

Board of Governors Meeting – June 18, 2018

Present – *Derek Wallbank, Andrea Edney, Lisa Matthews, Andy Fischer, Ed Barks, Jeff Ballou, Erik Meltzer, Doug Harbrecht [NPCJI Acting Director], David Jones [Auditor], Lindsay Murphy, Ferdous Al-Faruque, Peter Urban, Alison Kodjak*

On Phone – *Mike Freedman*

Wallbank opened the meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Al-Faruque made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Edney seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports

Freedman said May with a revenue of \$1.563m was a record for the club. It was \$125,000 more profit than what had been projected. The club has generated a significant profit year-to-date but which is still under budget. Freedman noted June may be the month to close the gap. He also said the Board Audit Committee met with the auditors in May.

Wallbank said the audit committee felt it should be precedent-setting to have the audit submitted to the committee a month before discussing the audit and will try to do that for the future.

Jones notified the committee his team had completed and presented the audit in detail to the audit committee. He explained the breakdown of the auditor's report noting the club's financial position club has continued to grow which is positive news.

Wallbank moved to accept auditor's report. Edney seconded the motion. It was accepted unanimously.

Liaison Report

Al-Faruque presented the liaison report.

Mathews said from the Headliners Team notable guests including Jon Meacham, the CEO of Delta Airline, Alan Alda, the Chair of Union Pacific and the MLB Commissioner are coming to the club. She also noted Sean Spicer is coming in August.

Al-Faruque noted the Young Members hosted a digital video boot camp aimed at primarily helping print journalists learn about digital video production and videography.

Membership Report

Urban gave the membership report from the Membership Team with the list of recommended new members for approval.

Barks asked for more clarification on how the information is presented in the table from the team. He also asked if someone in a clerical position with the ability to provide information to reporters should qualify for membership? Urban said on the federal level in certain jobs it should qualify them for

membership especially since it attracts reporters the club who want to get closer access to those sources.

Urban made a motion to hold two members and pass the other 18 applicants for approval. Wallbank seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Murphy asked if the Membership Team can provide a list of outlets that have been complicated when reviewing membership eligibility and come up regularly.

Kodjak also asked if we can do the same for communicator members.

Wallbank asked for vote on one other applicant. Edney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NPC Journalism Institute and Remembering Julie

Harbrecht greeted everyone and said he's looking to work with the institute through the summer until a new director is selected.

McCarren said there is church service for Julie on June 21 at 2pm at Christ Church in Georgetown. He noted the club would be providing refreshments. He also said NPCJI Chair Barbara Cochran, Tim Carrington and Susan Garland will speak at the service. Furthermore, a memorial service is also scheduled for July 10 at 6pm at the club where Cochran, Edney, staff and Julie's friends will have a chance to speak.

Executive Session

The board entered and exited executive session.

President's Report

Edney gave the president's report. She recommended board members try make it to the service at Christ Church and reminded everyone that evening is also the planned Embassy Night event.

Edney said a new member orientation will take place July 12 and asked board members to welcome the new members at the meeting.

Edney said Cochran asked her to relay some NPCJI business to the board on her behalf including news that Angela Greiling Keane is heading the search for a new NPCJI Director. Also, the institute is asking the board for help in identifying and inviting lawmakers who may participate in the upcoming press club spelling bee.

Edney noted Kathy Kiely is setting up a journalism summit with training. The main theme for the summit is what is going on with journalists and their sources.

Edney noted a communicator member who leads the Center for Immigration Studies brought Thomas Homan, acting director of ICE, to a private event at the club. However, it was an opportunity for Edney and McCarren to speak with the director about Emilio Gutierrez. The club put together a packet of information about Gutierrez's case for Homan and sent it to ICE headquarters.

Edney said the club is also spreading the news and campaigning on behalf of Egyptian photojournalist Mahmoud Abou Zeid. The club has also invited Attorney General Jeff Sessions to talk about journalist Ali Watkins' data being seized by the Justice Department.

Strategic Planning Committee

Kodjak said the Strategic Planning Committee has met and needs to put together a report for the January General Membership Meeting. She said the committee is having a poll and would like input from the board since it is most steeped in what's happening at the club. She added a Google Doc will be made available where board members can share their thoughts and the old strategic plan is already on the club's website which can be accessed after logging in.

Edney thanked Fisher for inviting her to a recent communicator team meeting.

Wallbank said the next board meeting is July 16. It will primarily be a phone meeting.

Wallbank closed meeting.