**Nebraska High School Press Association**

NHSPA Board Meeting

Saturday, November 2, 2019 | Green Gateau | Lincoln

**Attendance:** Mark Hilburn, Ranae Duncan, Diane Schieffer, Michelle Hassler, Angie Wolfe, Rod Henkel, CJ Curry, Erica Brockmoller, David Stevens and Lori Larson

**Introductions**

Board Members – Courses Taught

**Secretary Minutes** from Monday, October 21st (NHSPA Fall Convention).Vote on approval.

* Motion to approve: Hinkel Motion to second: Stevens
* Discussion: Ranae’s name is misspelled. Secretary will change. Minutes will be posted online.
* Motion approved

**Fall Convention – Michelle Hassler | Mark Hilburn | Erica Brockmoeller**

2019 – Convention | T-shirt sales – fundraiser | other ideas in the future

* Overall people will happy with most of the session, but not the keynote speaker. There was a lot of variety.
* Record number of attendees
* Glitches:
  + livestream room audio. Livestream is booked for next year and can then be posted online.
  + NET tour too many students signed up (May need to have an early deadline or form sign up.)
  + Where to put vendors? Cornhusker media display?
  + Lunch- let Union restaurants know and share a local area restaurant map
* Future ideas:
  + Critique session? Early sign up. Q&A sessions? Breakdown newswriting (lead writing, etc.)
  + Sports keynote next year? Photography keynote?
* Shirt sales raised $515.
  + Next year, shipment date information. Next year, have the deadline a week before.

**Treasure’s Report – Angie Wolfe**

Treasurer’s Report

Budget for new fiscal year

Mileage reimbursement

* Shared the Google file with members.
  + <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SzJU75E_yaTRTx-VHxMpfAduFPbTwqaM/view?usp=sharing>
* Currently, we will have about $40,000 in the bank. With expected expenses, we should still be ahead for the year.
  + Making profits on UNL parking, critiques
  + Budgeted for more members than we have
    - What to do with the extra funds? SPLC, scholarships, another JEA mentor, bring in another speaker for keynote, New Voices legislation, mini conferences in out-parts of the state.
      * Mini-conference: state contests, critiquing, adviser info
      * Diane: Wayne State, Angie to Michael Kennedy
  + Motion: Hilburn Motion seconded: Brockmoller
  + Discussion: Angie will look into the conferences.
    - Larson proposed money for New Voices legislation push.
  + Motion to amend: Larson proposed that the budget is approved with up to $1000 to spend on New Voices push with reimbursement to Angie Wolfe for personal expenses already spent. Duncan seconded. Approved.

**JEA Report – Mark Hilburn**

JEA Partnership Project @ Omaha South

JEA/NSPA Conventions (Washington | Nashville)

Nebraska JEA Winter Contest – Postmark deadline **December 10th**

* Thank you for helping with partnership project
* DC (November) and Nashville (April)

**Summer Journalism Camp – Diane Schieffer**

Camp Report – EXTRA! EXTRA! July 13-15th @ UNL

Registration: May 22nd (Early Bird) | June 3rd (Deadline) | Scholarships

* Presenters & tracks:
  + Seeking Matt Rasgorshek for video track
  + Scott Winter will also confirm by Dec. 1
  + Split yearbook into beginning and intermediate sessions
* Have a lot of money in account. Sponsorships have helped budget.
  + Hilburn made a motion to approve $1800 for the one scholarship-per-track scholarships. Henkel seconded the motion.
    - 20% of attendees can get a scholarship

**NSAA State Journalism – Mark Hilburn**

State Prompts – issues (last year) – JEA Write-off examples (Ranae Duncan)

Contest change proposals (David Stevens)

* Prompts were incorrect (editorial for news), spelling and grammar errors, etc. Reused from previous year. Duncan reached out to Nancy Smith from JEA. She offered to share with NSAA the past prompts from past years.
  + Henkel will reach out to Jennifer Schwartz to share concerns and the offer of JEA write-off prompts.
    - JEA might have other judges available
  + Stevens yearbook theme development ask for whole staff not three people. Can order medals afterwards. Partners with layout- how do you pick?
* See additional information from 10.21.19 minutes.

**UNL CoJMC Updates – Michelle Hassler**

* News Train- Hassler will send link

**New Voices Nebraska – Angie Wolfe**

LB206 - *Protect free speech rights of student journalists and student media advisers*

How to get involved | Communication | Lobby Day

* Wolfe has been paying for expenses herself.
* American Bar Association supports. We need Nebraska Bar on board.
* We need to make a lot of “noise”
* We only need 25 votes.
* There is misinformation.
* Tasks:
  + Postcards
  + Remind app with script
  + Send publications to state senators
    - Newspaper
    - Pdf yearbook pages
  + Survey about self-censorship
  + Moorefield said he will read censorship stories. He will read them on the floor.
    - Adam Morfeld-District 46

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* + - Angie Wolfe
  + Send student and adviser names to Wolfe to help be on the inner-committee.
  + Have students talk to local newspaper/publishers.
  + LB 206 tab on our website
  + SPLC link just for Nebraska. <https://splc.org/new-voices-in-nebraska-2019/>
  + Have an independent email: [newvoicesnebraska@gmail.com](mailto:newvoicesnebraska@gmail.com)
  + PSA competition

**NHSPA Critiques – Mark Hilburn and Erica Brockmoller**

Critique Committee – Bylaws – Requests for re-judging

* Issues with critiques. Hilburn noticed the online critiques looked nearly identical—copy and pasting—but the scores didn’t reflect the comments.
* Larson said hers was judged in August with comments about the “under construction” on the 2019-20 website. Tell advisers when to not-mess the site during this judging period.
* Send via certified mail to prevent mail mishaps.
* Duncan moved that all critique judges be JEA certified and not from Nebraska. Hilburn seconded. Motion approved.
  + Discussion about more transparency and clarification.

**Bylaws – Mark Hilburn & Erica Brockmoller**

Copies | Updates or Changes

* By-laws say we should have a critique committee.
* NSAA representative
* By laws are in the Google Drive. Be ready to discuss the next meeting.

**Voting – Board Positions – Mark Hilburn**

President | Vice President | Secretary

Ballot:

* President-- Hilburn
* Vice President—Brockmoller
* Secretary— Larson

Henkel motions to keep officers. Duncan seconded. Motion approved.

**Miscellaneous – Mark Hilburn**

Meeting(s) – Time(s) and Location(s)

**Sunday, January 19 at noon at Yutan High School.**

**Adjourned**

Duncan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stevens seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted**,

Lori Larson, NHSPA secretary