

SPJ Georgia June 2019 Board Meeting
Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. via conference call

Present: Haisten, KC, Stell, Brenda, Pam

April minutes: Approved as corrected

Treasurer report, Pam Dorsett: New bank account with SunTrust. Balance: \$4,197.83. Freelance committee will submit request for reimbursement for \$94.42. Job fair brought in about \$800, and we had grant for \$100 (total expenditure \$194.42). Found 2017 check from AAJA uncashed; Pam will reach out to AAJA to get reissue.

Committee reports

Freelance committee (Stell): Job Fair went very well. Brought in money and received good responses from both participants and editors. Idea floated for event later this year; tentatively "perfect your pitch" with single speaker or panel. Committee discussed methods to improve job fair.

Old business:

IRE Event: Pam met with GSU communications department chair Greg Lisby, who is open to partnering with us. They have a foundation to offer events for students. They cannot provide money, but can provide use of space. Caveat: It would not be good from department standpoint to have event during busy time (October - fall very busy). They would want late April-May or exam time in December. Low or no cost. Alternative for fall: pay for space in student center. There is October availability for rooms that have capacity. AV equipment would have to be rented. Could partner with GSU Signal. Rental fees \$300 for first four hours, \$50/hr after. On Saturday or after hours, additional \$100/hr. Friday is a good day.

IRE cost is \$55 per which includes year in IRE. Would need to subsidize students.

Email from AAJA - conference in Atlanta in July-August and they will be doing IRE training.

Discussion of timing. Spring runs into Job Fair so that's a no go. Winter? If we're open to paying for space, October works.

Dates available: October 4, 18, 25. Board is interested in 18, 25. Not just students, other professional orgs. Pam will further investigate.

Future Meetings: Board discussed finalizing dates for meetings for the rest of the year. Dates will be: July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21., Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14. Unanimous approval.

In person meeting in July? KC will check with East Atlanta library.

Leadership for 2020: Discussion of adding more to board to add to the pool, looking forward to new board.

Advocacy committee: To put out statements, maybe two or three times a year, like HB734. If Brenda takes chair, KC will be part of committee.

Haisten moves to adjourn, Pam seconds. Adjourned.