Minutes of Meeting of the NHSPA Board of Directors – December 10, 2016 - UNL

Present were Board Members:

Terry Pitkin, Scottsbluff

Aaron Dalh, Filmore Central

Beth Kavan, Grand Island Northwest

Angie Wolfe, Omaha Burke

Kristen Harris, McCook

Michelle Hassler, UNL

Marsha Kalkowski, Omaha Marian

David Stevens, Scribner-Snyder

Non-board Members:

Diane Schiefer, Elkhorn – Camp Director

1. The meeting was called to order. It is determined that a quorum was present.
2. Secretary Minutes (Wolfe)– motion, second and unanimous vote to approve minutes
   1. Minutes will be posted on the NHSPA website for membership
3. Treasurer Report – no new information
4. Executive Director Report (Hassler) –
5. Wells Fargo CD update – information needs to be updated with current and in-training treasurer
6. Gift card for convention evaluation winners will go out today
7. NSAA Classification Proposal Report (Pitkin) –
   1. Proposal submitted at November meeting in District 6 and it passed
   2. NHSPA supports this proposal
   3. Encourage membership to ask ADs to support 3 classifications in journalism
8. NSAA Broadcasting Proposal –
9. Discussion about NHSPA’s position on this topic
10. Concerns: Fairness for schools who do not have broadcasting and making sure the work is student-driven
11. NHSPA position (by unanimous votes) – we understand that this might be an issue for schools who do not have broadcasting, but we agree that this is what is best for students and Nebraska Journalism
12. Marsha will communicate to NSAA concerns and stance
13. State Competition Letter –
14. A letter to schools encouraging them to participate in the competition
15. How can we connect with advisers – especially Northeast
16. Kristen is working on the letter to send out from Board members

NEW BUSINESS

1. JEA Report (Kalkowski)–
2. Update after Indianapolis – sent via email (attached page 3)
3. Matt Rasgorshek (Creighton Prep) – on the ballot for a JEA National Board
4. JOY – only one student per school - $500 for winner and $250 for runner-up
5. Mentoring – Bob Bair – We will commit $1000 a year for a mentor
6. Communications Director –
7. Pending confirmation
8. Camp Director Report –
9. Budget submitted – a few presenters have been cut and the budget should be balanced
10. Looking for donors for pizza and t-shirts
11. NHSPA has budgeted $2500 for camp scholarships
12. Budget motioned, seconded and approved by unanimous vote
13. New Voices Update –
14. Senator who was supported did not get re-elected
15. World-Herald is in support and is ready to publish the story
16. Looking for a sponsor
17. Video for State Journalism –
18. Terry will email Jennifer to express that they need to put together better instructions
19. Next meeting February 18th in Lincoln. Meeting adjourned

Action Item:

Compile list of members to send letter

Encourage ADs to vote in support of NSAA proposals

Find donors for camp

Confirm Communications Director

Nebraska journalism students showcased their skills at the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention in Indianapolis, Nov. 10 -13.  More than 3750 students representing 420 schools and 39 states, England and China were in attendance.

In the National Scholastic Press Association’s Individual Awards Ceremony for Picture of the Year, two photographers from Millard West’s PawPrint Student Newspaper were recognized for their photos from the 2015-16 school year: Emily Seaton earned 8th place in Sports Action Photo and Taylor Charlson earned 4thplace in Feature Photo.

In the NSPA Best of Show Competition, Millard West’s literary magazine, INK, earned 10th place and their yearbook, THE PROWLER, also earned 10th place in its division.  The Omaha Central REGISTER earned 5th place in the Newspaper Broadsheet category.  Entries could only be submitted by schools in attendance at the Convention.

In the JEA Individual Write Off contests (<http://jea.org/blog/2016/11/14/write-offs-contest-results-fall-2016-indianapolis/>)

**Mount Michael**

Patrick Halpin, Honorable Mention in Sports Writing

**Omaha Bryan** –

Bethany Szczepaniak, Excellent in Feature Writing

Emily Pemble, Honorable Mention in Editorial Writing

**Omaha Central**

Julian Hock-Beaty, Honorable Mention in Graphic Design: Logo

Georgia Chambers, Honorable Mention in Feature Writing

**Millard West** -

Anneliese Punt, Superior in Feature Writing

Emma Lueck, Superior in Photo Story

Brooke Staashelm, Excellent in Portrait Photography

Ashleigh Shafer, Excellent in First Year Photography

Alexiz Novacek, Honorable Mention in Yearbook Copy/Caption Student Life

Katy Cowell, Honorable Mention in Photo Portfolio

**Marian**

Tehra Finn-Jackson, Superior in Graphic Design: Advertising

Susana Pettis, Superior in Literary Magazine Poetry

Brianna Wessling, Excellent in Literary Magazine Illustration

Annika Zimmerman, Excellent in Graphic Design: Logo

Isabelle Swanson, Honorable Mention in Feature Writing

Becca Williams, Honorable Mention in Yearbook Layout: Inside Pages

Anna Mantini, Honorable Mention in Themed Photography

Courtney Doherty, Honorable Mention in Portrait Photography

In the Adviser Awards Luncheon on Nov. 12, Bellevue East adviser Stephenie L. Conley was celebrated for earning her Master Journalism Educator (MJE) certification.  Advisers Katie L. Wright of North Bend Central, Carol L. Mertl and Christine Kaldahl, both of Millard South, were recognized for the Certified Journalism Educator (CJE) renewal certification.  Lincoln Southeast adviser Brianne Kaylee Clark was recognized as a first time CJE.  For more information about JEA Certification and Awards, visit [www.jea.org](http://www.jea.org/).

Students from Millard West, Omaha Central, Omaha Bryan, Lincoln Piux X, Mount Michael Benedictine and Marian participated in this educational enrichment opportunity.  The next national convention will be in Seattle, April 6-9, 2017.  For more information about that opportunity, visit [seattle.journalismconvention.org](http://seattle.journalismconvention.org/).  In November 2017, the convention will be in Dallas, Texas.