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MEETING OF THE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
BY TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5, 2005

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

With President Irwin Gratz presiding, a conference call of the Society of Professional Journalists Executive Committee was called to order at 3 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005.

ROLL CALL

In addition to Gratz, the following were in attendance: President-elect David Carlson; Secretary/Treasurer Christine Tatum; Immediate Past President Mac McKerral; Director At Large Jim Parker; and Region 3 Director Holly Fisher. Executive Director Terry Harper, Deputy Executive Director Julie Grimes, and Director of Programs Chris Vachon also were in attendance.

REPORTER'S PRIVILEGE

Upon a proper motion and second by McKerral and Carlson, the Executive Committee reaffirmed its decision to present New York Times reporter Judith Miller with a First Amendment Award.

SUNSHINE AWARD: LISA MADIGAN

Upon a proper motion and second by McKerral and Tatum, the Executive Committee voted to have the full board of directors consider the presentation of a Sunshine Award to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan prior to the 2005 SPJ Convention.

Committee members asked staff to research SPJ's recent involvement in campus free press issues.

ADJOURNMENT

President Gratz thanked all attendees for their time and participation. The meeting was adjourned.