

SPJ Georgia board meeting
Sunday, March 10
corrected April 20

Present: Carol Gantt, Pam Dorsett, Haisten Willis, David Armstrong, Stell Simonton, Charlotte Norsworthy, KC Wildmoon, Brenda Goodman, Ellen Eldridge

Vice President Carol Gantt presiding.

Darius stepped down as president. Carol is talking with Archith Seshadry about taking that role (via email March 15, Archith declined).

Pam Dorsett has said she'd take the open treasurer's spot. Haisten speaks in favor, moves that board accept Pam as treasurer. Brenda seconds. All in favor.

Haisten and former treasurer Danielle Douez currently on bank signatories. Need to approve new president then put that person and Pam on signature cards.

Freelance job fair coming up April 27. Stell requests money for room and honorariums, hoping to get refreshments donated.

Carol asks why we are paying honorariums to presenters. Stell explains that it comes from adding the presenter from the mindfulness program, for which SPJ Georgia received a grant from national, and deciding to pay for the other two presenters as well. Board requests that Pam go back to national to see if we can use the \$100 grant for the event in general rather than specifically for the presenter and ask mindfulness presenter if she would require honorarium for this shortened event.

Moved and seconded that board authorize \$72.50 for room rental. All in favor. Stell and committee will get estimates for refreshments that aren't donated and board will vote on that request via email.

Haisten suggests the board talk in April about future events. Stell says the Freelance committee talked about event that would address needs of beginning freelancers, and Pam said the committee was also looking into an investigative journalism program. Ellen will reach out to Larry Johnson about immigration event.

Carol announced online harassment event on April 13 put on by PEN America, AABJ, NAHJ Atlanta, and the Atlanta chapter of AAJA.

Next meeting set for April 20 at 10am; Carol will find location and KC will set up Zoom for anyone who can't attend. Future board meetings will be on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Move and second to adjourn; meeting adjourned.