

## 2005 Fall Semi-Annual Report

### Headquarters - Linda Puntney, MJE, Executive Director

It's been a productive time at JEA Headquarters since we last reported in April.

Membership, as of Oct. 14, was 2,409. Texas boasts 223 teacher/adviser members followed by California with 196, Washington with 130 and Kansas with 123.

In addition to a healthy membership, JEA investments are at an all-time high. The value of the JEA Piper Jaffry portfolio is \$533,627. The investments support the \$1.3 million budget which provides all of JEA's programs. Those programs continue to expand and develop.

Headquarters has added a toll free number and continues to seek a way to purchase books, pay dues etc. online. Because the online presence of JEA is growing and becoming more and more important, it is our recommendation that the JEA office manager be trained to update the Website.

Since April, the executive director has represented JEA at workshops in several states including Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Georgia, Michigan and California. She also served as a JEA liaison to the College Media Advisers and Association of Educators of Journalism and Mass Communications. In September she traveled to Vienna on a site visit for a JEA Advisers Retreat scheduled for June 2-12, 2006.

In June the executive director participated in a Write-off contest meeting in Kansas City to update contest offerings in the broadcast area.

To support the increased interest in broadcast, headquarters has purchased two mini-DVD cameras, tripods, microphones and tapes. Two laptop computers were purchased to support all Write-off contests and an additional LCD projector was purchased for use at conventions and as a backup for aging projectors.

Headquarters is looking at ways to better track membership. With a number of membership options - ASNE workshops, state affiliates, conventions, Website, JEA board or state directors -- it becomes increasingly important to understand how we attract members. Connie Fulkerson, administrative assistant and bookstore manager, reports that we continue to have the membership form in the bookstore catalog and are working on tracking how many people join or renew through the bookstore in order to get a discount on books.

Three sequences of the JEA bookstore were offered in June and July. The June workshop was hosted by Jackie Bretz and Western Kentucky University. Although numbers were small for the workshop it was a good outreach for the organization and for the 2006 convention in Nashville. The other two sequences, Advising Student Publications and Desktop Publishing were held the third and fourth weeks of July. About 55 people attended those workshops.

The bookstore was a happening place this summer, when the JEA Adviser Institute attendees came to browse and shop. They enjoyed the bright, new expanded space.

The bookstore catalog increased from 24 to 28 pages this year with nearly 260 items in the catalog. JEA-logo dress shirts and sweatshirts are available in the bookstore and will be sold at conventions.

Bob Bair and members of the Publications Committee continue to participate in the "Selecting Classroom Materials" session at conventions.

Sales off the JEA website would be greater if we could get a better online ordering system -- a shopping cart setup. Many people are frustrated by what we have now. It would also be nice to have a search for title or author on the bookstore section.

### President - Ann Visser, MJE

One of the areas I most wanted to emphasize during my presidency was that of communication and accessibility, and I think the past months have been a good example of that. E-mail is, of course, the easiest way to make that happen, and it has been busy with exchanges of all kinds, ranging from encouragement to new advisers to answers to members' questions to dealing with JEA board issues. A day without some sort of JEA-related correspondence is rare.

In addition to appointing Kevin Kniesley as JEA's first broadcast liaison, I attended a meeting in Kansas City to revise the Write-off's broadcast offerings. Write-off Chairs Cathie Parks and Alyce Stanwood, Kniesley and broadcast committee member Robin Shaw attended, along with JEA Executive Director Linda Puntney and me.

Meeting with the Chicago local committee was a pleasure as their enthusiasm and dedication toward their mission was evident. We truly are a talented and dedicated group of individuals, and these advisers are proof positive.

Prior to convention, I attended the Texas Association of Journalism Educators' Convention in San Antonio in October. What an incredible group! They truly know how to throw a great conference and have some fun as well!

The JEA Board is always open to your ideas and suggestions of how this can be an even better organization for you.

### Vice President - Jack Kennedy, MJE

JEA doesn't stand still as an organization, and we have made a number of structural changes (we hope, improvements) which will make us a more flexible and responsive association. My top goal between now and February is to create accessible guides for regional directors and state directors to their responsibilities and to their leadership options.

All board members take their responsibility to spread the word about JEA seriously, and my main work in this area has been in Colorado (gearing up to host the spring, 2007 convention), as well as speaking in Kansas and Ohio this fall.

### Past President - H.L. Hall, MJE

First Amendment: I attended two meetings of NAA's Youth Services Committee since the spring convention. In May, I suggested NAA co-sponsor the new Cornerstone Award with JEA. It agreed to do so, so JEA and NAA will present two \$2,500 awards at the spring JEA convention to honor those schools who have done the most to promote the First Amendment. There will also be enough money to pay for one person from each school to travel to the convention.

I taught a Press Law class at Ball State during the summer where I emphasized applying or the Cornerstone Award and where I also talked about the importance of Constitution Day. I taught nine workshops during the summer, and at each workshop I promoted the Cornerstone Award and the First Amendment. By the time of the November convention in Chicago, I will have taught nine workshops and/or conferences. At each one I promoted the Cornerstone Award and the First Amendment. One of those conferences was at the Poynter Institute in Florida. I worked with Warren Watson from Ideas and Wendy Wallace from the Poynter Institute. There were principals, advisers and students in attendance from Florida schools. I think by the end of the workshop that all in attendance could see the value of establishing their publications as limited public forums. At least we made everyone think in that direction. I will be co-teaching a First Amendment session with Wendy in Chicago, and I will be moderating a panel on "Administrators Who Got It."

In May I attended a forum on the Future of the First Amendment at Western Kentucky University.

Promoting JEA: Because the board approved a motion that it would provide travel money for me to attend state and/or regional workshops, Iowa and Oregon invited me to speak this fall. I promoted JEA at each of those workshops, and I was the keynote speaker at each. The board pays for travel, and the hosting group covers the rest of my expenses. I hope it is a win/win situation for JEA and for the hosting groups.

YAOY: The Yearbook Adviser of the Year selection committee will meet in Chicago to select the 2005 Yearbook Adviser of the Year. Linda Puntney and I will travel to the winner's school to make the award presentation. The date for submission of applications was Oct. 1, but because this was an earlier date than previous years, we did accept applications up until Oct. 15. We plan on making Oct. 1 the cut-off date in future years, however.

### Secretary - Susan Hathaway Tantillo, MJE

Awards Committee Chair

Chicago Convention Local Chair

Since Seattle, I have represented and promoted JEA as I taught at the ASNE Institute at Kent State University and presented sessions at conferences of the Northern Illinois School Press Association, Illinois State High School Press Association and Kettle Moraine Press Association. I have judged formally for Florida, Ohio, New Jersey and the Kettle Moraine Press Association along with offering advice informally in Illinois. I have also e-mentored new and soon-to-be advisers.

I have completed the digest of JEA Board motions since 1996, started by H.L. Hall, and have divided the motions into categories to help board members find information more easily. Keeping these up to date after each board meeting and sending them to members with each update will now become part of the secretary's job description.

As Awards Committee Chair, I have worked with Headquarters over the summer to revise the Scholarships, Awards and Contests booklet. Contest deadlines are now as consistent as they can be and all contest materials are submitted to Headquarters by a receipt date, rather than a postmark date. We hope this consistency will make the awards nomination and selection process run more smoothly. We are still working to make sure [jea.org](http://jea.org) is consistent with the booklet.

Receipt dates for nominations:

- July 1: Carl Towley, Medal of Merit, Lifetime Achievement, Friend of Scholastic Journalism (formerly Media Citation), Administrator of the Year, Ryan White
- Oct. 1: Rising Star, Yearbook Adviser of the Year, Teacher Inspiration, Future Teacher Scholarships
- Dec. 1: Round 1 for First Amendment Press Freedom Award
- Feb. 15: Journalist of the Year to state director
- March 1: Student Journalism Impact, Cornerstone
- In 2005-06 JEA implements two new award programs.

The Rising Star Award will recognize up-and-coming advisers in their jobs through the fifth year. We hope the award will encourage advisers and journalism teachers with one to five years of experience to remain in the profession. This award is presented at the spring convention and more than one recipient may be selected.

The Cornerstone Award, also presented at the spring convention, will recognize two secondary schools that have shown their students, teachers and administration thoroughly understand the importance of the First Amendment.

As local chair of Chicago, it's been my pleasure to work with the most fantastic committee anyone could imagine! Creative energy has been flowing for 14 months in the Windy City and suburbs - not to mention Wisconsin, Nebraska, Indiana and Ohio, where we also have committee members located. If we have the numbers at the convention we anticipate, we hope everyone adopts our revised (unofficial) convention theme: "Come Curious -- Then Smile and Adapt."

## Press Rights Commission

### John Bowen, MJE, chairman

The commission will bring two issues to the JEA board this fall, one on copyright and plagiarism and another on printing companies questioning or refusing to print content other than unprotected speech.

Commission members also have been assisting with questions on JEA's listserv and from others around the country concerning censorship issues. Additional commission member information follows.

### Candace Perkins Bowen

We facilitated a panel discussion at last July's ASNE High School Journalism Institute at Kent State entitled "Free Expression DOES Work." With H.L. Hall moderating, it included Katy Dean, successful plaintiff in a Michigan press rights case, her former adviser Gloria Olman, retired Kirkwood (Mo.) High School principal Franklin McCallie, and Trevor Ivan, a Kent State student who still works with his former high school newspaper, helping them overcome restrictions. The video will be streaming on the Kent State School of Journalism and Mass Communication website soon.

## Karen Flowers

We have been working on this since mid-August when a judge contacted me and asked what our policy on plagiarism was. As we didn't have one, we took the question to our board meeting in September, had some discussion - well we had lots of discussion - and asked a committee (we had already decided who would be on it) to bring us a policy to vote on. However, the committee said they needed to do some research on what other organizations do. At this point we haven't found any scholastic organization that have one except CSPA - isn't that scary? CSPA has a very comprehensive policy and one that I hope the committee we (SIPA) commissioned (Bruce Koulek is on it) will model ours on. It seems fair and one which doesn't punish those who have already punished themselves by finding and reporting a case of plagiarism.

## H. L. Hall

I was a presenter at a First Amendment workshop at the Poynter this fall with Warren Watson and Wendy Wallace. I thought it went well. I always talk about the First Amendment at every conference I'm at, regardless of whether or not that is my topic. I finally had a student in San Diego two weeks ago who knew the words, so she got my money. I've also talked a lot about Constitution Day and these workshops, and as executive director of the Middle Tennessee Scholastic Press Association I have placed a tip on that website suggesting schools apply for the Cornerstone Award. Clarkrange High School had a week-long celebration of Constitution Day so I posted what that school did on MTSPA's website. I'm at OregonState University today and my afternoon session is on coverage. The first thing I plan to mention is the Future of the First Amendment, and I'll also promote the Cornerstone Award.

## Deb Buttleman Malcolm

Earned \$168 for the student Press Law Center with First Amendment Statues Constitution Day. Iowa HSPA themed State and Regionals - Get Fired Up over First Amendment. My kids are going in Red White and Blue and will be teaching and leading First Amendment Cheers during welcome then we will be taking up a collection during awards. We have a new opportunity for teachers to have Web sites on the district server. They seem to be going beyond FERPA investigating. So far those in charge downtown are saying the district lawyers told them to do so. Only interesting tidbit. Some middle schools trying to combine parent news letter with student newspaper. Easy way to politically control and brainwash before H.S.. My kids are working on it through their Imp on-line project. Also our local paper is sponsoring an on-line/print paper that is highly inappropriate. Kids are complaining about the obscenity and double meaning and lack of research behind material- basically everything we try to teach them to do correctly. To comment says kids our reading it and the publisher seems only to care that the kids read it.

## Janet McKinney

Chad Tuley, Franklin Central High School's former newspaper adviser, settled out of court with the Indiana school corporation and will receive \$73,793. The settlement bars him from ever applying for a job in the Franklin Township Schools, but Tuley hopes to return to the classroom next fall and advise a newspaper. The agreement ends Tuley's federal lawsuit. It claimed his First Amendment rights were violated in November 2004 when he was removed as adviser over a story in the student newspaper about a student arrested on a murder charge. The school corporation claimed it was a "personnel issue" because Tuley does not have a journalism teaching license.

Dennis Cripe, executive director of the Indiana High School Press Association, told the Indianapolis Star, "Saying this case wasn't about the First Amendment is like saying the American Revolution wasn't about freedom." Tuley is completing a journalism education program at Ball State University and will meet journalism licensing requirements by June.

## Becky Sipos

One exciting project at McLean is a First Amendment Night sponsored by our PTSA. For this first evening (Nov. 17), they want to foster the community's understanding of students' speech and press rights. They hope to have an evening focusing on freedom of religion at another time. I've arranged for Adam Goldstein of the Student Press Law Center and Molly McLoskey, Director of the First Amendment Schools Project to speak that evening and to create "real-world" scenarios for the audience to work with. The audience will be parents, teachers, administrators and students. I'm excited that this initiative came from the parents who want to ensure that their students have a voice. This summer I worked to make sure the Fairfax County journalism adviser policies were in line with the school district's revised regulations on controversial issues and student publications. I confirmed with SPLC that we were okay, but added some questions advisers and staffs should ask themselves when covering controversial issues. I presented these and other guidelines to the new advisers in-service when school began. There are so many new advisers who lack training.

## John Tagliareni

While I am usually active in promoting student press rights on the high school level, I got involved in an unexpected situation that occurred at Rutgers University. The Rutgers journalism department chair actually made a statement that students should not write about campus controversies or do investigations and should only focus on the "real world." There was, of course, a strong reaction to this statement. Apparently, the chair was bowing to administration pressure. As an executive board member, I recommended that the Garden State Scholastic Press Association pull out of the Department of Journalism and Rutgers and look for another New Jersey university to hold our events. Fortunately, the situation was resolved before any direct action was needed. Before it got to that point, the chairmen backed down and changed his views. While our action was not needed at that point, and he was unaware of our pending vote, the professors we work with, made it known to Rutgers officials that even at the high school level, student journalists report on controversies and do investigations at their schools. In effect, the high school press served as an example.

I will continue to work with The Record's news assignment editor, Joe Dzeitlenski. The Record is a leading newspaper in northern New Jersey. Joe has worked with us at the GSSPA for a number of years, and he is very supportive of student press issues. He has also sponsored workshops for students and advisers at the newspaper's offices. I still hope to get the editorial board to address our concerns and to write editorials which could support student press rights and convey the importance of scholastic journalism. Jeffrey Page, a Record columnist, is a supporter of student rights, and has addressed such issues as off campus websites and the harassment of students who exercise their First Amendment rights on those sites. I will seek his support for our concerns. I also will invite Jimmy Margulies, the editorial cartoonist, to ink a cartoon that expresses our viewpoints when a controversy arises about student rights and censorship. He has a knack for addressing issues using satire and irony, and he supports our cause. In addition, The Record has an effective Newspaper in Education program, and I have spoken at those workshops over the years. I will push for more active support of First Amendment rights to be presented through their educational materials.

I have been busy with many of my usual obligations as a commission member, and as a past president of the Garden State Scholastic Press Association. I will speak at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's fall and spring conferences, and I will be a speaker at the Garden State Scholastic Press Association Conference in the fall and spring at Rutgers University. I plan to answer questions regarding Tinker and Hazelwood. I also will focus on New Jersey's strong constitution, which protects student journalists. The program includes advisers and students, and I will present workshops which includes press rights information as part of writing about sensitive and controversial issues.

## Fern Valentine

I had a session on press rights at our state Journalism Adviser Workshop at Central Washington University in August. We had a session on Press Rights at our Journalism Day at the UW in September. Both Mike Heistand and I were there to introduce ourselves and pass out materials on press rights.

In October, Mike and the Seattle PI hosted a seminar on Press Rights for advisers at the PI building in Seattle. I attended that as well. He continues to be one our biggest assets. Prior review is rearing its ugly head all over the state as new principals and new schools are setting policies. It is a major topic at our WJEA board meetings.

Commission members: Jane Blystone, Candace Perkins Bowen, Merle Dieleman, Tom Eveslage, Vince DeMiero, Karen Flowers, H. L. Hall, Deb Buttleman Malcolm, Johanna McCormick, Janet McKinney, John Tagliareni, Trace Ann Sena, Becky Sipos, Diane Smith, Randy Swikle, Fern Valentine

## Multicultural Commission

### Norma Sumarnap Kneese, MJE, chair

At the Seattle Convention Spring 2005, there were two Outreach participants, Lori Tanaka of Kahuku High & Intermediate School in Kahuku, Hawaii and Teri Hu of Irvington High School of Fremont, California. Mario Garcia of McCollum High School in San Antonio, Texas attended the Atlanta Convention Fall 2004.

During the summer of 2005, four Outreach participants attended the Advisers Institute at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas: A. Mario Rios of Southwest High School in San Antonio, Texas; Nancy Kunsman of Tahlequah High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Vail Matsumoto of Waipahu High School in Waipahu, Hawaii; and Jo Ann Mastin of Farrington High School in Honolulu, Hawaii.

JEA's Multicultural Commission offered its first Outreach Academy at the Seattle Convention Spring 2005. Kathy Schrier was chair of this event. There were 30 advisers, most from around the Seattle area, who participated in the Academy. The Academy sought out advisers of color, advisers with high minority populations in their schools, advisers of middle school and junior high programs, and advisers with less than five years experience.

Many issues from staffing to coverage to advertising were covered in the Academy. There were professional and educational speakers who participated in the Academy. The feedback from the attendees was very positive. Kathy Schrier did an excellent job in creating this first time event and is credited for making it a tremendous success. Stan Zoller will chair the Chicago Convention Fall 2005 Outreach Academy. Steve O'Donoghue is working on the San Francisco Convention Spring 2006 Outreach Academy.

## Certification Commission

### Mark Newton, MJE, chair

We are exploring the following and welcome all comments:

- Graduate credit from Kansas State for earning MJE status. Credit(s) could be offered for the project, the exam, etc.
- MJE/CJE Directory. Add database of all CJE/MJE members who also are national board certified
- How much should writing count when answering CJE/MJE examination questions? For example, what if the test-taker bulleted out answers that showed high levels of insight and understanding but didn't demonstrate an ability to write journalistically?
- Rubrics for exams (what should they assess? what should they look like?)
- Electronic clearinghouse for teachers to access when they need ammunition to save their jobs or programs, for example, links to studies that show journalism kids to better, state definitions of "highly qualified"
- Action research that shows the academic value of journalism

Information item:

- Throughout the history of the program, we have awarded 148 MJEs and 850 CJE's. For the year (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005), we awarded 54 CJE's and 7 MJEs. Our current active files show 435 CJE's and 107 MJEs.

## NCTE Liaison

### Linda Barrington, MJE

#### Membership

All membership of JEA are automatically members of the NCTE Assembly for Advisors of Student Publications. Our group is the largest assembly in NCTE.

#### Happenings

The NCTE yearly convention will be in Pittsburgh, the weekend after we are in Chicago for our convention. JEA will sponsor a number of events:

- Concurrent session entitled "We Are Not Alone Out Here: Support Group for Student Publication Advisers" presented by Jane Blystone and me. Jane will focus on yearbook and I will talk about newspaper. Jane and I will each give away 50 CDs with newspaper and yearbook files. JEA literature will also be distributed.
- All-day Workshop: Candace Perkins Bowen and Susan Hathaway Tantillo will present "Applying NCTE Standards to Classroom Journalism Projects." Participants pay an additional fee to the convention registration to attend this on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Candace and Susan will give away five copies of their book. JEA literature will be distributed at this session as well.
- I will host a meeting of the Assembly for Advisors of Student Publications where I will hold a roundtable discussion of questions and concerns of advisers. I will give away 50 CDs with InDesign curriculum to the first 50 people to attend.
- We will have a booth at the convention for the first time. I will have JEA materials available and will be there to answer questions and promote the use of journalism in English classrooms. I will also bring along a sampling of JEA bookstore publications for people to peruse.

#### Awards and Honors

I will be honored (along with many others) at a reception for National Board Certified teachers.

#### For the JEA Board

I will always entertain ideas for speakers at the yearly convention. Next fall the convention will be in Nashville, the weekend after JEA.

#### Listerv Liaison - Candace Perkins Bowen, MJE

As of Oct. 15, 2005, the JEAHELP list, open to all members, has 761 members, up 36 from the Spring report, and the JEATALK list, for officers, commission and committee chairs and regional and state directors has 71.

Since last spring's convention, I have monitored the lists daily, offering on- and off-list advice related to postings, deleting those who can't figure out how to do it themselves (although only one subject line since the last convention was "please remove me") changing addresses for those who switched ISPs, adding new members and checking to see if those who ask to join are really JEA members.

I also removed 238 members for summer vacation, adding them back in late August.

Using JEAHELP archives yields a wealth of fairly worthless data about the list. For instance, the word "help" appeared in the subject line 206 times (and in the body of messages many more... often between the lines). This referred to everything from exams to photos to graphics to fundraising to prom. "Censorship" or "prior review" appeared 20 times.

Also between April and October, the word "yearbook" appeared in the subject line 275 times, "newspaper" 133 times and "broadcast" 38 times.

From JEAHELP, we learned how to configure the dots and spaces of ellipses, how much memory InDesign CS2 takes, how to contact Room with a View for a Chicago hotel room and what movies are about journalism. (We also learned some activities to use INSTEAD of movies, even when we have subs.) We wished each other Happy Punctuation Day (Aug. 22), and only one member posted a message on Independence Day - "Happy 4th of July to anyone still on the list!"

SPA liaison - Julie E. Dodd, MJE

**Nominations Committee - Julie E. Dodd, MJE, chair. Members: John Hudnall, Cheryl Pell and Vanessa Shelton**

Happenings

I have been asked by Ann Visser to serve again as chair of the Nominations Committee. I have agreed and have asked John Hudnall, Cheryl Pell and Vanessa Shelton to serve on that committee.

As a committee, we are in an on-going mode of talking to members about leadership in JEA and their own state organizations - trying to identify potential candidates for upcoming or future elections. I compiled a list of individuals who expressed interest in being more involved in JEA and have passed those names along to board members.

For the board

- Are we, as a board, doing an adequate job of recruiting members into leadership opportunities as state directors and as commission committee members?
- Is there any effort to ask individuals who unsuccessfully ran for a JEA office to get involved in the organization in other ways - and should that effort be made?
- Should the Nominations Committee take any additional approaches to candidate recruitment?

Scholastic Press Association Directors Liaison - Julie E. Dodd, MJE

## Happenings

SPA directors met for a 2-hour roundtable at each of the national conventions. In Seattle, representatives from 16 state/regional/national organizations attended. We use the session to:

- Share JEA-related information - board decisions, JEA contests, etc.
- Discuss topics identified prior to the convention with SPA directors being responsible for leading the discussion - At the Chicago convention, issues include contest policies regarding plagiarism and inappropriate use of Internet material and safeguarding scholastic press association finances.
- Address issues of concern to those attending - Directors share new programs or activities and/or ask their colleagues for their advice on handling association issues.
- Introduce new directors - Typically we have at least one new person at each meeting with sometimes as many as four to five new people.

Electronic SPA newsletters are e-mailed to directors to announce information about JEA conventions, solicit input on roundtable topics, and to obtain information about SPA organizations and activities.

**Northwest Region I Report**

**Steve Matson**

Membership: The Seattle national convention last April was good for states in the Northwest, allowing many schools to attend a national convention for the first time. Membership is up in Washington state, and membership remained stable or rose in surrounding states as well.

Happenings: I would like to congratulate the advisers in WJEA who worked hard to make the convention a success in so many ways, and to also thank the many members from across the country who presented talks, judged contests, and critiqued publications. In particular, I found that the quality of the Write-off contests was the best I had ever seen, as was the efficiency of their judging, this thanks to the meticulous efforts of Sharyn Mehner and Fern Valentine. Similarly, Kathy Schrier made the first offering of JEA's Outreach Academy a sterling success, helping define the new workshop and giving participants an outstanding program. And WJEA's newest adviser of the year, Logan Aimone, sculpted a lively program of featured speakers, in particular Margaret Larson, who inspired many of us at the Friday Adviser's Luncheon.

For the JEA Board: WJEA enjoyed breaking the mold a little bit by taking our Friday night entertainment off site to the Experience Music Project. While doing this is fraught with complications, it is a way for host cities to personalize their conventions, and I would encourage local committees to consider something unique with this slot in the convention program.

Finally, it can't be said enough what an amazing job Linda Puntney does for JEA, together with Ann Akers and Tom Rolniki, and the staffs of both JEA and NSPA, for our national conventions.

Awards: We proudly recognize three advisers from our region for awards they received on September 21 from the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund. Linda Ballew, of Great Falls, Montana has been named the 2005 National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year. Similarly, DJNF has named Logan Aimone, of Wenatchee, Washington has one of its 2005 Distinguished Advisers and Steve Gardner, of Billings, Montana as one of its Special Recognition Advisers. The publication Ballew advises, the Inwa, is a finalist for a 2005 NSPA Newspaper Pacemaker, as has the publication Aimone advises, The Apple Leaf.

**Montana - Linda Ballew**

Membership

Montana membership stands at 12, with no change in the last reporting period.

Happenings

Montana advisers have lost the venue for their state conference, traditionally held at the University of Montana and organized by that university's Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association. In a recent letter from Jerry Brown, dean of the University of Montana's School of Journalism, journalism teachers in Montana were asked to take over the organization of this conference. The problem is that given the relatively small number of advisers in the state and the distance that separates them, this may not be possible.

For the JEA Board

The above problem highlights the need for journalism professionals and for college schools of journalism to play an active role in helping scholastic journalism. The JEA Board should continue its efforts to lobby for this with schools of journalism and with national professional organizations.

**Oregon - Nancy Gulliani**

Membership

Because of a high number of adviser turnovers, Oregon Journalism Education Association in conjunction with Northwest Scholastic Press is putting together information packets to be sent to each new adviser. In addition, OJEA is developing a website so that members may post anything from lesson plans and materials to responses to questions.

Happenings

One thousand high school students and their advisers attended the 20th annual High School Press Day held at Oregon State University, Wednesday, October 12. This was an increase of about 200 from the previous year. Keynoters were Nigel Jaquiss, 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner for investigative reporting and Homer Hall, retired yearbook adviser and former Journalism Education Association president.

Seventy workshops for newspaper, yearbook, and video staff were presented.

Awards

Keith Allen, Century High School (Hillsboro, OR) broadcast journalism instructor for the past eight years, was named 2005 Mary Hartmen Oregon Journalism Teacher of the Year. Allen was previously at Glencoe High School (Hillsboro) for 11 years. He's been a photographer and reporter for The Oregonian and The Eugene Register Guard. Allen, along with Lindsay Schnell, Sandy High School graduate and 2005 Oregon High School Journalist of the year, were given special recognition at the press day's adviser luncheon.

In the 2005 Publications Olympics, students from 39 high schools submitted 1,319 entries. Judges awarded a total of 758 certificates including 30 best of category, 98 superior, 228 excellent and 402 honorable mentions. 24 categories were available.

**Washington - Kathy Schrier**

Membership

As of October 2005 there are 133 WJEA members, including 42 new advisers who have joined since the summer. Both the summer workshop in August and Journalism Day in September traditionally contribute to new member sign-ups, but the JEA/NSPA national spring convention in Seattle probably provided a boost, as well. WJEA is proud to have 11 retired members, most of whom stay very active in the organization.

Events and Activities

The national convention in April was a major focus, and because of its timing in April, our state conference and write-off competition, normally held in March, was cancelled. We are now working on the 2006 conference and write-offs to be held at Mt. Si HS in Snoqualmie, WA.

As part of its commitment to JEA, WJEA took on the responsibility of organizing and launching the first JEA "Outreach Academy," which was held on the Thursday of the national convention in Seattle. The new program, geared to improve multiculturalism within the ranks of JEA, and in scholastic journalism overall, will become a regular feature of future national conventions.

The summer workshops drew 35 to the advisers session and 238 to the student session at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Guest expert for both sessions was Mark Newton, award-winning adviser from Grand Junction CO.

The next big happening for WJEA was Journalism Day. This year there were two events: one in Sept. at the University of Washington in Seattle; then another in Oct. at the Washington State University campus in Richland WA. The two events together drew nearly 1000 students, with sessions and keynotes by over 30 media professionals from all over the state.

A new event in September was a Scholastic Press Law Seminar, conducted by SPLC consulting attorney, Mike Hiestand. The seminar drew 13 advisers, all with specific concerns regarding a range of issues, but topping the list was censorship. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer provided their executive conference room on Sat., Sept. 24 for the four-hour session that included lunch and a newsroom tour. Feedback from the advisers who attended was extremely positive.

Awards and Honors

WJEA offers several study grants and awards to advisers and students. Two adviser awards of special note are: Adviser of the Year (Logan Aimone, Wenatchee HS) and the Fern Valentine Freedom of Expression Award (Lois Gibbons, Ephrata HS). WJEA provides more than \$3000 in award and grant money annually. The 2005-06 Administrator of the year is Todd Baddeley, principal at Hanford HS.

**Wyoming - Mike Riley, CJE**

Membership

WHSSPA's membership includes 46 schools of 74 in the state. We lost 3 of our 5 Board members last year, and newly elected reps promise to work hard promoting membership in their regions. We encourage our members to "dual-enroll" in JEA, and three or four members have done so, but only two indicated they will attend the National Convention in San Francisco, and none will go to Chicago. All are looking forward to the Denver Convention.

Happenings

WHSSPA held the State Conference in Casper Oct. 2-3, 29 schools, including 400 students and 40 advisers, attended. 18 schools submitted newspapers for judging, 30 schools submitted yearbooks, and two schools submitted literary magazines. Advisers appreciated being able to meet with the judges one-on-one with their staffs Sunday night and Monday morning.

We only held one On-the-Spot contest, but the prize was \$100 for a news story on the keynote speaker's workshop, a conversation with Chris Turner, CNN's Field Producer from 1980 to 2002. Of the three entrants, Laurel Eatherly of Cody High School took home the cash.

We also award three \$100 checks for Substance Abuse Awareness, Sportsmanship Awareness and Handicapped Awareness articles.

The number of photo entries was down this year, possibly due to new advisers' not getting students to prepare their entries.

Over 40 speakers presented 55 minute workshops on Monday, and tours of the local paper and television stations were available.

Awards & Honors

- Bev East, Hot Springs County High School, was awarded Adviser of the Year.
- Vin Cappiello, Cody High School, was awarded Rookie Adviser of the Year.
- John Binning, Pine Bluffs Junior/Senior High School, was awarded Administrator of the Year.

For the JEA Board

We would like the Board to know we offer scholarships to the Summer Institutes for advisers, but so far, no one has applied. Also, our membership is excited about the National Convention in Denver, and will volunteer to help with whatever is needed.

Southwest Region 2 - Albert Martinez

Northern California, Lynn McDaniel

JEANC is heavily involved currently with the Spring Convention. We are working hard to provide a flavor of California, San Francisco and all that we have to offer. We anticipate a huge turnout and want everyone to enjoy the area while improving their journalism skills. Anyone who would like to participate in write-offs as either a moderator, judge and/or both should contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcddaniel@muhsd.k12.ca.us.

We partnered with California State University Sacramento (CSUS), California Newspaper Publishers Association (CNPA) once again for a successful Capitol Journalism Day, on the CSUS campus, Saturday, October 8. The day also included journalism awards for newspaper and yearbook work. These one-day workshops are successful and allow many staffs to participate, since costs are minimal.

Randy Hamm, JEA/JEANC member from Bakersfield is involved in a case that is entering the courts. His case has been featured on CNN and in many newspapers. Our board has praised him for his support of scholastic journalism and specifically his students who were censored by their principal. He will be doing a session at the National Convention in San Francisco.

Our organization is once again considering hosting a state convention in Sacramento during the fall of 2007.

Utah - Chris Sloan

Utah JEA had another good year. We're preparing for our annual state conference at the University of Utah on November 18 where over 800 student journalists are expected. The conference is supported by that university, Brigham Young University, Utah JEA, and Scripps. Kudos to professor Jim Fisher at the U of U for all his efforts in behalf of Utah's student journalists. The University of Utah also hosted the second annual adviser's workshop in August. Approximately 15 journalism teachers attended the weeklong workshop.

## REGION 3 REPORT

October 2005

Congratulations are in to Region 3 individuals for various honors they have received. Ann Akers, associate director of the National Scholastic Press Association, has been named the Carl Towley Award winner for 2005. She will be honored in Chicago.

Medals of Merit will be presented in Chicago to Randy Swikle and James Tidwell, both from Illinois.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Nancy Becker, Atkinson, Wis.; Jeff Currie, River Forest, Ill.; Sarah Doerner, DuQuoin, Ill.; Ted Heiser, Vernon Hills, Ill.; Carol Park, Hinsdale, Ill.; Linda Profetto, Burr Ridge, Ill.; Gary Raaberg, Grand Island, Neb.; Kathy Stoacham, Omaha, Neb.; Sherry Tommiges, Uita, Neb.; and David Weigand, Marathon, Wis.

In October I emailed all Region 3 state directors, encouraging them to attend the convention in November. I explained the meetings they should attend and the other requirements for receiving the JEA stipend. I also encouraged them to contact the advisers in their respective states whose memberships have expired. I urged them to contact those individuals personally and explained that I also would help contact these people to encourage them to renew their JEA memberships.

I have encouraged the state directors to contact their state high school press associations to offer JEA's resources. I explained to them that the JEA president and secretary are in Region 3. All of these individuals and other JEA personnel may be available to speak and/or present sessions at their state conventions. I also volunteered my services to speak, judge and assist with their conferences in any way and asked to be invited to a future conference or board meeting.

Illinois - Randy Swikle, CJE

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MEMBERSHIP:

Our most current Illinois JEA membership tally was 112, ranking the state as fifth highest JEA membership in the nation. We continue to work toward higher membership by employing various strategies to inspire publication advisers and journalism teachers to see the benefits of membership. For example, the fall issue of our state newsletter is sent to both members and non-members throughout the state to reflect that important benefit. Also, we are working with area student press associations to encourage advisers to join JEA. A new website for the JEA, produced with the help of the Illinois Press Foundation, adds awareness of JEA activities and benefits.

HAPPENINGS:

Much of the year has been focused on preparing to host the 2005 JEA/NSPA fall convention in Chicago. Susan Tantillo is convention chairperson.

We had our first All-State Journalism Team to recognize 10 student journalists who have had profound influence on the staffs of their school media. The honorees received plaques at the first All-State Journalism Team luncheon in Springfield in May. The event was hosted by the Illinois Press Association/Illinois Press Foundation in May.

Plans are underway to conduct our first Illinois High School Association journalism competitions this school year. Regional competition will be held at various colleges in the state. The final state competition will be held at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Partnership with the Illinois Press Foundation continues to thrive as the IPF offers its resources and influence to assist with scholastic journalism projects.

The Illinois First Amendment Center released its new First Amendment curriculum that has literally swept the nation with its success. Teachers and advisers in every state have ordered the curriculum, which is free and available on the internet, CDs, and printed formats. A group of Illinois teachers wrote the curriculum, which expanded an earlier curriculum produced by the IFAC. The curriculum may be ordered via the Illinois First Amendment Center Web site. The IFAC is now considering the development of a First Amendment curriculum for elementary schools.

The JEA and the IPF have contacted all Illinois publishers in a drive to raise funds for the Student Press Law Center's fundraising campaign.

AWARDS & HONORS:

Erin Wood of Richwoods High School in Peoria was named the 2005 IJEA Student Journalist of the Year. First runner-up was John Kuo of University of Chicago Laboratory High School.

Jim Butler, principal of Harrisburg High School, was named IJEA's School Administrator of the Year.

The JEA awarded Dave Bennett, executive director of the Illinois Press Association and the Illinois Press Foundation, members of his staff, and the Illinois Press Foundation its first "Friend of Scholastic Journalism" award this fall at the Illinois High School Student Press Association conference at the University of Illinois.

FOR THE JEA BOARD:

A tip of the hat to the JEA Board for its hard work and excellent achievements toward advancing the causes of scholastic journalism!

## Iowa - Gary Lindsay, MJE

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MEMBERSHIP:

Our state organization continues to work on membership. Our numbers are declining slowly and steadily, the result of school consolidation and the loss of programs in some schools. Our current effort is to reach out to and organize in the northwest corner of our state where we have few members and very little participation in our educational programming - mainly the Fall Conferences held in central and eastern Iowa. Vanessa Shelton, IHSPA director, and Merle Dieleman presented a program at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake sponsored by the Iowa Newspaper Association that had several excellent sessions but was poorly attended. We plan to continue to reach out to that region.

We are also exploring the option of offering "continuing membership" as an option for our school - this would allow us to expedite membership by simply billing the school office annually.

At the time this report was prepared, six JEA members renewed their membership through IHSPA.

HAPPENINGS:

Last February, IHSPA sponsored its first of what we hope to be an annual winter retreat - this one in Davenport. In addition to much needed socializing with our friends and colleagues, the retreat offered preparation and testing for JEA certification with six teachers earning certifications. Susan Hathaway Tantillo, Bob Bair and Ann Visser representing JEA offered presentations, as did David Stedwell. We plan to continue this event this winter.

The IHSPA board established Fire Up for the First Amendment as the theme for our state conferences held in Des Moines and Iowa City. Both events were well attended, and featured outstanding presentations by nationally-known journalism educators.

Laura Schaub keynoted the Des Moines conference at Drake University with a presentation entitled Making the Verbal - Visual Connection. Approximately 300 students from 17 schools attended the conference.

In Iowa City, H.L. Hall keynoted the conference held at the University of Iowa with a presentation entitled Capturing the Emotions. His participation as the keynoter and presenter, as well as providing critiques, was made possible with support from JEA. Approximately 400 students from 27 schools attended.

AWARDS & HONORS:

- Stratton Award for scholastic journalism supporters: Betty Christian, Davenport North High School
- Rod Vahl Teacher of the Year: Steve Lyle, Davenport West High School
- Two principals were honored as Administrator of the Year - Connie Cook from Hoover HS and James Dowdle from Dowling Catholic HS, both in Des Moines
- Student Journalist of the year from Iowa was Brian Burton, of Davenport Central HS, Deb Buttlemann Malcolm adviser; Runner-up was Tara Flockhart of North Cedar High School, Karina Krall, adviser.

## Minnesota - Laurie Hansen, CJE

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MEMBERSHIP:

Our membership numbers did not increase dramatically, but I continue to advocate membership during summer workshops and email.

HAPPENINGS:

Nearly 700 Minnesota High School journalists and their advisers attended the Minnesota State High School Journalism Convention Oct. 4 on the University of Minnesota campus.

Journalism Educators of Minnesota (JEM) sponsors the "All-Minnesota" competition at the fall convention, and I had double the amount of publications entered from last year. Each school that enters receives a mini-critique and either a bronze, silver or gold certificate. The Gold Medallions (individual awards) and the Best of Show competitions are also announced at the fall convention.

On October 18, Lynda McDonnell of the University of St. Thomas hosted another adviser event at the Star Tribune offices. She invited the executive editors of both the Star Tribune and the Pioneer Press to speak to advisers about how they are trying to reach younger readers. The editors were also interested in hearing what the teachers thought could be done to attract younger readers.

A writing coach also presented tips, and I was part of a panel discussion on the First Amendment along with a local metro-area principal and a professional media lawyer.

In the future, Lynda and I, along with Ann Akers and several other student journalism advocates from Minnesota, want to plan a workshop on the First Amendment more geared toward administrators. We would like to get more administrators gathered together for these kinds of discussions.

We are grateful to have professional hockey back on the ice, which means we should be able to offer a group of student writers an opportunity to watch a practice/game and interview a player, in addition to other people who work for the Minnesota Wild.

## Nebraska -- Marsha Kalkowski, MJE

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### MEMBERSHIP:

NHSPA has been working hard to reach out to inactive advisers in both the state organization and JEA. We offered JEA membership through NHSPA Convention Registration and that secured a few new members. Having a convention closer to home has helped and offering a state JEA contest has helped as well. We are looking to combine efforts with the local yearbook reps to offer services to new and struggling advisers.

### HAPPENINGS:

The NHSPA fall convention was held Oct. 17 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. We were honored to have Brenda Gorsuch as our keynote speaker and to have such presenters as Scott Winter and Bruce Watterson, along with many Nebraska professional journalists. More than 460 students from 41 high schools attended the convention. "Cornhusker" and "Golden Kernel" awards were given to publications from the last school year and we thank many JEA masters for assisting with that judging.

Our summer journalism workshop at UNL brought in some incredible presenters from across the country. We thank Lori Oglesbee and Margaret Sorrows for continuing to lead our yearbook sessions; Scott Winter for his expertise in Design and graphics and inspiration; Duane Roberson in Journalistic Writing; Spencer Tiney and Jeff Bowen for their Photography; and Susan Baird and Brenda Schaub for Editorial Leadership. Next year's dates are July 24-27, 2006 and we'd love to invite other states to send students our way. It is a great workshop and we have lots of options for advisers, too.

### AWARDS & HONORS:

The Distinguished advisers from Nebraska this past year were Cathy Davis from Hastings High School and Christine Kaldahl from Millard South High School. Our student journalist of the year was Liz Granger from Omaha Westside High School.

## South Dakota -- Debra Rothenberger, CJE

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### MEMBERSHIP:

The state director has presented information about JEA membership at the South Dakota High School Press Association's Publications Institute during the summer and at the South Dakota High School Press Convention in the fall.

### HAPPENINGS:

The South Dakota High School Press Convention was Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at the South Dakota State University. Terry Nelson, the 2001 Dow Jones Newspaper Fund National Journalism Teacher of the Year, was the keynote speaker. She and Dow Tate, the 1997 Dow Jones Newspaper Fund National Journalism Teacher of the Year, presented yearbook and newspaper workshops. At the advisers luncheon, the advisers discussed ways to encourage more participation at the state convention. Attendance has diminished because of the date when students do not have school, Native American Day, and because of finances. The South Dakota High School Press Association and the South Dakota High School Journalism Activities Association are conducting a survey to find out why attendance is low and what suggestions advisers might have.

### AWARDS & HONORS:

Yankton newspaper adviser Dick Anderson received the Founder's Award for an unprecedented second time. The Brandon Valley Echo was reinstated into the Newspaper Hall of Fame for achieving 20 consecutive All-State awards. The Emery Wheel was inducted into the Hall of Fame for 10 consecutive All-State awards.

### South Central Region 4 - Wayne Polk

#### ARKANSAS - Stephanie Emerson

##### Membership

ASPA continues to work to increase membership. We continue to encourage our members to enroll in JEA when they join the state organization. Several JEA members continue to be active at the national level. There are 82 members in our state organization; 46 of those are in JEA.

##### Happenings:

The State Convention was held in Little Rock in April at the Arkansas State Convention Center. In attendance were 124 publication members/schools, and a record 900 students. On-site contests were held with 545 entries: 10 in newspaper; 9 in yearbook; 5 in literary magazine; 2 in photography; 8 in broadcast. We averaged about 30 entries in each category. Twenty workshops were held in different areas for students and advisers to attend. 1300 awards were presented.

At our June meeting, a new director was selected for the ASPA. Allen Loibner of Pulaski Tech was elected new director of the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association. ASPA will now be housed on the campus of Pulaski Tech in Little Rock.

It was also decided to elect a new position of treasurer to be added to the officers of AJAA. The position will work in conjunction with the new director. Stephanie Emerson of Wynne High School in Wynne, Arkansas was elected.

It was also decided to move the annual state convention to different locations in the state. Until now, the convention has always been held in central Arkansas in Little Rock, but every other year the convention will be held in another section of the state. The 2006 convention will be held April 13 & 14, 2006 in Hot Springs at the convention center with Embassy Suites as the convention hotel.

##### Awards & Honors:

Beth Shull, adviser at Pulaski Academy, was recognized for her service as director to ASPA

#### Kansas - Susan Massy, CJE

##### Membership

Membership in both KSPA and JEA remains strong and steady as we continue to encourage journalism teachers by offering "dual-enrollment" options in our membership pamphlet. Kansas JEA members are still active on the national level primarily through participation in national conventions, contests and critiques.

##### Happenings

The State Contest held in early May at the University of Kansas in Lawrence allowed students to compete in all areas of journalistic endeavor. The Kansas State Contest is one of the few on-site competitions at the state level. Despite the success of the contest, the Board opted to cancel the Awards Banquet at the close of the contest due to declining attendance.

The Fall Conferences, held at three sites across the state on Sept. 26,27 and 28, featured Jack Kennedy as the keynote speaker and attracted 1,647 students.

Kansas schools have entered 75 yearbooks in the All-Kansas yearbook critique. For the first time, face-to-face photo and design critiques were offered.

KSPA remains financially successful and is nearing the completion of the 2nd phase of its endowment. The Jackie Engel/KSPA Endowment Fund has grown by nearly \$7,000 in its first year of existence. The fund opened last fall with a \$16,000 investment. As of September, the fund grew to nearly \$23,000. This fall Phase III of the endowment will begin with a push from professional group across the state. The goal for Phase III is \$37,800.

The vote for KSPA president-elect ended in an overall tie forcing an executive board vote determine a winner. Congratulations to Lisa Crites of Claffin High School. Crites will serve the next two years as president-elect before becoming president in 2007.

##### Awards & Honors

We couldn't be prouder of the following people:

KSPA Director John Hudnall served on the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund panel to select the 2005 High School Journalism Teacher of the Year. This is the second year that Hudnall has served on this panel of five judges from across the nation. Hudnall is also the chair of the Scholastic Journalism Division for the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Humboldt adviser Allen Wilhite was named the 2005 Jackie Engel Award winner. The Engel Award is the Kansas equivalent of the state journalism teacher of the year. Wilhite has been advising yearbook and newspaper for 33 years. He was also named to the Kansas Scholastic Journalism Hall of Fame.

Libby Nelson, Shawnee Mission East senior, was named the National High School Journalist of the Year last April. Nelson is the first national winner Kansas has ever had, according to KSPA executive director John Hudnall. Nelson plans to major in journalism at Northwestern University.

Many thanks to outgoing KSPA president Sharon Martin for her two years of service as president. The new president of KSPA is Linda Drake of Chase County High School.

#### Missouri - Gavin Brady

Scholastic journalism in Missouri is having another strong year. On April 22 The Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) is continuing to build its relationship with advisers in Southeast Missouri. We recently attended the Southeast Missouri Scholastic Press Association's Journalism Day in Cape Girardeau and MIPA provided the main speaker, we did a breakout session and we had a table to recruit new advisers and students for our Summer Media Workshop held at the University of Missouri-Columbia each summer. Missouri School of Journalism faculty and Missouri journalists continue to serve as speakers at Jay and SMW. We've had ethics experts, professional photographers and broadcasters pitch in. We've also been given a scholarship for an MIPA student to attend MU. Our online journalism certification program is booming and we use MIPA advisers to teach the publications class and they get a MU stipend!

Summer Media Workshop 2006: It's a birthday party and everyone is invited. We are celebrating 50 years of SMW. Come and catch up on the trends while celebrating journalistic excellence. The dates for the party and SMW workshop are July 10-13, 2006. We will be offering courses in advertising, editorial, news, sports and feature writing. There will be InDesign workshops for newspaper and yearbook staffs as well as broadcast sessions. We will also have a special session for newspaper and yearbook editors and a leadership class as well. Watch your mail for your special invitation.

#### Oklahoma - Joe Nations

Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association hosted the fall media conference October 24th for all students and advisers on the University of Oklahoma campus. Media awards were presented for yearbook and audio visual. Awards for newspaper will be presented at the spring conference April 17, 2006.

OIPA also sponsored the 2005 First Amendment Congress November 11. Students were encouraged to enter First Amendment writing contests, and they tested their knowledge on Newsmania, a current events game produced by the Freedom Forum.

## Texas - Susan Duncan

### Membership

The Texas Association of Journalism Educators is reaching out to new advisers through its regional workshops and convention, hoping to increase its membership both for state organizations and JEA. Our executive director sends out multiple membership reminders, and teachers can join several state and national organizations at once on the same form. Because advisers must be members for students to compete in some of the contests, some school districts are paying for teacher's memberships in these organizations. TAJE is also offering free first-year convention registration for new advisers.

TAJE currently has 214 members; 230 Texas advisers are members of JEA.

### Happenings

The TAJE held its state convention in San Antonio, Oct. 22-24, with approximately 670 students and advisers attending. Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas French gave the keynote address. Out-of-state speakers included David Knight, Scott Winter, Linda Putney and Ann Visser. Out of 536 entries, more than 282 students and publications won awards in on-site, carry-in, and best-of-show competitions.

TAJE added a new scholarship, the Bobby Hawthorne Scholarship, to bring the total of scholarship money awarded annually to \$5,500.

### Awards & Honors

The following were recognized for their outstanding work in school publications:

Friends of Journalism: Steve Kenny from the Dallas Morning News Newspaper in Education Program; George Sylvie, University of Texas at Austin professor instrumental in ASNE summer workshop success; and Jack Miles, ILPC administrative assistant.

Trailblazer: Deanne Brown, newspaper adviser from Austin Westlake; Jack Harkrider, newspaper adviser from Austin Anderson High School.

For the JEA Board

Texas is still pushing for more than one Journalist of the Year entry because of the number of JEA members we have in Texas. We believe the number of entries should be based on the number of members each state has, rather than one per state.

Another area of concern is FERPA rules and how they pertain to school publications.

## Southeast Region 5

### Brenda Gorsuch

#### Florida - Anne G. Whitt, MJE

### Membership

Florida has 68 members.

### Happenings

As Judy Stevenson left the position of Director of FSPA, her own former yearbook editor, Jolene Pinder, assumed the position. FSPA Today quoted the Documentary Film graduate student as saying, "Every year of this past decade has unearthed a different skill honed during the often-chaotic, never-boring life of a yearbook editor."

At the state convention in April, Deborah Jepson of Osvelo High School was named Journalism Teacher of the Year. Besides a plaque and cash, she received from Poynter Institute "A Day at Poynter."

District winners were also announced. Monica Bondurant of Pace High School represented District 1. Judy Cannaday of Palm Harbor University High School, represented District 4. Vivian Guerra, of Felix Varela Senior High School in Miami, represented District 6, and Marc Fetzer, of Boy Anderson High School in Fort Lauderdale, represented District 7.

FSPA gave three Gold Medallion Awards: Jane Robbins, formerly of Sickles High School in Tampa, Dr. Laurence R. Campbell (posthumously) and Hazel Haley. Haley holds the record for the longest teaching career in the United States, 64 years in education.

Gold Keys, representing 10 years of participation in FSPA, went to Daniel Barr (King High School, Tampa), Judy Cannaday (Palm Harbor University High School), Laurie Foster-Peterson (East Lake High School, Tarpon Springs) and Al Southard (Deerfield Beach High School). For five years of participation in FSPA, seven advisers received Silver Keys: Monique Archer (Cooper City High School), Shawn Eric DeNight (Miami Senior High School), Gordo Gair (Cypress Lake Ceter for the Arts), Edward Kilpatrick (Citrus High School), Regina Maxwell (Osceola High School), Robin Mitchell (Pine View High School) and Ryk Stanton (King High School).

Almost 1,000 students and advisers attended the annual convention at the Hyatt Regency Tampa, April 14-16.

Governor Jeb Bush had declared convention week Scholastic Journalism Week.

Les Rose of CBS News delivered the keynote address at the state convention.

Ten Florida advisers participated in ASNE workshops last summer.

#### North Carolina - Monica Hill, State Directo

### Membership

N.C. Scholastic Media Association continues to include Journalism Education Association membership as an option on all membership forms.

### Happenings

Two Pulitzer Prize winners joined the N.C. Scholastic Media Institute June 20-23. Walter Mears, former Associated Press writer and editor, discussed his book, *Deadlines Past: Forty Years of Presidential Campaigning*. Nick Anderson, editorial cartoonist for the Louisville Courier-Journal, discussed his surprise at learning he had won the 2005 Pulitzer. His name had been mistakenly left off the list of leaked Pulitzer nominees.

Brenda Gorsuch, Dow Jones National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year, addressed advisers. Gorsuch is the second North Carolina journalism teacher to be named to this national post.

Each year the Institute features four days of intense instruction in yearbook, newspaper, broadcast, literary magazine, design, advising and photography. Students and teachers from across the state participate in this residential workshop. The 2006 Institute will be June 19-22 on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

Fall regional workshops were held in five cities across the state. Three more are expected in the spring semester. Fall 2005 workshops were scheduled for Asheville at University of North Carolina at Asheville; Elizabeth City at Elizabeth City State University; Chapel Hill at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Greensboro at North Carolina A&T State University; and at Pembroke at University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

NCSMA continues to offer summer graduate-level courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-Chapel Hill. The two 2005 courses were "Teaching Broadcast Journalism in the Secondary School" and "Desktop Publishing and Design in the Secondary School."

### Awards & Honors

North Carolina Press Foundation, part of North Carolina Press Association, and The Daily Tar Heel, the UNC-Chapel Hill campus newspaper, received the 2005 Kay Phillips Distinguished Service Award. Adam Playford of Riverside High in Durham was named Rachel Rivers-Coffey N.C. High School Journalist of the Year.

Sonie Guseh of Jordan High in Durham and Hadley Heath of Shelby High won the Don Curtis scholarships in electronic communication. These competitive cash scholarships recognize two students in the TV News sequence of the Summer Institute.

#### South Carolina - Karen H. Flowers, State Director

### Membership

This is the fifth year that SCSPA has offered both a one-year membership for \$40 and a three-year membership for \$100. Our board voted to begin the three-year membership in 2000 because of the high turnover rate of publication advisers. Board members felt that if a staff had a three-year membership and an adviser left, the new adviser would have an automatic "connection" with our organization because they would receive the beginning of the year mailings. Advisers also liked the idea of a three-year membership because they didn't have to pay each year.

The beauty of this three-year membership for SCSPA is that we begin each year (membership year is Sept. 1 - Aug. 31) with a core of about a third of our membership. With the high turnover rate of advisers, the multiple-year membership helps us keep communications with the schools during the transition from one adviser to another.

The downside is that the membership fee does not include special services: publication evaluations, mini-evaluations for newspapers, Excellence in Scholastic Newspaper Awards for newspapers, and individual competitions for broadcast, magazines and yearbooks. So we often have to remind advisers whose staffs have three-year memberships to pay these additional fees.

We continued this year trying to increase awareness of SCSPA by targeting different groups of people who might be able to convince advisers an organization like SCSPA would be beneficial to them and to their staffs. We sent packets of information to

- language arts coordinators in all school districts,
- principals with journalism programs whose publications were not members of SCSPA,
- private schools
- media specialists (we have found this group often have the responsibility for publications in their school - especially broadcast)

We are seeing the results this year as more private schools have joined and come to fall workshops and conferences. We also have had two guidance counselors and a principal register the media specialists at their schools for a video journalism workshop and a principal tell an adviser to "send some of his students" to our writing/reporting and design workshops.

Another tactic we are trying this year is targeting all the middle and high schools that are located within a 50 mile radius with information about our workshops, conferences and conventions to help them see the advantages they have so close to them. The local schools participate less than other schools in the state.

We also encouraged membership in our regional organization, the Southern Interscholastic Press Association, and in JEA by putting in a map showing the geographical areas these organizations covered and providing membership forms and a composite form so that staffs and advisers could join one, two or all three organizations. We have seen JEA membership increase because of this payment convenience over the last four years.

SCSPA's broadcast membership is growing, and we are able to offer more services. This year will be the first time that broadcast members will be able to compete in individual contests. They will be able to enter five of seven categories and a first, second and third place will be awarded. Broadcast membership doubled last year (to 10) from the previous year, and five of those received evaluations, up from two the year before. We have only offered membership to broadcast programs since 2002.

### Happenings

The spring SCSPA conference was April 25 and the fall conference was Sept. 26.

For the last two years hurricanes have affected our fall conferences. Last year Hurricane Jeanne brought heavy winds and rain causing administrators in some parts of the state to forbid the schools from traveling to Columbia where the conference was held. This year the results of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused districts throughout the state to cancel field trips because of the price and shortage of gas. Despite the schools that could not come, over 630 advisers, students and special guests attended the 2005 Fall Conference at the University of South Carolina's Russell House on Greene Street.

Those who were able to come attended classes taught by special guests Brenda Gorsuch, Susan Massy and David Knight as well as professionals from state and local media and veteran advisers.

Five all-day workshops were held in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of S.C. Saturday preceding the Monday conference. Massy taught writing/reporting; Gorsuch taught design for newspaper and yearbooks; Alison Shuman taught InDesign. Shawn Rourke taught Photoshop and Amy Medlock taught video journalism. Costs were \$45 or 3 for \$100. Non-members were charged an additional \$20.

## Awards & Honors

Jana Hlecko , adviser of the newspaper at Andrews HS in Andrews, S.C. was named the Reid H. Montgomery Adviser of the Year.

Melissa Rhodes, editor in chief of the newspaper at Clover HS was named the S.C. Journalist of the Year.

Megan Herring, editor in chief of the newspaper at Carolina Forest HS in Myrtle Beach received the SCSPA scholarship and Rhodes received a scholarship from the S.C. Press Association. Both students are attending the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at USC and majoring in print journalism.

Joseph P. Clarke Jr, principal at Spartanburg High School in Spartanburg, S.C., was awarded the Albert T. Scroggins Award which is given to a non-adviser who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of scholastic journalism and journalism education in general.

Publications receiving awards for their 2004-2005 publications were

- Best Literary Magazine: Delphian, Christ Church Episcopal School, Greenville, S.C.
- Best Newspaper: The Voice, Andrews High School, Andrews, S.C.
- Best Yearbook: The Legacy, Dutch Fork High School, Irmo, S.C.
- Best in Broadcast: REAL-TV, Stratford High School, Goose Creek, S.C.

## Central States/Great Lakes Region - Tom Gayda

### Ohio

#### Membership

We continue to encourage our members to "dual-enroll" in JEA, and many of our state JEA members continue to be active at the national level. A few more experienced advisers retired this year and many of us in the journalism community worry that the combination of financial difficulties and advisers retiring will lead to a further decrease in programs across the state.

We are continuing our efforts to identify advisers in each school across the state. This is not an easy task, since it requires calling each school to determine what, if any, publications the schools has and then the name of each adviser.

#### Happenings

In April, the Northeast Ohio Scholastic Press Association (NOSPA), one of the state's three associations, held its annual workshop at Kent State University. Over 500 students attended workshops covering print media, television and radio, design, photography, cartooning, law and ethics, careers, and just about every other media aspect imaginable. Publications and individuals also received awards in 30 different categories of media work.

Over the summer, Kent and Scholastic Media leader Candace Perkins Bowen hosted the American Society of Newspaper Editors Summer Journalism Institute. Thirty-five teachers from all over the US spent two learning more about newspapers and how to advise student publications. The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation sponsored the three-credit, all-expense-paid workshop through a grant to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Many Ohio schools are facing budget and staffing cuts that are leading to curtailment of field trips and, in some cases, elimination of scholastic media programs. This was evident this fall when GLIPA, the Great Lakes Interscholastic Press Association at Bowling Green State University held its 53 rd annual workshop. The number of schools attending was much lower than in previous years, despite two nationally recognized presenters. One was JEA's Jack Kennedy and the other was Evan Wright, Cleveland native and Rolling Stone writer.

JAOS (Journalism Association of Ohio Schools), the third SPA in the state, has big news for its 75 th anniversary. First, Bradley Wilson and Tom Gayda will headline the workshop leaders list. Second, Otterbein College will host the conference. This event is different from other workshops in the state because students choose a strand for the entire day. In the morning, they receive instruction from a team of professionals and classroom teachers. In the afternoon they apply their knowledge in hands-on experiences.

For the JEA Board

Two thank you's to the board:

1. Thank you for helping with expenses for board members to attend regional events! Jack Kennedy's presentations at GLIPA were extremely well-received and gave JEA an excellent presence. At the luncheon after his presentation, several advisers asked for information about joining JEA. I hope they will follow up.

2. I appreciate the board's willingness to increase the stipends for state directors. I have always paid every dime of my expenses at conventions, even when I was an adviser. Now that I am retired, I do the same thing, only on a lower salary!

D.C. - Reginald Ragland

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership figures continue to move at slow growth, but remains promising for DCJEA. It appears stagnant because I have personal knowledge of only two (2) people who have written checks to JEA literally in my face; despite our outreach mailing/drop-offs to teachers exceeding 55. I am encouraged, however, by a new strategy to reach out to DC public charter schools (DC now has up to 32 such K-12 institutions) and with private and parochial schools who's ties have traditionally been with CSJA. I am likewise enthused by a summer meeting and contacts with the DC superintendent of schools over a discussion about the Knight First Amendment Report and of possibility research initiatives with principals and schools about scholastic media virtues. We are additionally targeting and encouraging school libraries, local journalism schools, and (again) media orgs with the hopes of increasing institutional and/or affiliate members. Our goal is to double JEA/DCJEA membership (to approximately 30), at a minimum by 30 June 06. If this does not appear to occur, we will discontinue "soft-peddling" and consider a harder-focused game plan during that summer.

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During the summer, the Maryland Scholastic Press Assn. officially became the Maryland-DC Scholastic Press Assn, through a clarification in its charter. This news helps strengthen the relationship between DCJEA and the University of Maryland, which houses and funds the assn. As such, DCJEA is in the planning mix for the MDCSPA fall convention Oct. 29, by recruiting speakers, sessions and planners and should become a reciprocating partner.

The Newseum/Freedom Forum continue to be a major partner with DCJEA by sponsoring an end-of year reception in May for advisers and recently hosting the fall orientation (Oct. 8) geared for new teachers.

DCJEA is also partnering with The Prime Movers Program, sponsored by The George Washington University, which focuses on developing media partnerships with local high schools. An additional partnership for direct professional development opportunities was made with the Southern Interscholastic Press Assn at the University of South Carolina. Planning is underway to provide one-day training seminars for teachers and to coordinate a trip for students to its convention in March 2006. It is also seeking to strengthen its current working relationships with the Washington Post's Young Journalist Development Program and the Washington Assn. of Black Journalists Urban Journalism Workshops.

Five DCJEA members either were participants, presenters or teaching faculty in the ASNE summer advisers program; the Poynter Institute; and the Iowa Scholastic Press Assn. Summer Journalism Workshop.

#### AWARDS/HONORS

DCJEA adviser Jacqueline Grazette and the staff of the St. Alban's News (St. Alban's School for Boys, Washington, D.C.) were recognized with the JEA IMPACT Award, recognizing scholastic journalism efforts that affect change significant. The series of reports, which covered two school years, by the staffers unearthed ethical lapses among the students of the parochial school (affiliated with the National Cathedral and archdiocese) and help reinstitute in long-disregarded standards of conduct guidelines. She will be recognized at the fall national convention in Chicago.

Other DC-area award recipients include retired literary magazine adviser and photography teacher Barbara Hadley of The Maret School; and two Media Merit/Friends of Scholastic Journalism Citations to National Public Radio (for its comprehensive commitment to student radio projects); and for WAMU, FM 88.5, the American University station for its program, "Youth Voices" that trains and gives "voice" to urban students interested in radio journalism and production.

#### FOR THE BOARD

1) While the need is not as pressing when first requested last year, I believe it would still be beneficial if a handbook of "best practices" tips about improving local/state membership efforts was available. Membership growth remains a DCJEA priority and presumably so with JEA chapters nationally. A similar handbook could be considered (or enhanced) for 1) developing media partnerships; and 2) multicultural competencies (terminology, traditions, myths).

2) Despite being strongly affiliated with it, I remain critical of the efforts of the Multicultural Commission. While there are clear-cut programs designed to enhance the organization's diversity, those programs do not seem to be well publicized, equitably dispersed, or in some instances, purposefully managed. I am also concerned that it may appear to nullify its own intent by not being inclusive of the mostly young and new journalism teachers who have been selected through its programs, and by actively seeking to account for demographic/statistical figures and/or gains. I have repeatedly shared my concerns about this to the Multicultural Commission Chair/Ad Hoc members but they appear dead-set against responding to the matter-- or just "dead." If this commission receives a budget to recruit people and develop programs, it should be held accountable to reporting and sharing whether the retention of these individuals is cost-effective.

3) To increase and enhance the outreach to professional media organizations, a "liaison" position (similar to NCTE) or a comprehensive outreach plan should be considered to take advantage of opportunities to promote scholastic journalism to the organizations which stand to benefit most from the work of advisers. While the national conventions create the obvious "spark" in selected cities, I wonder whether it is sustained with formal partnerships and ongoing collaboration or if it reaches beyond the bigger cities to "smallville" media.

### Michigan

#### MEMBERSHIP

MIPA continues to work on ways to increase membership, including offering discounts to first-time members.

MIPA first vice-president Rod Satterthwaite, who initiated a mentoring program two years ago, currently has some 15 pairs of experienced advisers and new advisers in the program, and it continues to grow.

In June the MIPA board learned that their long-time accountant had embezzled over \$50,000 from the organization over a period of years. Since the accountant worked for MSU and she had also taken from other accounts, the university pursued charges against her.

#### HAPPENINGS

Senate Bill 156, guaranteeing high school students freedom of the press, has been stuck in committee since its introduction last spring. MIPA members and students have undertaken a petition drive and letter-writing campaign in an effort to move the bill out of committee.

MIPA held its spring conference on April 22 where individual students, school newspapers, school yearbooks and school video programs received honors. The conference also offered on-site contests for yearbook and newspaper students and carry-in contests for video and photography.

MIPA's summer workshop attracted just under 600 students to the campus of MSU the first week in August where they selected from a full range of journalism courses. The advisers' courses ran the week before the student workshop.

About 1700 students and advisers attended the fall conference on October 3 which featured Linda Puntney and Bobby Hawthorne as guest speakers. Students attended four sessions during the day, choosing from a number of options that covered all aspects of student journalism.

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

The John C. Field Award went to Michael McCullough of the Battle Creek Enquirer for his support of student journalism.

### Virginia

Led by a very hard-working and dedicated state director, Valerie Penton, VAJTA has had another successful few months since our last report.

Our Journalist of Year was Alexander Truong of Harrisonburg High School. He received a check for \$300 for his first place portfolio, and that was forwarded to headquarters. An award of \$150 went to second place, and \$50 to third place. The number of portfolios submitted was down from last year. We began advertising as soon as the last contest was over so are hoping for more entrants this year.

Our traveling team concept seems to be working very well. A sponsor from any school can contact me or Valerie and ask for a specific program for her school and others in the area. In July we did a day-long workshop at Tabb High School. The evaluations were excellent, and we feel that this is a great way to reach out to teachers and sponsors.

In September we traveled to Washington and Lee University where they and we hosted our annual fall conference. Because Virginia is a large state, we do move this conference around the state. Next year it will be in northern Virginia; last year it was in the Tidewater area. We

had 42 participants, got rave reviews, and thought our hosts at W&L were top notch. We always donate to the scholarship fund at our host site.

Speaking of donations, we sent \$500 to SPLC in September. Because our treasury is in rather good shape, we felt this was the time to send that check.

We are saying "farewell" to Bob Button, our long-time friend and publications adviser for the Virginia High School League. Bob is retiring this fall. His replacement is Lisa Giles, and we welcome her. We continue our close relationship with the League.

Our JEA membership is down a bit, but we continue to have over 100 members. The good news is our state membership is up. Perhaps the economy is impacting membership at this time.

## Maryland

North County High School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, for the second year in a row, has had its yearbook chosen by Taylor Publishing Company to be incorporated into its Top 10% yearbook overview. This overview is published for schools to utilize as guidelines to having a terrific yearbook.

Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded Meade High School, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, literary magazine, as well as Old Mill High School's literary magazine. Both schools are thrilled with these honors.

Montgomery County Public Schools had several great journalists, with one being journalist of the year.

## Indiana

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership has remained steady during the year. College students have shown great interest in joining, as the Ball State chapter of JEA has grown each year. Recruiting members in college is a great way to reach out to those in our profession early on.

The state organization, IHSPA, has a record number of schools enrolled which is another outlet used to promote JEA.

### HAPPENINGS

The annual IHSPA state convention brought 500 to the campus of Franklin College. High fuel costs, proximity to the Chicago convention and fall breaks kept attendance lower than normal, but great keynotes by Scott Winter and Bobby Hawthorne added to a convention experience everyone thought was top-notch.

Advisers continue to work toward state standards, something which looks to become a reality in 2006.

Camille Kalmey took the gavel as the new president of IHSPA last month at the state convention.

### AWARDS AND HONORS

Judy Neilan of Pioneer Jr./Sr. High School was named our Adviser of the Year.

North Central High School principal C E Quandt is receiving JEA's Administrator of the Year award in Chicago. NC's adviser, Tom Gayda, is receiving a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Distinguished Adviser of the Year honor.

#### Northeast Region - Ron Bonadonna

Membership: Amazingly, Eileen Regan from New Hampshire informed me that she sent JEA info to every school district in her state, but did not receive a single reply! She said she would also start a phone campaign

Nancy Dandurand from Rhode Island wrote to tell me she still wants to be State Director and that she was planning to renew her membership. But I haven't heard from her since Aug. 22. I think she is the only member from Rhode Island.

Nancy Olson from Vermont said "I will write again when it isn't so late." That was posted at 10:41 p.m. on Sept. 28 -- Nada since then.

Nothing from Maine, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, though I wrote to each director four times. I had an individual from Connecticut in the spring who was interested in becoming State Director, but I have not heard from her since May, when she was actually planning to form a Connecticut State Association. I'll try again. So, having had that stumbling block, I decided to contact everyone in the Region listed in the directory -- first by email, then letters. I'm at "G" at the moment, and have a few responses, so I hope it is having an effect. However, my major effort will be through the yearbook reps. Bonnie Blackman of Jostens helped the Garden State Scholastic Association greatly when she plugged us to the schools she represents. Well, she suggested that I do the same throughout the region, so I will be approaching that task shortly. I know that Sue Everett here in New Jersey has all of the JEA info ready for our Press Day on Oct. 24. We would like to have a JEA check off for our registration, but I cannot locate any specific information on the scheme associated with having the state association offer a unified membership. Perhaps you can advise me when we get to Chicago. Incidentally, our JOY from NJ was Mark K. Milian of Woodcliff Lake, a senior (in the spring) from Pasack Hills High School in Montvale. Our selection is based upon the winner of the Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship, worth \$5,000. GSSPA also awards a \$1,500 scholarship, the Robert Stevens Memorial Scholarship, for other students who may not be planning a career in journalism, but who demonstrated outstanding credentials in journalistic activities during high school. At Press Day, we will also recognize the winners of our annual Newspaper and Yearbook Contests. Our Press Day usually attracts around 1,000 students and 80 advisers from NJ. It is held at Rutgers University. Our Advisers' Conference is held in May. We also have regional programs throughout the state and we are working on a survey of all publications advisers (which I shall have and will follow up with JEA feedback).

#### Sherri Taylor, New York:

##### Membership

JEA membership continued to be a check-off on the state membership form which resulted in about 13 memberships this fall. JEA information is given to all attendees at the fall conference.

##### Happenings

The Empire State School Press Association fall conference is Friday, Nov. 4 at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications. In addition to sessions for yearbook, newspaper and literary magazine, students could compete in hands-on learning activities and on-site contests.

CSPA's fall conference is Monday, Nov. 7 at Columbia University.

##### Awards & Honors

The New York Student Journalist of the Year went to Janet Aronica, editor of her newspaper at Orchard Park HS.

##### For the Board

I received a note from a member who complained that she received the book on Chicago in late September. She was concerned that she would be left out of the Workshop sessions and trips associated with the convention, since details were not sent prior. I did write back to her to inform her that she could have received this information from the web site. I must agree, however, that it would not be a bad idea to send out a mailing on these additional items that enhance the annual conventions. Of course, there is plenty of advance notice on the convention itself, but these workshops remain somewhat unknown for most members until they get the booklet, and they are really quite interesting. I signed up my 8 kids for the Thursday sessions, but by early October, Photoshop was blocked out. I guess, from the general weakness in the membership from my region, that our programs may be small in the East and it might be difficult for some to plan far in advance of the new school year. Anyway, this was the only real feedback I received, so I thought it should be passed along.