

SPJ October Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday, Oct. 13, 3-4 p.m. at Northside Atlanta Public Library
3295 Northside Parkway, Atlanta, Ga. 30327.

Old Business

September minutes to approve

New Business

EIJ Conference Report: SPJ Georgia President Haisten Willis will update the board on the happenings at the Excellence in Journalism conference.

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

Freelance Committee: From committee chair Adina Solomon: "Likely our last major event of the year will be the personal trainer one. It's been named "Movement and Mindfulness: Tools for Journalists to Increase Focus," and it will take place on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. at Indigo Yoga in Kirkwood. Sign-up is open, and we have 30 attendee spots. It's free for members and \$20 for non-members. We'll start marketing the event on email/social media when the date gets closer."

Diversity Committee: From committee chair Larry Johnson: "We're in the final stretch of the promotion of the event. My main request to the group is that you continue to promote the event to organizations you're in, and to your friends.

As of this writing, Bill Nigut had to cancel because of a work-related event. Soumaya Khalifa has contacted Greg Bluestein about replacing Bill on the panel, but since there are four remaining panelists, there's no particular urgency.

Promotion has gone out via Muslim organizations and Georgia State University's journalism department. Several other GSU departments and their equivalents have also been contacted. The Atlanta Press Club and Asian American Journalists Association are promoting the event as well. Ellen has been pushing the event out through her network, as have a number of other SPJ members.

I could really use a couple of people who could commit to meeting me at the AJC headquarters at around 5:30 on the night of the event to help with setup.

At the time of this writing 40 people have RSVP'd through eventbrite.

Since it's getting down to the wire, by the time I deliver this report in person a lot will have changed."

Nominations Committee: Committee chair Ellen Eldridge has spoken with several candidates for the open positions of president, vice president, secretary and two at-large positions. She will update the board on the process and planning for the fall elections. Names considered for various positions include Stell Simonton, Carol Gantt, Katja Ridderbusch, Sean Powers, Brenda Goodman and Lauren Leathers. University of Georgia student Charlotte Norsworthy has committed to becoming our student representative for the next two years.

Holiday party: Early discussions have begun for our year-end holiday party. We are hoping to host this at Lindbergh Center Taco Mac (573 Main St NE, Atlanta, GA 30324) on a Saturday in early December in conjunction with AABJ and AAJA, repeating how the event was handled last year. Board to discuss planning and financing of this event.

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