

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
SUNDAY, JAN. 27, 2019
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m ET. Members present: President J. Alex Tarquinio; President-elect Patti Newberry; Secretary-Treasurer Matthew Hall; Vice President of Campus Chapter Affairs Sue Kopen Katcef; At-Large Director Lauren Bartlett and Region 3 Director Michael Koretzky, who joined the meeting in process. Members absent: None. Others present: At-Large Director Mike Reilley, Bylaws Committee Chair Robert Becker and SPJ staff web administrator Billy O'Keefe.

FY2020 BUDGET PLANNING REVIEW

The committee discussed a report by Executive Director Alison Bethel McKenzie and agreed to send staff additional questions.

SPJ'S 110TH/50TH ANNIVERSARIES

The committee discussed a report by McKenzie and after a series of motions, the committee voted to have SPJ board members work with staff on both anniversaries and also offered guidance about present and future SPJ staff retreats.

First, the committee voted against the following recommendation for the full board:

The Society of Professional Journalists doesn't officially recognize its 50th anniversary of admitting women. In doing so, SPJ will not:

- Use any logo recognizing or commemorating its 50th anniversary of admitting women.
- Sell any branded scarves for \$50 each (*to celebrate 50 years of women in SPJ*).
- Sell any SPJ-branded Yoga mats (*to celebrate 50 years of women in SPJ*).
- Sell any other merchandise to recognize its 50th anniversary of admitting women.
- Publish any stories in Quill or on SPJ's website commemorating its 50th anniversary of admitting women.

In 2019, the Society of Professional Journalists recognize accomplished women journalists. To do that, SPJ will:

- Publish Quill and online articles limited to either the first SPJ women members, some of the first SPJ women presidents and/or prominent women SPJ members.
- Submit a program proposal for EIJ featuring accomplished women journalists, such as Linda Deutsch.
- Have the headquarters staff submit to the SPJ Executive Committee any additional ideas they have; all ideas require approval of the SPJ Executive Committee or full SPJ board to implement.

Motion: Bartlett. Second: Kopen Katcef. Vote: 3-2 with Tarquinio, Newberry and Hall voting no and Koretzky not present.

Second, the committee voted to have SPJ board members establish a working group to work with staff to celebrate women this year. Motion: Hall. Second: Newberry. Vote: unanimous with Koretzky not present.

Third, the committee voted to require board representatives, together with staff, to plan the 110th anniversary at no cost to SPJ. Motion: Kopen Katcef. Second: Koretzky. Vote: unanimous.

Fourth, the committee voted to recommend board members adopt a policy that SPJ members not attend SPJ staff retreats. Motion: Hall. Second: Bartlett. Vote: 5-1 with Tarquinio voting no.

Fifth, the committee voted to have Tarquinio, McKenzie and SPJ Foundation President Irwin Gratz convene this week's staff retreat together and to have board members leave at a mutually agreed upon time in order for it to continue with just staff. Motion: Koretzky. Second: Kopen Katcef. Vote: 5-1 with Tarquinio voting no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee voted at 12:25 p.m. ET to enter executive session to discuss the selection of SPJ Fellows, the sponsorship task force report and the executive director annual review. Motion: Newberry. Second: Hall. Vote: unanimous. The committee voted at 2:31 p.m. to exit executive session. Motion: Newberry. Second: Hall. Vote: unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee voted to adjourn at 2:32 p.m. ET. Motion: Bartlett. Second: Kopen Katcef. Vote: unanimous.