

**April 18, 2020**

**SPJ Georgia Board Meeting**

**Present:** KC Wildmoon, Charlotte Norsworthy, Ashlyn Webb, Stell Simonton, Curt Yeomans, Jennifer Parks, Marianna Bacallao, Pam Dorsett, Barbara Myers (guest)

**Approve April Agenda**

Approved

**Approve February and March Minutes**

Approved

**Treasurer Report**

Pam: Balance: 2671.56. Still working on recovering overpayment to DBG

**Committee Reports**

- *Advocacy Committee*  
Keep an eye on Open Records
- *Freelance Committee*  
Pam: no meeting in April. Mark would like a Zoom mtg in May. Discussion of ways to keep editors connected with freelancers and vice-versa, get contact info out there.
- *Events Committee*  
Facebook training at 1130 4/18. Will be recorded and made available. Charlotte will do blog post about it.
- *Student Affairs Committee*
  - Book award. Going on right now. 4 students from four schools have applied. Deadline end of the month.
- *Bylaws Committee*  
Will be looking at recommendations later in meeting. Clarifying language added. After board approves, we go to virtual vote for members.

**Old Business**

- Annual report update. Ongoing. Pam: Deadline is June 19.
- Mailchimp update: Ashlyn has been cleaning up lists, communications. Two newsletters so far. 25-30% open rate.
- Empty board position: still seeking nominations.

**New Business**

- Reviewing of the bylaws. Board members will review for the next week, and then membership vote will proceed. Charlotte will provide updates as we go.
- Keep an eye out for anything we can do to help journalists or anything Charlotte can do to help board members.
- Anything we can do to help journalists who've been laid off because of pandemic? Where are gaps in coverage?

**Meeting adjourned.**