

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS  
OCTOBER 19, 2005  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

With President David Carlson presiding, the meeting of the board of directors of the Society of Professional Journalists was called to order at 8:05 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, at the Aladdin Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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**ROLL CALL**

In addition to Carlson, the following board members were present: Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Cadwallader; Immediate Past President Irwin Gratz; Vice President of Campus Chapter Affairs Mead Loop; At-Large Director Molly McDonough; Student Board Representatives Adrian Uribarri and Ashley Clark; Campus Adviser At Large Neil Ralston; and Regional Directors Ann Augherton, Holly Fisher; Joe Wessels, Richard Roth, Gordon Govier, Ron Sylvester, Deb Hurley, Nathan Isaacs, Paul McAfee, and Clint Brewer. Also present for the meeting were: Terry Harper, executive director; Julie Grimes, deputy executive director; and Chris Vachon, director of programs.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

Upon proper motion and second by Hurley and Isaacs, the board nominated Brewer to serve on the Executive Committee.

**Upon proper motion and second by Augherton and Roth, the board nominated Fisher to serve on the Executive Committee.**

Upon a voice vote, Brewer and Fisher were elected to serve as members of the Executive Committee.

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**APPOINTMENTS TO SIGMA DELTA CHI FOUNDATION BOARD**

Carlson announced the following one-year appointments to the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation board of directors: SPJ officers Carlson, Tatum, Cadwallader and Loop; Gratz; and Augherton.

**Upon proper motion and second by Brewer and Poling, the board approved Carlson's appointments.**

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**RATIFICATION OF SIGMA DELTA CHI FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTIONS**

**Upon proper motion and second by Ralston and Loop, the board ratified the elections of the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation board of directors.**

Officers elected and ratified are: President Todd Gillman (two years); Vice President Betsy Ashton (one year); Secretary Steve Geimann (one year); and Treasurer Howard Dubin (one year). Board members elected and ratified to three-year terms are: Betsy Ashton, Fred Brown, Steve Geimann, Jane Kirtley, Dori Maynard, Sue Porter, and Gordon "Mac" McKerral.

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Carlson explained that the organization's Finance Committee includes the board officers and two elected members.

**Upon proper motion and second by Fisher and Sylvester, the board nominated Roth to serve on the Finance Committee.**

**Upon proper motion and second by Brewer and Clark, the board nominated Hurley to serve on the Finance Committee.**

Upon a vote, Roth and Hurley were elected to serve on the Finance Committee.

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## **2006 REGIONAL CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATIONS**

Regional Directors provided the following information concerning the 2006 regional conference schedule:

- Region 1, March 29-April 1, New Jersey
  - Region 2, March 31-April 1, Washington, D.C.
  - Region 3, April 7-8, Athens, Ga.
  - Region 4, TBD, Cincinnati, Ohio
  - Region 5, TBD, Indianapolis, Ind.
  - Region 6, March 31-April 1, Minneapolis, Minn.
  - Region 7, TBD, St. Louis, Mo.
  - Region 8, April 29 weekend, Oklahoma City, Okla.
  - Region 9, April 29 weekend, Denver, Colo.
  - Region 10, March 31-April 1, Kennewick, Wash.
  - Region 11, April 7-8, Universal City, Calif.
  - Region 12, March 31-April 1, Memphis, Tenn.
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## **OTHER BUSINESS: REGIONAL DIRECTOR CAUCUS**

Brewer reported that the following RD committees and committee leaders:

- Regional Funding, headed by Corry.
- Remapping, headed by Isaacs/Brewer.
- Mark of Excellence Awards, headed by Hurley.
- National Convention Programming, headed by McAfee/Govier.
- Contests, headed by Roth.
- Regional Director Handbook, headed by Fisher.

**Carlson accepted the recommendations and made the above appointments.**

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## **BOARD ORIENTATION**

Robert Lystad of Baker & Hostetler presented the Board Orientation and reviewed the responsibilities and duties of board members. He instructed board members to read and become familiar with the mission of the Society. He explained the board member duty of care and duty of loyalty.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carlson announced that former Region 6 Director Dave Aeikens will serve as chair of the Legal Defense

Fund.

Carlson also will be appointing a standing Audit Committee that will independently oversee the annual financial audit of the organization.

Carlson also will be appointing an Ad Hoc Programs and Services Committee. This committee will examine all organizational activities and make recommendations concerning new programs and changes to existing programs and services.

McAfee expressed a willingness to serve on the Audit Committee. McDonough expressed a willingness to serve on the Ad Hoc Programs and Services Committee.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, Carlson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.