

SPJ Georgia Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday, July 14, 3-4 p.m. at East Atlanta Library (400 Flat Shoals Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316)

Old Business

June minutes to approve

New Business

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 approving up to \$800 to cover lunch for attendees, who will be paying \$20 each to attend. Next freelance committee meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19 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.

Wikipedia edit-a-thon: The event is set and will be hosted at General Assembly inside Ponce City Market on Saturday July 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Board members are strongly encouraged to attend and to help promote via social media, email and word of mouth.

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: "The recent SCOTUS ruling upholding Donald Trump's ban on travelers from a list of majority-Muslim countries, the issue of the role of American Muslims is front-and-center again, and as journalists we have an obligation to report on this growing segment of the American population accurately, fairly, and ethically.

Last year we held a forum entitled Media and the American Muslim Community, to address issue related to the coverage of Islam and Muslims in the American news media.

We're going to do it again this year, on October 27, just prior to the elections.

At the moment we have the Georgia Chapter of CAIR (Council of American-Islamic Relations) and the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta on board. We're in the process of scheduling a meeting for next week, which will be held at CAIR's office in the IBEW building on Pulliam Street."

Budget committee: Committee chair Danielle Douez sent a proposed budget to all board members. The non-binding annual budget will be discussed and potentially voted on.

Excellence in Journalism Conference: Board will discuss and potentially vote on reimbursing some travel costs for the two delegates required to attend this convention, which will be held Sept. 27-29 in Baltimore.

Grants: Toni Stauffer has been studying grants and will present on this to the board.

Internship: Ellen Eldridge would like for the chapter to sponsor a scholarship/paid internship at Georgia Public Broadcasting. This would be a \$600 grant for a six-week, 60-hour internship. Board will discuss. Toni has also looked into potentially applying for a grant to cover this cost.

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