

**National Press Club  
Board of Governors  
Jan. 17, 2014  
Meeting minutes**

Meeting in President's office at National Press Club following general membership meeting.

- 1) Secretary Andrea Snyder called meeting to order
- 2) Snyder called for approval of previous meeting's minutes; minutes approved unanimously
- 3) Ken Mellgren was voted in unanimously as chairman, Jeff Ballou was voted in unanimously as vice chairman
- 4) Membership secretary Marc Wojno presented 36 new membership applications for board approval. Of those, 35 were approved and one, non-fiction author Siobhan MacDermott, was provisionally approved, pending verification of her affiliation\*\*. Prior to these approvals, the National Press Club had 3,226 members as of Jan. 13, 2014, compared with 3,200 in January 2013.

In the journalist category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) Gail DeGeorge, enterprise editor at Bloomberg News
- 2) Arthur Swift, news director/managing editor at Gallup.com
- 3) Frank Bass, global investigations editor at Al Jazeera
- 4) Fredreka Schouten, campaign finance reporter at USA Today
- 5) Julie Ann Rose, VP/general manager at the Federal News Service
- 6) Jeffery Stein, contributing editor/columnist at Newsweek
- 7) Marty Baron, executive editor at the Washington Post
- 8) (Lisa) Kerric Harvey, associate professor at GWU-SMPA
- 9) Michael Coleman, Washington correspondent for the Albuquerque Journal
- 10) Dan Balz, chief correspondent for the Washington Post
- 11) Katharine Weymouth, publisher/CEO of the Washington Post
- 12) George Braun, Washington bureau chief for KCYK Radio

In the journalist young member category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) Matthew Robertson, U.S.-China relations reporter for the Epoch Times
- 2) Tamika Smith, news anchor at Radio One

In the non-resident journalist category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) Katherine Spillar, executive editor for Ms. Magazine in Beverly Hills, CA
- 2) Michael Kovach, news and entertainment co-host at Blogtalkradio.com in Bear, DE
- 3) James Guckert, non-fiction author in Conneaut Lake, PA

In the journalist young member category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) Matthew Robertson, reporter on U.S.-China relations for the Epoch Times
- 2) Tamika Smith, news anchor at Radio One

In the retired journalist category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) Bonnie Rollins, retired senior producer at NBC news
- 2) Phillip Blake, a non-resident retired general assignment reporter for the Wisconsin State Journal

In the communicator category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) James Greenhill, communication synchronization non-commission officer of the National Guard Bureau/ U.S. Army
- 2) Bernardo Fuller, photographer for the U.S. Army
- 3) Lawrence Parnell, associate professor and director of George Washington University's Strategic PR Program
- 4) Sridharan Madhusudhanan, counselor at the Embassy of India
- 5) Matthew Shank, president of Marymount University
- 6) Abbes Houssein, first secretary of Embassy of Tunisia

In the communicator young member category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) Craig Chester, press manager at Smart Growth America
- 2) John Welch, senior account executive at Edelman
- 3) Neer Rao, geospatial information officer at MacFadden
- 4) Jacqueline Kazil, presidential innovation fellow at the General Services Administration
- 5) CJ Ciarabella, staff writer at the Washington Free Beacon
- 6) Foard Copeland, East Africa desk officer at the Civil-Military Fusion Centre

In the communicator news source category, the board approved the applications of

- 1) Olesya Tkacheva, a political scientist at RAND Corp.
- 2) Anne Helms, communications specialist at Noblis, Inc.

In the non-resident communicator category, the board approved the application of

- 1) Jenni Maria Hakala, a foreign correspondent for Demokraatti in Helsinki, Finland

In the student category, the board approved the application of

- 1) Emily Weiss, studying at George Washington University

- 5) The board unanimously approved moving 5 members over 65 to retired member categories.
- 6) Membership Secretary Marc Wojno said the Membership Committee had approved 5 members for dues assistance. For privacy purposes, names were not disclosed. Board unanimously approved dues assistance.
- 7) Board moved to executive session
- 8) Next meeting set for Monday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.
- 9) Meeting adjourned

\*\* Siobhan MacDermott's application was approved after review by the Membership Committee.