

MINUTES
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
12 p.m. EST
January 2, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The public meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. EST by President Matthew T. Hall.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Hall; Rebecca Aguilar, president-elect; Ivette Davila-Richards, secretary-treasurer, Lauren Bartlett, director at-large; Jerry McCormick, director at-large; Rafael Olmeda, director at-large; Claire Regan, director at-large; Bey-Ling Sha, director at-large; Yvette Walker, director at-large. Also present were Robert Becker, parliamentarian; Mark Bailen, SPJ Attorney, and John Shertzer, executive director.

Dr. Ann-Marie Adams was not in attendance at the start of the meeting. Hall indicated that there is an email exchange in which she indicated that January 2 would work as the date (rescheduled on her request from the December 12 date). SPJ Executive Director John Shertzer e-mailed a reminder to her on December 31, called and emailed on January 1, and called, texted, and emailed on January 2.

The meeting was open to public comment, but there was none. The meeting was paused to allow more time for Ann-Marie Adams to attend.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Walker made a motion to go into executive session including Shertzer, Becker, Bailen, and past president of the SPJ Connecticut Pro chapter Michael Savino. Bartlett seconded. The board entered executive session at 12:32 p.m. EST to discuss Performance of region 1 regional coordinator, per Article Eight Section Four of the SPJ bylaws.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board exited executive session at 4:20 p.m. EST.

Olmeda made a motion to vacate the position of Region 1 Coordinator and open an application process to find a replacement. Aguilar seconded. Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Davila-Richards seconded. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.