

**National Press Club  
Board Of Governors  
Minutes  
January 20, 2012 Meeting**

The organizational meeting of the Board of Governors for 2012 was called to order by Club Secretary Joel Whitaker.

**Present:** President Theresa Werner, Vice President Angela Greiling Keane, Treasurer Myron Belkind, Secretary Joel Whitaker, Membership Secretary Nyia Hawkins, John Donnelly, Patrick McGrath, Mark Wojno, Ken Mellgren, Ed Barks, John Hughes, Thomas Burr, Suzanne Struglinski, **Frederica Dunn**, Immediate Past President Mark Hamrick, NPC Journalism Institute President Richard Dunham,

**Absent:** None

Upon motion by Whitaker/Donnelly the December 19, 2012, minutes were approved.

**Nomination for Board Officers**

Whitaker called for nominations for Board Chairman. Donnelly/McGrath moved election of John Hughes. There being no other nominations, Hughes was elected chairman by acclamation.

Whitaker called for nominations for vice chairman. Donnelly/Hamrick moved the election of Marc Wojno. There being no other nominations, Wojno was elected by acclamation.

Election of Board officers having been concluded, Hughes assumed the chair.

**Membership**

Upon motion by Hawkins/Wojno the following applications which have been reviewed and approved by the Membership Committee were approved with Donnelly abstaining::

| <b>Name</b>              | <b>Affiliation</b>  | <b>Sponsor</b>          |
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| <b><u>Journalist</u></b> |   |                         |
| Jennifer Babich          | Time Warner Cable - News & Local Programming<br>Executive Producer / Bureau Chief | Membership<br>Committee |
| Jeffrey P. Ballou*       | Al Jazeera Network  | Membership<br>Committee |
| Julio E. Aliaga          | WZDC Telemundo<br>News Director   | Membership<br>Committee |

**Journalist Young Member**

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| Erin Billups    | Time Warner Cable - News & Local Programming<br>Video Journalist   | Membership<br>Committee |
| Leslie A. Mayes | Time Warner Cable - News & Local Programming<br>Producer           | Membership<br>Committee |
| Lauri Elliot    | Conceptualee, Inc/Afrbiz Division<br>Editor and Author Non-fiction | Membership<br>Committee |

**Communicator - Former Journalist**

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| Antony Alan Botto      | Department of State<br>Sr. Producer/Director  | Miriam Rider<br>James Lobe |
| Linken Nymann Berryman | Royal Norwegian Embassy<br>Counselor & Head of Communications & Culture<br>department | Peter Hickman              |
| Michael Joseph LaRosa  | Washington Business Journal<br>Account Executive Sponsorship & Events                 | Anthony Shop               |

**Communicator Non-Resident**

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| Mike Cavender | Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA)<br>Executive Director | Thomas G. Donlan<br>Ken Mellgren<br>Mark Hamrick |
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**Communicator Young Member**

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| Syed Edwan Anwar | Embassy of Malaysia<br>First Secretary, Public Diplomacy | Peter Hickman |
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**Building Tenant**

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| Beatrice Diah | Macfadden<br>Senior Grants Manager | Kristina Southam<br>Gloria Allen |
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**Student**

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| Stephen Nielsen      | Virginia Commonwealth University<br>Mass Communications & Print Journalism              | Membership<br>Committee |
| Whitney Anne Headlee | Georgetown University<br>Graduate Student/Public Relations & Corporate<br>Communication | Membership<br>Committee |

Upon motion by Hawkins/Keane, applications for transfer of members to retired status and to active journalist status were approved.

## **Constitutional Amendment Regarding Communicator News Sources**

Hawkins yielded to Keane for the introduction of a Constitutional amendment regarding Communicators qualified as News Sources. Upon motion by Keane/Donnelly, the following motion was approved:

I move the NPC Constitution, Art. III, Sec. 1 (b)(v) be amended as follows (new matter is in bold; there are no deletions):

(v) News Source – Persons whose profession or business involves regular contacts with members of **qualified news outlets** or whose duties involve preparation or dissemination of News and information. A letter from a member of the working press **from a qualified news outlet citing specific examples of the individual's use as a news source** is required to validate source status **as a regular news source**.

During discussion, Keane emphasized the thrust of the change is to require sources to be regularly used as a source, not one time sources. The intent also is intended to preclude clips in lieu of source letters.

The motion having been approved, it will be submitted to the membership for ratification at the next General Membership Meeting.

## **Appointments to NPC Journalism Institute Board**

Upon motion by President Werner/Wojno, Barbara Cochran, Rick Dunham, Mark Hamrick, Susan Heavy, Donna Leinwand and Ed Lewis were appointed to two-year terms as directors of the National Press Club Journalism Institute.

## **Next Meeting**

Upon motion by Wojno/Donnelly, the next board meeting was set for 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL WHITAKER  
Secretary