

MINUTES
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: OCT 31, 2020

TIME: NOON, EDT

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CALL TO ORDER

President Matthew T. Hall called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary-treasurer Ivette Davila-Richards called roll. Those present were Hall, President-elect Rebecca Aguilar, Davila-Richards, Directors At-Large Lauren Bartlett, Taylor Mirfendereski, Rafael Olmeda, Claire Regan. Not present were Directors At-Large Yvette Walker and Erica Carbajal. Parliamentarian Bob Becker and Executive Director John Shertzer were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hall invited attendees to make any public comments. Hazel Becker made comments that she indicated represented the concerns of the Freelance Community. Freelancers are finding it difficult to negotiate contracts right now and Becker suggested a training session to help them understand contractual issues and strategies. Becker also encouraged the organization to do more to find and share work opportunities on the SPJ website for freelancers.

The board considered the draft minutes of the June 27 meeting. Bartlett made a motion to consider the meeting minutes. Olmeda seconded. Hall noted that Mirfendereski's and Carbajal's last names were misspelled in the draft minutes. Bob Shapiro's name was also misspelled. Bartlett sent corrections to HQ via email. Newberry had a couple typos that she will send to HQ that don't change meaning of the content. Motion passed.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bartlett moved to enter executive session, including Bob Becker. Mirfendereski seconded. The board entered executive session at 12:15 p.m. EDT.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board exited executive session at 12:23 p.m. EDT.

Ann Marie Adams, Region One Coordinator was sworn into office by President Matthew T. Hall.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bartlett moved to enter executive session again, including Bob Becker. Olmeda seconded. The board entered executive session at 12:27 p.m. EDT.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board exited executive session at 12:52 p.m. EDT.

It was moved by Bartlett to approve the appointments of Bey-Ling Sha and Jerry McCormick to serve as Directors At-Large on the SPJ Board for a one-year term. Seconded by Olmeda. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Taylor Mirfendereski was publicly thanked for her service on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Bartlett to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Davila-Richards. Hall adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m. EDT.