SPJ BOD Meeting Summary
April 17, 2021

1. Agenda Item 1: Approval of Minutes: Board voted to approve meeting minutes of 1/16/21, 2/20/21 and 3/20/21

2. Agenda Item 6: SPJ Foundation Board Member Approval: Board voted to approve election of two new members of the SPJ Foundation Board of Directors, Patricia Gallagher Newberry and Andy Schotz.

3. Agenda Item 7: 2021 SPJ Convention Discussion: Lauren Bartlett made motion that SPJ plan for a hybrid model for SPJ21 and at the June 26 board meeting check the latest public health information to see if we need to pivot to all virtual. Bey-Ling Sha seconded. Roll call vote was 5 no, 4 yes – motion failed. Votes were as follows:
   - Ivette Davila Richards – no
   - Rebecca Aguilar – no
   - Lauren Bartlett – yes
   - Jerry McCormick – no
   - Rafael Olmeda – no
   - Claire Regan – no
   - Bey-Ling Sha – yes
   - Yvette Walker – yes
   - Matt Hall – yes

4. Aguilar made a motion for SPJ21 to be entirely virtual. Davila Richards seconded. After some discussion, Bartlett made a motion to table Aguilar’s motion until the board reconvenes May 1. Sha seconded. Roll call vote was 5 yes, 4 no – motion passed. Votes were as follows:
   - Ivette Davila Richards – no
   - Rebecca Aguilar – no
   - Lauren Bartlett – yes
   - Jerry McCormick – no
   - Rafael Olmeda – yes
   - Claire Regan – no
   - Bey-Ling Sha – yes
   - Yvette Walker – yes
   - Matt Hall – yes

5. Bartlett moved that the Executive Director bring a report on May 1 on how to absorb the cancellation fee of up to $157,000 and explore options with the hotel to minimize the financial impact. Voice vote was taken and motion carried.
6. Agenda Item 8: Sha and McCormick presented the Campus Chapter Task Force report. Sha made a motion to approve the recommendations in the report. McCormick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Agenda Item 9: Nerissa Young presented recommendations from the Elections Task Force. Aguilar made a motion to approve the recommendations as-is. Davila Richards seconded. Aguilar made a motion to accept task force recommendations for the elections process as amended. Davila Richards seconded. Voice vote was taken and motion passed, with Bartlett giving the only no vote.

8. Agenda Item 10: Election Voting Process. Bartlett made a motion and Walker seconded to open this year’s elections at noon EDT Sept. 2 and close them at noon EDT Sept. 4 to give time to notify candidates and winners can be presented at the President’s Banquet Saturday afternoon or evening. Motion passed unanimously.


10. Due to time, Hall decided to move agenda items 14 and 15 to the June meeting.


12. Bartlett made a motion for SPJ to explore the sale of the headquarters building in Indianapolis and to empower the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with a real estate service. Davila Richards seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Bartlett moved to adjourn the meeting. Davila Richards seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. EDT.