

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
FEB 17, 2011
VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

With President Hagit Limor Smith presiding, the meeting of the board of directors of the Society of Professional Journalists was called to order at 2:05 p.m. EST on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 via conference call.

ROLL CALL

In addition to Limor, the following were present: President-Elect Darcie Lunsford; President for Campus Chapter Affairs Neil Ralston; Immediate Past President Kevin Smith; Directors at-Large Bill McCloskey and Lauren Bartlett; Campus Advisers at-Large George Daniels and Kym Fox; Student Representative Tara Puckey, Regional Directors Luther Turmelle, Brian Eckert, James Pilcher, Kelsey Volkmann, Scott Cooper, Don Meyers, Dana Neuts, Jodi Cleesattle and Sonny Albarado.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR SELECTION

The purpose of the call was to vote on an interim director for Region 3.

The post had become vacant when the previous director, Jenn Rowell, moved out of the region. Candidates for the interim position included: Leah Betancourt, Michele Boyet, Bill Oates and Gerald Schwartz. Jason Parsley removed himself from contention before the call.

Upon proper motion and second by Lunsford and Ralston, respectively, the board voted to appoint Bill Oates as interim Region 3 Director, who will serve until a new director is chosen at the upcoming convention.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011.