

**February 15, 2020**

**SPJ Georgia Board Meeting**

**Present:** Stell Simonton, Charlotte Norsworthy, Ashlyn Webb, Curt Yeomans, Pam Dorsett, Jennifer Parks, Ross Terrell

**Approve February agenda**

Approved

**Approve January minutes**

Pam: Mark Woolsey co-chair of freelance committee

Approved as corrected

**Treasurer Report**

- Additional expense in January: \$196.13, last of the expenses for IRE training. \$18.17 to GoDaddy for website. Received chapter membership dues \$575. Current balance: \$3,494.96

**Committee Reports**

- Freelance Committee
  - Job Fair: Changed date from April 18 to April 25 because of space availability. Need to change that on website.
  - Would like board suggestions for editors for the job fair. Will add spreadsheet to Slack channel.
  - Would like day of volunteers. Spreadsheet in Slack channel can handle this as well.
- Events Committee
  - Mixer on March 6 at 6:30p.m. They are waiving \$500 minimum requirement for food & drinks bought. Need to send mailer to members. Got access to MailChimp account. Reach out to other journalism orgs for their members. Set up corner of resources, brief welcome & introduction of board. Provide some finger foods - Stell will check Beer Garden's menu for that and further decision made through email/Slack.
  - Pam & KC, Charlotte & Ashlyn looking at pens, stickers for marketing. Further decision via email/Slack. Charlotte asking Haisten about logo.
- Student Affairs Committee
  - Possibility: helping student orgs with annual report
  - National temporarily lowering dues
  - Book giveaway: 5 books by journalists in the investigative vein. Students apply telling about their career goals. Order books on Amazon, have them shipped directly to students. A way of engaging students to encourage them to join and stay member. Model can be repurposed for other giveaways to students. (Note from the future: Budget was not approved)

**Old Business:**

- Slack channel: we need regular check-ins and feedback
- Ralph Garner responded to our response. Positive overall.
- Bylaws
  - Need a voting student representative according to bylaws. Ashlyn was elected to that, now she has graduated.

- What does it mean that a director or member is in good standing? Means dues paid.
- Actions of the board can be rescinded by vote of membership. Is this normal?
- Have changes been made to bylaws that were not approved by membership?
- Charlotte appoints bylaws committee to review and offer amendments: Charlotte, Pam, Curt
- Ross is leaving Georgia for a job and will step aside from board. Will need a new vice president.

**New Business:**

- Next event/training timeline? Maybe get a sense from mixer attendees what might be useful.
  - Disinformation
  - Immigration
  - Election
  - Maybe a series of events?
  - Events could be virtual.
  - Suggest people who might be good for these kinds of events.

Next meeting: March 21 10 a.m. via Zoom