

SPJ Georgia Board September meeting minutes
Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, 8-9 p.m. via phone conference call

Roll call: Kimeko McCoy, Larry Johnson, Ellen Eldridge, Haisten Willis, David Armstrong and Danielle Douez present. Jay Suber, Mitchell Northam and Toni Armstrong absent. Mark Woolsey was present to speak about freelance events.

August meeting minutes: Approved 6-0

Board member actions: Current secretary and social media member Kimeko McCoy is leaving her post to pursue journalism in New York. Sept. 6 is her last meeting. Student representative Toni Stauffer has announced her resignation at the end of the year. Stauffer has agreed to serve through the end of the year. The board agrees to leave McCoy's post unfilled until January 2019.

Treasurer report: Danielle Douez reports \$4,200 with \$36 reimbursed to her for the Wikithon event, \$550 for August freelance event food. \$50 for drinks. Douez has redrafted budget to be considered at next meeting.

Diversity committee: Larry Johnson says panel is set for upcoming American Muslim event. Moderator will be Kevin Riley of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Johnson says he'll contact other organizations to get them to support the event via promotion and publicity. Johnson is asking for \$300 for unanticipated expenses. Total for event expected to be \$745 split among three different organizations (including SPJ) for the event. \$300 approved unanimously, 6-0.

Freelance committee: There were 26 reported attendees at the Freelance Fair held at the AJC building in Dunwoody. Up next is Mark Woolsey's personal trainer event at Indigo Yoga. Cost would be \$125 for 2-hour in studio. Yoga leader would charge \$150. Less than \$300 expected to be spent total. Free for members. \$20 for non members. Oct. 13 is tentative date. Funding approved 4-1, with Ellen Eldridge opposed and David Armstrong abstaining.

Nominations committee: Ellen Eldridge appointed by Haisten Willis as chair. Eldridge has reached out to people about joining board. Consider bringing in someone with broadcast background. Mitchell Northam may not run next year. He's considering moving out of the state. Larry Johnson may end up running to take his place.

Next meeting is Saturday, Oct. 13., from 3 to 4 p.m. at Northside Atlanta Public Library in Buckhead.

Meeting adjourns at 8:51 p.m.