

SPJ Georgia November 2019 Board Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. via conference call

October minutes approved

**Treasurers report**

- Current available balance 3,010.19.
- \$500 to Wilson Global
- \$52.08 to Ashley Osborne
- Invoice for IRE \$780.19.
- Final payment to GSU \$441.04S
- tell reimbursed for conference
- Credit \$967.26 income from IRE. IRE final will be less than \$700, and we allocated \$2600

**Committee reports**

- Freelance: Stell: would like \$400 allocation for job fair in April. motion/second. all in favor
- Advocacy. Twenty-eight organizations sent a letter to Congress last week protesting the prohibitions in federal agencies and elsewhere against staff people and reporters ever speaking to each other without being “under guard” by the authorities, often public information officers. Does the Advocacy Committee wish to comment on this? Link to the [SPJ press release](#). KC: it’s national and enough for SPJ national to do it. should the state of GA join in, then SPJ Georgia would step in and say something. David: stay in touch with Carolyn Carlson on this issue. KC will check in with her

**Old Business**

- Dorothy Butler Gilliam: David event went really well. thanks to KC & Stell for jumping in to escort. Busy couple of days, all went great. She was delighted with the experience. Every stop very happy. Good for us. Feedback great from all around. Everyone engaged. Good thing for whole Atlanta journalism community. She will be at SPJ national in September.
- IRE: follow up Pam: reviewed expenses & income and the evals. They would like more about data journalism/some requests for fundamental skills writing, producing, info for new hires/beat reporting/ photojournalism. Several people interested in SPJ. Stell: outreach. Charlotte will send info. Pam: event may not have been perfect but was valuable. may need events team.
- Election: Charlotte will check in with Haisten on process. Pam: we have full slate of people to offer for election.

**New business**

- Plans to increase membership. Stell: social events, with new board
- Clarify bylaws: introduce board members to bylaws as currently written,
- 2020 events: maybe planning committee? geographically diverse!
- Holiday party. Stell: events being handled by diminishing number of people. Maybe some kind of meet and greet event, not necessarily at holiday. Charlotte: board meeting for outgoing, incoming, then casual. use doodle poll to figure out time. maybe just a board event. in

December, board meeting with new board members, then in January have mixer that would pull in members as well. putting thought into where to have December meeting/gathering. Pam & Stell will talk about places. Charlotte will check back in, reach out to Haisten. maybe Saturday morning with brunch?

**Next meeting: TBA**

Adjourn