

## **SPJ December Board Meeting Minutes**

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

Present: Haisten Willis, David Armstrong, Larry Johnson, Danielle Douez, Stell Simonton (2019 board member), Darius Goodman (2019 president)

Absent: Ellen Eldridge, Jay Suber, Mitchell Northam, Toni Stauffer

### **Old Business**

November minutes to approve. Approved 4-0.

### **New Business**

**Treasurer Report:** SPJ Georgia Treasurer Danielle Douez says the bank account is around \$3,500.

**Freelance Committee:** Board, led by incoming freelance committee chair Stell Simonton, discusses ideas for 2019. This includes potentially having a successful freelancer speak during an event, and a workshop with hiring editors on how to pitch.

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 discusses ideas for 2019, including an event centered around immigration that could include information Georgia's ICE prisons.

**Nominations Committee:** All positions have been filled for 2019, 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 meet via conference call on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 at 9 a.m. Approved 4-0.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourns at 7:12 p.m. Approved 4-0.