

January 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING JAN.
16, 2004

By Secretary Sylvia Smith

Present were President Sheila Cherry, Vice President Rick Dunham, Secretary Sylvia Smith, Membership Secretary Jerry Zremski and Treasurer Jonathan Salant and Governors Larry Bivins, John Donnelly, John Gallagher, Donna Leinwand and Gayela Bynum. Absent were Governors Alison Bethel, Mark Hamrick, Jack Cushman and Jerry Bastarache.

Smith called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. She called for nominations for chairman. Salant nominated Donnelly. It was seconded by Smith. There being no other nominations, Donnelly's election was approved by acclamation.

Smith turned the meeting over to Donnelly. He called for nominations for vice chairman. Dunham nominated Donna Leinwand; Smith seconded the motion. There being no other nominees, Leinwand's election was approved by acclamation.

Smith moved and the board approved designating Cherry, Salant and General Manager John Bloom to sign checks on behalf of the Club this year.

Zremski moved and the board approved the application of 28 new members, including 6 active, 4 active under 30, 1 active under 34, 4 active non-resident, 5 affiliate, 1 affiliate reinstatement, 5 associate, 1 associate under 34 and 1 associate non-resident. The number of members as of January is 3,950 compared to 3,979 in January 2003.

Smith moved and the board approved the minutes of the December meeting.

Cherry reported that she met with the executive director of the National Press Foundation, who shared concerns about the transfer of the Friedheim bequest to the Friedheim Library. She reported he said the Friedheim family is concerned that the Friedheim name might be removed from the Library. Cherry emphasized that that will not happen. To demonstrate the level of commitment of the NPC and the Library to retaining the Friedheim name, Cherry proposed and the board approved developing an exhibit about Eric Friedhiem for July and inviting the family to a reception.

Donnelly asked for requests for committee liaisons and board committee assignments. He said the board/committee chairs retreat will be Feb. 7.

Cherry said board members who want to attend the National Press Foundation and the Washington Press Foundation dinners should contact Bloom.

Smith reported that the publisher of the Vincennes (Ind.) Sun-Commercial contacted the Club to report it will be observing a 200th anniversary in July. The publisher, Vickie Palmer, asked the NPC to acknowledge the event. Smith said she asked Palmer to send a full-size copy of the

paper's first edition and said the Club would create a poster to take note of the anniversary. She said it would be a good idea for the major anniversaries of other news outlets to be recognized similarly.

The next meeting will be Feb. 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.