

# Minutes of the Journalism Education Association General Meeting

Friday, November 19, 1999

Cherokee Room – Hilton – Atlanta, GA

President H.L. Hall called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Past President Candace Perkins Bowen called the roll. Those present included:

H.L. Hall, MJE, President  
Rob Melton, MJE, Vice President  
Carol Dreiling, CJE, Secretary  
Candace Perkins Bowen, MJE, Past President  
Linda Puntney, MJE, JEA Executive Director  
Connie Fulkerson, JEA Administrative Assistant/Bookstore  
Bradley Wilson, CJE, Publications Editor  
Susan Hathaway Tantillo, MJE, Certification  
Kathleen Zwiebel, CJE, Development/Curriculum  
Norma Kneese, MJE, Multicultural  
John Bowen, MJE, Scholastic Press Rights  
Steve Matson, MJE, Region 1 Director  
Tony Gomez, MJE, Region 2 Director  
Kathy Craghead, MJE, Region 4 Director  
Sylvia Daughtry, Region 5 Director  
Barbara Flanagan, Region 7 Director  
Joe Nations, Ad Hoc Board  
Albert Martinez, Ad Hoc Board  
L. Candy Suiso, Ad Hoc Board  
Julea White, Ad Hoc Board  
Louisa Causa, Junior High/Middle School  
Michele Dunaway, CJE, Junior High/Middle School  
Ron Clemons, MJE, 75th Anniversary  
Molly Clemons, 75th Anniversary  
Sister Rita Jeanne, FSPA  
Judy Babb, MJE, Write-Off Contest  
Bernadette Tucker, Write-Off Contest

Also in attendance were 105 JEA members.

A summary of the Board action from Nov. 18 was presented by the secretary Carol Dreiling.

## Various reports were presented:

- ★ Convention update: Attendance stands at 4,200 with a few more registrants expected to be picked up by the closing ceremony.
- ★ Ellen Kersey extended an invitation to the “Y2J” convention set for Anaheim on April 6-9, 2000. Convention hotel is the Marriott with Disneyland a nearby attraction.
- ★ Mike Dunlap issued the invitation to members to the Hyatt Regency in Kansas City from Nov. 16-20, 2000. He also asked for volunteers for judging.
- ★ An overview of upcoming convention sites was announced.
- ★ A report by Cindy Barrett, a travel agent with journalism ties, presented the proposed Alaskan “Cruise into the Millennium.” The cruise will be on one of the biggest ships in the industry. Some aspects of the cruise include being waited on hand and foot; freedoms on ship *e.g.* need to see a Broadway show? – then just go; beautiful staterooms with windows; breakfast with a view; gorgeous flowers in May through September. Celebrate the first

Fourth of July of the Millennium with friends and peers. Barrett provided full brochures with prices. She noted a deposit needed to be made by January.

★ Headquarters report by Linda Puntney: Filed budget report with members, noting a \$78,842.12 net income. Noted hiring of a new administrative assistant. Described the computer crash which wiped out the Bookstore Catalog. Noted membership figures being down slightly from last year, but expects to recoup those numbers. Reported on ranged of information available to advisers on JEA website.

★ A motion by Candace Perkins Bowen was made to recognize Sylvia Daughtry and her committee members on the job well done by a hug. Second was made by Alyce Culpepper. Passed unanimously.

★ Molly Clemons extended an invitation to the 75th Anniversary Reception on Saturday night. She noted highlights of the birthday cake, the quilt auction, the history booklet and calendars. She also noted the prizes to be awarded to schools at the keynote addresses.

★ President Hall reported on the status of the AP Journalism class. He and Bradley Wilson and Puntney, co-chairs, are working with Lee Jones. He reported receiving a letter of support from CMA as well as concerns voiced by AEJMC. The committee is working to gain more support.

★ Sister Rita Jeanne gave a report on the Scholarship Funds. She noted an estimated annual income of \$5,048 and mentioned donations of only \$90 last year. She welcomed any donations. She reported that our investments earned an average yield of 7.31%

★ Perkins Bowen shared information with members about ListServ.

★ John Bowen, Press Rights Commission, described to members the progress on First Amendment Schools. Noted that principals, advisers and editors must each answer questionnaires regarding a wide range of First Amendment guidelines. He mentioned the absence of on-line filtering in particular.

★ President Hall informed members that they could access the Semi-Annual Report on the web.

★ Norma Kneese introduced Sunnia Ko of Brooklyn, NY to the members. She challenged members to bring someone of color to the convention.

★ Middle School/Junior High co-chairs Louisa Causa and Michele Dunaway reported that a middle school strand was being offered at this convention.

★ Kathleen Zwiebel reported on the mentoring program. The committee has plans to add more lesson plans and links to the website.

★ Susan Tantillo reported that we are approaching 600 advisers who have achieved certification.

★ Rob Melton gave brief report on Finance Committee meetings and the state directors.

★ Perkins Bowen announced for Julie Dodd that the State Press Association Directors meeting would be a two-hour session.

★ Sarah Ortmann complimented those individuals responsible for the last C:JET, noting in particular H.L. Hall, Candace Perkins Bowen, Steve Matson, Linda Puntney, and Bradley Wilson.

★ Local committee members issued an invitation to the SIPA reception. It carried a Speak Easy theme and was scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Hastings moved to adjourn; Susan Massy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.