

SPJ Georgia Board July meeting minutes
Saturday, Thursday, July 14, 2018, 3-4 p.m. at East Atlanta Branch Library

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

June meeting minutes: Approved 8-0

Freelance committee: Job fair slated for Aug. 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with digital promotion expected to begin week of July 16. Event will likely be \$20 per person and consider providing lunch or those who purchase a ticket. May cost up to \$800 to cover lunch, approved 8-0. Last year, between 80-85 tickets sold. Consider capping at 50 people this year. Consider giving leftovers to food bank, suggestion via Jay Suber. 12 editors confirmed to be there aside from AJC. Consider sending social package to editors who will be there when Eventbrite link is live. Next committee meeting is July 19th at Starbucks in Lindbergh to plan further events.

Finance committee: \$3,700 in SPJ Georgia bank account reported by Danielle, who is out sick.

Podcasting workshop: Reported to have been well-attended, bringing in \$320 with 16 tickets sold at \$20 each. Spent \$70 on food.

Wikipedia edit-a-thon: Slated for July 21 at General Assembly at Ponce City Market. Event is free with registration, with 46 people registered already. Attendance to be capped at 100. Willoughby Mariano and Jovita Moore to host. Danielle Douez relays message that she'll need supplies, no more than \$30. Approved 8-0 if costs go slightly over \$55. Free lunch included.

Diversity committee: Larry Johnson is still heading up October event with the Muslim community. President Trump's ban means it is a journalist's responsibility to report on the issue fair and ethically, Larry says. Council on American-Islamic Relations, Georgia Chapter and the Islamic Speakers bureau are on board, Larry says. He'll need help with the event. Ellen Eldridge says consider reaching out to students and use SPJ mailer list to reach members or the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcast. Consider sending information to editors at student newspapers at local colleges and professors. Consider charging and donating money. Consider asking AJC's Fiza Pirani for assistance.

Budget committee: No updates from Danielle, who is out. To be discussed at next meeting.

Excellence in Journalism Conference: Slated for next month. Haisten Willis received scholarship so he'll be there with no chapter money involved. Mitchell Northam was planning to go before he joined the board. Those two will go. Ellen Eldridge says we still need to hash out how to send delegates going forward in case a scholarship isn't awarded. Should SPJ consider creating a scholarship to help send delegates to conference? Ellen moves for \$300 per delegate

and alternate. If delegates don't need full \$300, place money back into SPJ funds. Approved 8-0 (as housekeeping matter).

Paid internship at GPB: 6-week paid internship \$600 proposed by Ellen. Where will money come from? Legal questions of how we can partner without stepping on GPB's toes. More discussion at upcoming meeting.

Next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 9, 8-9 p.m. via conference call.

Meeting adjourns at 4:30 p.m.