

National Press Club Board of Governors Meeting  
August 18, 2014

Meeting commences at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes, Liaison reports approved.

Membership Secretary Marc Wojno submits 16 member applications for approval. After discussion about how one person's application fits into the submitted category, that application is tabled. Wojno moves for approval of 15 people as new members. Unanimously approved.

Wojno submits two members requesting retired status. Board Approves.

Treasurer Tommy Burr reports on July financials. Following a great June, July missed revenue targets, food and beverage costs increased. Have been under budget for six of seven months this year. Rest of year may meet or exceed targets.

Burr moves for approval of 2015 budget assumptions, based on unanimous approval by Budget Committee. Board approves unanimously.

Burr moves for dues to increase by \$1 per month in most professional categories. Board approves unanimously.

Executive Director Bill JMcCarren presents his report including on budget figures, new business, technology security, building security.

President Myron Belkind presents report, ``A week in the life of the National Press Club.' ' Wednesday, July 30 was our annual National Press Club journalism awards ceremony with the National Journalism Institute, which raises the money that enables us to give out the awards. There were three sections interspersed with the awards. First was the President's Award, which honored the work and the great memory of Anja Niedringhuas; AP and Jeff Schlosberg helped pull together the photo exhibit. We paid tribute to the journalists who couldn't be with us that evening including to Anja

Niedringhaus, Kathy Gannon, her colleague who was wounded, and four journalists arrested in Tehran that week. Then we moved on to the scholarship awards, where Jose Valle of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, outed himself as an undocumented immigrant. Subsequent winners wished him well. The winner of the Freedom of the Press Award winner, imprisoned in Bahrain, managed to get a message out with his parents to address the attendees.

Belkind thanked Will Lester, who oversaw the awards process for a fourth consecutive year, while Andrea Snyder did the scholarships. Will had a record number of participants, including some online for the first time.

On Aug. 1, we had the president of the Congo in a sold-out ballroom. On Aug. 4, we had the president of Burkina Faso and Akon, the celebrity artist who's spearheading an Africa electrification project.

National Journalism Institute has three major events that support scholarships, please try to participate. First is the 5K race on Sept. 6, come early, even if just for pancake breakfast. Sept. 13 is the Fourth Estate award dinner honoring Charlie Rose. Nov. 18 will be the annual book fair and author's night.

Speakers committee under the leadership of Jerry Zremski and Vice Chair Donna Leinwand-Leger

On Sept. 4 will have Ralph Nader and Mr. Norquist, who will have speak side by side. Sept. 15, Ken Burns will be at NPC with latest documentary series on the Roosevelts. We will host CEOs of Wells Fargo, CVS.

Oct. 20 will have Woodward, Bernstein discussing the events that led up to the resignation of Richard Nixon.

We're not a news agency, but the NPC is responding

fast. Last week, when the Washington Post and Huffington Post reporters were detained by police, Marilyn Geewax alerted us and Press Freedoms Chairman John Donnelly drafted a statement that very night and we got out a statement deploring the way journalists are being hampered in Ferguson, MO. Executive Director got it out on the PR Newswire, USA Today quoted the NPC statement.

When Lauren Bacall died, one of the images that went viral was of Lauren Bacall perched on the top of the piano in the Truman lounge.

We have a busy autumn to look forward to.

Mellgren said that bartenders have mentioned that there's a lot more foot traffic to look at that photo.

Sept. 22 will be next meeting. Oct. meeting will start one hour early, we will have seats reserved for the Kalb report.

Chairman Mellgren adjourns meeting at 7:45 p.m.

In attendance:

- Chairman Ken Mellgren, Associated Press (Retired)
- President Myron Belkind, George Washington University
- Vice President John Hughes, Bloomberg News
- Treasurer Tommy Burr, Salt Lake Tribune
- Secretary Andrea Snyder, Bloomberg News
- Membership Secretary Marc Wojno, Kiplinger
- Board member Frederica Dunn, Jamestown Post Journal
- Board member Alison Fitzgerald, Center for Public Integrity
- Board member Marilyn Geewax, National Public Radio
- Board member Molly McCluskey, Freelance
- Board member Joseph Morton, Omaha World Herald
- Board member Ed Barks, Barks Communications
- Board member Anthony Shop, Social Driver
- Board member Suzanne Struglinski, Baker & McKenzie

- National Press Club Executive Director Bill McCarren
- Journalism Institute President Barbara Cochran,  
University of Missouri