ellen Eldridge, Toni Stauffer

May meeting minutes: Approved 7-0, David Armstrong and Ellen Eldridge voted prior to meeting

Vice president update: Mitchell Northam replaces Mark Woolsey as vice president of SPJ Georgia chapter. Northam is a reporter for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's hyperlocal team. Approved 7-0, David Armstrong and Ellen Eldridge voted prior to meeting

In-person board meeting changes: Board to meet at East Branch Library (400 Flat Shoals Ave SE, Atlanta) instead of Alon's Bakery (4505 Ashford Dunwoody Rd) due to noise. Approved 6-0, David Armstrong, Toni Stauffer and Ellen Eldridge absent from vote.

Freelance committee: Space has been confirmed reserved at AJC headquarters for Aug. 18. \$100 to reserve space, approved 6-0, with Armstrong, Stauffer and Eldridge absent from vote. Freelance yoga event is still in planning stages.

Treasurer report: Balance is \$3,550 and only transaction since last meeting is \$175 deposit of quarterly member dues, treasurer Danielle Douez says.

Podcasting workshop: Sold 16 tickets at \$20 each. \$100 in snacks approved for event and could prove profitable, per Haisten Willis.

Wikipedia editathon: Space reserved for free at General Assembly inside of Ponce City Market. Danielle nailing down final details regarding panel.

Diversity committee: Move forward with media and the muslim because they're interested in doing it again. Larry Johnson says he will need help from other SPJ members eventually but he says beginning stages are going well.

Budget committee: Danielle Douez says there has been no strong opinion about spending for delegates to national SPJ conference. Still looking for opinions regarding spending for delegates. Budget runs from Aug. 1 to July 31 each year. Vote on delegates (do we need to send one delegate or two) to be delayed until board knows how many delegates need to send. Terry Harper memorial scholarship to potentially pay for Haisten to go if he gets it to go to Baltimore national conference in Dec. Consider \$300 per delegate. Mitchell Northam volunteers himself to go without required funding and represent Georgia and the chapter. Possible reimbursement will be discussed at future meeting.

Social committee: No updates.

Next meeting is Saturday, July 14, 3-4 p.m. at the East Branch Library, 400 Flat Shoals Ave SE, Atlanta

Meeting adjourns at 9:05 p.m.