

SPJ December Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday, Dec. 8 2018, 6-7 p.m. at Taco Mac Lindbergh (573 Main St NE, Atlanta, GA 30324)

Old Business

November minutes to approve

New Business

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

Freelance Committee: From committee chair Adina Solomon:

“Movement and Mindfulness: Tools for Journalists to Increase Focus. When should we hold the next event? What should we do differently? Weekends are tough, so a weekday evening event might fare better.

Thank you to Pam for applying for an event grant from SPJ national. We're waiting to hear back if we got that.

Judi: Maybe we can partner with the Atlanta chapter of the Association of Health Care Journalists on the event. We should at least tell them about it because their members might be interested.

To make the event more enticing for health journalists, we could include the latest data on the issues with extended sitting. Play that up in the marketing.

We're looking at having this event on a weeknight in February or March.

Mark, could you ask Avril for her availability during then?

We need to look for a new space because Indigo Yoga is only available on weekends.

Something that costs roughly \$150 would be good.

Stell is looking at Kashi Yoga and another yoga studio in Candler Park.

New co-chairs. Stell and Pam will be co-chairs starting Jan. 1, 2019. Congratulations!

Ideas for 2019. We discussed events and programming that we want to work on in the coming year. Ideas include:

An investigative journalism workshop featuring sessions such as: a speaker who can talk about their investigative work, how to obtain open records, and the ethics involved in freelance investigative journalism.

Speakers who broke interesting stories

Pam and Stell want to continue talking about event ideas at our next committee meeting.

Co-chairs: Adina Solomon's final day as freelance committee chair will be Dec. 31, 2018.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, Stell Simonton and Pam Dorsett will co-chair the committee for one year.

The next committee meeting is Monday, Jan. 14 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Starbucks (3901 Peachtree Rd NE, Brookhaven).

The next freelancer lunch is Thursday, Jan. 24 2019, noon at Manuel's Tavern (602 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307).

Diversity Committee: Committee chair Larry Johnson will finish his term Dec. 31, 2018. Board will discuss who might take up this committee in 2019.

Board will also discuss what the committee will undertake next year, including the potential of a panel discussion on immigration.

Nominations Committee: Committee chair Ellen Eldridge will update the group on the elections process. All positions have been filled, and the formal election will be conducted via online ballots Dec. 10-12. All new board members and roles will take effect Jan. 1, 2019. The proposed 2019 SPJ Georgia Board is as follows: President Darius Goodman, Vice President Carol Gantt, Secretary KC Wildmoon, Treasurer Danielle Douez, Immediate Past President Haisten Willis, At Large/Student Representative Charlotte Norsworthy, At Large Member Stell Simonton, At Large Member Brenda Goodman, At Large Member David Armstrong.

January Meeting: Board will discuss and vote on when to meet in January. Potential date: Thursday, Jan. 17 2019, 8-9 p.m. via conference call.

Open Discussion: The 2018 and 2019 board members will discuss ideas for the coming year. What worked? What didn't? What goals do we have as a chapter for the next 12 months?

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