

SPJ November Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, Nov. 8, 8-9 p.m. via conference call

Old Business

October 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: "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.

SPJ national conference: We talked about the freelancer group at the national conference and the call for workshop ideas for next year's conference. We discussed workshops that met the needs of both new and seasoned freelancers. Some ideas: honing pitching skills, handling freelancer finances (for both new and seasoned freelancers), good ways to deal with rejection, how to avoid getting stiffed. Another idea from Haisten: A workshop featuring an award-winning freelancer, which would promote the success of freelancers. Pam said SPJ Florida had held some good workshops about finances.

Freelance community. Stell let the group know about the freelance community Sara Horowitz is trying to develop in Atlanta, aimed at creating a support network for freelancers of all kinds. Co-chairs. The committee discussed having a co-chair next year. Stell said she had been approached to join the SPJ Georgia board, which would also involve chairing the freelance committee. She is willing to join the board if she could have a co-chair for the freelance committee. Pam said that she would be willing to be co-chair. The group was agreeable to this arrangement."

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Alon's Bakery Dunwoody, 4505 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. NE, Atlanta.

The next freelancer lunch is Saturday, Nov. 17 at noon at the Battery at SunTrust Park. Stell Simonton and Pam Dorsett will co-chair this committee in 2019.

Diversity Committee: Committee chair Larry Johnson will update the group on what happened at the Oct. 25 event "Midterms and the American Muslim Voter," and the board will discuss potential diversity committee events for 2019 along with who may chair this committee next year.

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.

Charlotte Norsworthy has agreed to become student representative and Stell Simonton has agreed to join the board as well. Carol Gantt is likely to become vice president. Ellen is in talks with other candidates as well.

Holiday party: AABJ and AAJA declined to team up on a holiday party, so the board will discuss and vote on a small, SPJ members-only party to be held Dec. 8. The 2018 board will meet for the final time one hour ahead of the holiday party, and the 2019 board will be announced during the event.

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