

JEA Semi-Annual Report

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Kelly Furnas Named New JEA Executive Director

Kelly Furnas, former editorial adviser at Virginia Tech University, has accepted the position of JEA executive director, instructor/associate director of Student Publications at Kansas State and adviser to the Royal Purple yearbook. He began in the position Aug. 1.

Kelly is a graduate of Kansas State University where he served as editor of the Collegian. At Virginia Tech he was the editorial adviser to the newspaper, yearbook and all media. He led his students through the coverage of the Virginia Tech shootings two years ago.

Linda Puntney said, "When he was on campus for the final interview he was asked why he wanted the position. He said it was not a matter of coming home as some



JEA Executive Director Kelly Furnas teaches high school journalism students during a visit to Topeka West High School. Furnas took over as the organization's executive director in August.

suggested. It was more about the job including everything he wanted to do — advising, working with high-school journalism and connecting with

students in the classroom."

And she said this was the perfect job for him because it encompasses all the things he's passionate about.



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MEMBERSHIP

We are down 45 members from the spring 2010 convention, following a steady downward trend from fall of 2008, and we have fewer than 2,000 members for the first time since 2001. Yet there are still pockets of growth to celebrate: Region 3 (North Central) is up 28 members from last spring, and Region 4 (South Central) is up 10 members. Illinois (11 members) and Kansas (10 members) showed the greatest growth in membership from a statewide level.

HAPPENINGS

June 22 — Attended the JEA Advisers Institute in Washington, D.C.
Aug. 16 — Officially took over as executive director.
Aug. 21 — Attended local committee meeting for Kansas City convention
Sept. 9 — Fall 2014 site visit in Washington, D.C.
Sept. 23 — Fall 2011 yearout meeting in Minneapolis.
Sept. 29 — Spoke to Topeka West High School journalism class.
Oct. 1 — Fall 2010 monthout meeting in Kansas City, Mo.
Oct. 8 — Certification Committee meeting in Denver.
Oct. 23 — Texas Association of Journalism Educators Fall Fiesta in San Antonio

FOR THE BOARD

After starting on the job Aug. 16, the executive director has been working with headquarters staff and his predecessor to quickly get up to speed on JEA operations.

The board of directors adopted a budget with a \$150,500 loss for the current fiscal year, and as an association we are on track to spend our budgeted expenditures. The executive director will present the board a balanced budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, but in the meantime, business items with funding implications are likely to be presented to the body. With membership down and revenue unpredictable, headquarters staff would encourage the board to live within its means.



Jack Kennedy

Jack Kennedy, MJE, President

Most importantly, we have a terrific thinker, leader and advocate in Kelly Furnas, our new executive director. The whole hiring ordeal was a bit overwhelming, but we ended up with terrific candidates and a very tough decision. I have had some opportunities to speak with Kelly this fall, and we are fine. Linda Puntney defines graciousness, and has helped in any way asked in this transition, and I can't thank her enough.

I continue to be so proud of our outreach initiatives (actually, almost everything we do is some form of outreach): Mentoring, NJPLC, the Digital Media Committee, and our Outreach Academy. The sheer talent and passion among the leaders in these four areas is incredible, and JEA is so much the better for their gifts.

In my final year as president, I am interested in finding innovative ways to grow our membership. My call for "Big Ideas" last spring produced some creative strategies, and I am sure that some blend of those will help us reach out to more advisers across the nation. Discussion and action on these membership strategies will be part of board discussions throughout this school year.



Bob Bair

Bob Bair, MJE, Vice President

Emails were sent to state directors to remind them of the requirements for receiving the convention stipend and the report deadlines. I have maintained contact with and have gotten great assistance from regional directors in filling state director positions and updating the database for headquarters.

I met with Linda Puntney, Kelly Furnas, Peter Daddone and Marchelle Payne-Gassaway in June in Washington, DC, where we discussed ways of reaching out to the DC metropolitan advisers. While in

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DC, I also met briefly with the advisers in attendance at the JEA Advisers Institute.

I also attended the Poynter Institute's adviser workshop, "Taking High School Media Online." The workshop was held June 25-27 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

In October I was happy to accept an invitation to attend the KEMPA fall conference in Whitewater, Wisc. As always, KEMPA had a top-notch conference where John Tinker gave the keynote speech.



Linda Drake

Linda Drake, CJE, Secretary

It continues to be a great opportunity for me to work with a hardworking Awards Committee, which is dedicated to honoring some of our outstanding advisers across the nation. The committee members' professionalism makes my job very easy during our selection process.

It was an honor to announce the following award winners, who will be recognized in November at the convention in Kansas City:

Carl Towley Award

Ann Visser, MJE, Pella Community High School, Pella, Iowa

Administrator of the Year

Dr. Charles McCormick, retired superintendent, Kaneland High School, Maple Park, Illinois

Medal of Merit

Mark Newton, MJE, Mount Vista High School, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Sarah Nichols, MJE, Whitney High School, Sacramento, California
Marie Parsons, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Friend of Scholastic Journalism

Cristina L. Azocar, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California

Tyler Buller, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa

Jeneé A. Chizick, Motivos bilingual magazine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gary Cordray, Littleton, Colorado

Lifetime Achievement

Linda Crandall, McCook, Nebraska

Janet Elbom, CJE, Austin, Texas

Nancy Freeman, MJE, St. Louis, Missouri

Lorraine D. Gauvin, Eastlake, Ohio

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This summer I had the opportunity to do a variety of workshops and conferences in North Carolina, Arizona, Arkansas, Virginia and several in Kansas. As I have in the past, I do my best to promote the many advantages of being a member of JEA, an organization that has been such an inspiration to me during my teaching career.



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Past President Ann Visser, MJE

HAPPENINGS

Truth be told, the last several months have been relatively quiet in the past president's realm. I have played an active role in judging publications for four different organizations, and I also represented the Journalism Education Association at the Iowa High School Press Association Fall Conference in Iowa City in October where I was elected as an IHSPA director. Additionally, I have continued to offer suggestions and advice both formally and informally to listservians, IHSPA members and others.

I grieve(d) with many of you at the death of Mike Dunlap. Mike was a quality journalism educator and such a fine individual. He will be missed.

Welcome to Kelly Furnas in his new role as JEA's director. Hopefully, he will find widespread support and encouragement from our membership.

Kansas City promises to be a great convention! Thank you to all who have played a part in its planning.



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Mark Newton, MJE, Certification Commission Chair

We completed the following projects:

- Updated two versions of the CJE exam.
- Updated the CJE study guide.
- Updated the MJE study and project guide.
- Offered both the CJE and MJE exams last spring in Florida and this fall in Kansas and California. JEA will pay for someone to administer the exam(s) if any association can secure five or more approved Certification candidates.

The following projects are in progress:

- Update the MJE exam, application, project guide/rubric and study guides.
- Use social media to market and educate about the Certification process and exam content.
- Continued to offer "Get Certified" convention sessions around key areas of journalism education, all aligned with the teaching standards and assessed in the exams.

Our next action items are:

- Aligning Certification initiatives with other JEA commissions, committees, initiatives.
- Identify more coursework/professional development that will help members complete the three required courses for CJE-Option A (news writing/reporting, media law and advising student media). Post on the JEA website the fact that graduate credit from Kansas State can be earned for acquiring MJE status (project, exam, etc.).
- Explore the development of Web-based professional development in journalism education.
- Explore using JEA Certification for state-approved certification in journalism.

We are exploring the following and welcome all comments:

- Post on the JEA Web site a database of all MJE projects.

Information items:

- Our current active files show the following: Kansas City CJE, 27; MJEs, 3. Current CJE, 403; MJEs, 126.

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Anita Marie Wertz, CJE, Junior High/Middle School Commission Chair

The Middle Madness session that kicks off convention for junior high/middle school students and advisers has moved to Thursday before the opening ceremonies. The change of day and time provided a better opportunity for students to attend the session and encouraged attendance at the opening ceremonies.

The mail-in contest continues to showcase great work from junior high/middle school students across the country. The mail-in contest is held twice a year. All information for the mail-in contest can be found on the JEA website.

Eighth graders are encouraged to start compiling their portfolios for the Aspiring Young Journalist Award. All information can be found on the JEA website. Portfolios are due March 15.



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Norma Kneese, MJE, Multicultural Commission Chair

Kathryn Moore was the Outreach Academy Chair for the spring convention 2010. There were 14 participants at the academy. Many of the feedback on the Outreach Academy were very positive. In responding to what was the best part of the Outreach Academy program, some said:

"The website resources, and modules."

"Diana Mits Klos – great resources, very inspirational." "Enthusiasm of content."

"Stan Zoller – an actual journalism adviser."

"Discussion about censorship – Because it is a major concern for the publications adviser."

"The press law portion and the student panel." "The student panel... proved the worth of everything that we are trying to do."

"Tips on organizing and motivating students."

"Networking, adding a depth of knowledge, lots of curriculum support."

"Sandy Woodcock – real world stories."

Kansas City Outreach Academy Chair is Sharon Martin.

The Teacher Cadre of Stan Zoller, Linda Shockley and Steve O'Donoghue are working with the local Outreach Academy chairs in helping them prepare the curriculum and program of each academy.

The Diversity Award has two applicants for the 2011 year. The Diversity Award will be presented next spring.

At the Portland convention, several workshops on diversity were presented. Reginald Ragland presented Meet This Press. Stan Zoller and Karen Barrett presented Diversify your Publication: Publish in Spanish. Featured Speakers Ruth Liao and Yuxing Zheng presented Voices Unheard: Covering Communities of Color. Stan Zoller presented All the Students, All the Time. Judith Murray and Norma Kneese presented Reach Out, Recruit to Reflect Diversity.

At the JEA board meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee position for the Multicultural Commission was eliminated. Javonna Bass was serving in that capacity. We would like to thank her for all her work and input into the board. The Multicultural Commission was left intact as a separate commission.



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John Bowen, MJE, Scholastic Press Rights Commission Chair

As usual, reports of censorship and adviser questions have kept the commission busy since the last report.

Several issues have been ongoing:

- The commission has been involved with advisers across the nation asking about situations regarding student rights and responsibilities. One situation becoming more common shows schools adopting NEOLA policies that do not support designated public forum status. NEOLA is updating its student publication policies (#5722) from one rather repressive policy to four choices (two repressive and two more open than the one old one but not totally satisfactory). One question surrounding the active push NEOLA is making concerns whether the organization simply presents all four choices as equal options or endorses one more than the others. Schools adopting NEOLA policies are mainly choosing the restrictive policies. The SPLC focused on NEOLA and its policies in an extensive article last spring. If your school is "updating" its student publication policies and is dealing with NEOLA, the commission is interested in hearing about it.

- The commission continues to maintain aggressive updating of its blog, <http://jeasprc.org>. Since last April, site analytics as of Oct. 8 show:

- 13,716 page views
- 4,533 visits
- 2,460 unique visitors
- 2,136 new visitors
- 2,397 returning visitors

Articles on the blog have covered a wide range of subjects, from specific situation questions to more theoretical discussions of principles.

The commission also maintains its website at <http://jeapressrights> and through the JEA homepage. We also updated the 2011 FAPFA application forms at <http://jeapressrights.org/2008documents/2008FAPFAaward.html>

- Our student partners program, 45words, will present sessions and conduct interviews at the Kansas City convention. The students also have plans to record interviews and other materials for their blog, <http://45words.org>.
- Special thanks to Tom Eveslage and Nancy Smith as they leave the commission. Their clear thinking, dedicated and passionate work and support for adviser and student First Amendment rights helped with the commission's outreach. Although their support will be directly missed in commission activities, both have said they will continue to be active in First Amendment issues and through consultation with the commission.

Individual reports from commission members:

Jane Blystone

I have had the great opportunity to post several articles to the SPRC blog: Censorship as a form of Academic Bullying and Journalism as Civic Engagement. Additionally, because I get updates from the National School Board Association, I troll their updates to see their take on First Amendment issues across the country and try to post those URLs to the SPRC blog for people to read.

On another note, I have been reading and judging many yearbooks and newspapers over the summer and into the fall. I am seeing some great journalism in a few publications, but much is on the bland side as students take fewer and fewer risks with their writing.

Candace Perkins Bowen

Besides responding with suggestions for dealing with press rights issues on JEAHELP, OSMA and several ASNE High School Journalism Institute e-mail distribution lists, my major input since the April meeting was working with NEOLA, the school policy-writing group.

Their move to change one very restrictive student media policy option in their overall district policy manual resulted in four versions now. The problem: While #3 and #4 are basically forum status versions (with a few problems but still not TOO bad), versions #1 and #2 are awful. As districts looked at their policies because they HAD to find an alternative to the old one-choice version, some were making VERY bad choices. They were abandoning a forum at least in practice and opting for administrative prior review. Yikes!

So, after two more meetings with the principals of NEOLA, we were asked to write "our side" of the debate, explaining why it would be good educationally and democratically to choose #3 or #4. I spent a great deal of time being concise and appealing to the perceived audience of administrators and school board members. The plan was to post this on the NEOLA website.

That document was finished by June 1 and sent to Dick Clapp, CEO, and Sandy Krueger, COO, of NEOLA. They have never appeared. I sent one follow-up letter during the summer, and one in September, though I'm concerned that a not-too-well-written SPLC Report article about NEOLA, which quoted John out of context on this issue, made the company angry.

The only good news here: The statements I worked on so hard became two posts on the Press Rights Commission blog.

On another front, I am the one writing the questions and study guides and offering the sessions about law and ethics for the Certification Commission tests. That is a good blending of our two commissions.

Tom Eveslage

Media Ethics magazine will publish in its Fall issue my recent piece entitled "Moving Ethics from a Requisite for Free-Speech to a legal Defense for the Student Press." Not sure when it will be out.

This summer I presented at AEJMC a paper entitled "Tinkering with Student Expression: The Schoolhouse Gate Becomes a Revolving Door." It concerns the increased incidence of high school officials punishing off-campus student expression.

I also continue to work with Temple's cooperative program for Philadelphia high school journalism programs, and spoke to a workshop group of these students last summer. We're working with about a dozen city schools.

I'm scheduled to present a law/ethics session at the November state convention of the Pennsylvania School Press Association.

Carrie Faust

Carrie is heavily involved in Colorado First Amendment issues. Schools and the ACLU call me whenever there is an issue or perceived issue with censorship of the scholastic press. I would say that I receive a "can they do this" email or phone call at least once every two weeks.

Through CHSPA, we are planning to have district publication days where we meet with all (if we can get them) the advisers from a particular district, give them some training, some pizza, and then engage them in a censorship discussion. We think that many schools/advisers don't have any idea that they are being censored or that what their administration is doing is wrong. Also, I was privileged to speak to a cohort - about 14 people - of teachers pursuing their masters in administration at the University of Phoenix. My former principal is their instructor and had me in to speak on student rights, specifically scholastic publications. It was a great, rich discussion during which I really think some light bulbs went off. Additionally, I presented First Amendment topics and/or Sound Editorial Policies at both JEA/NSPA conventions and CSPA this year.

Karen Flowers

We are working in South Carolina to push education about First Amendment, student rights, etc. Since we found out that a professor at Furman was telling his students (administrator wanna-bes) that they should follow Hazelwood and squelch anything negative, we have set goals at being proactive through educating our advisers. (Not that we don't always try to, but making more obvious this year.)

We are looking at finding a legislator who may be friendly to a student freedom of expression bill.

We continue to work with a former high school newspaper editor who is student here now to get students involved.

Lori Keekley

As for where I'd like to see the focus, I think finding a way to better educate administration about First Amendment issues before an issue arises might be beneficial. I know a lot of information is out there, but some principals won't read literature you give them. Have we thought about being present at one of their conventions as either presenters or exhibitors? The NASSP's next convention seems to be Feb. 24-27 in San Francisco. I'm rather new to the group and maybe this has been attempted before, but if we can talk to administrators before a tense situation occurs maybe they'll have the information to make better decisions.

Deb Malcolm

Following the lead in Digital Media- picture sales (smug mug) the last two months has been spent going back and forth with the district finance officer and legal consul concerning sales on line. We finally resolved the issue two weeks ago using the precedent that since the district has allowed yearbooks to be paid for on-line for multiple years a precedent for on-line sales had been set. All schools in the district may now adopt the fundraiser for students. Specific ethical considerations were set, including school related public activities and review by a student board that pictures posted would be in good taste (e.g. not embarrassing).

Janet McKinney

In addition to work at the national convention and Poynter, I made personal contacts to advisers in Indiana regarding frustrating situations with

students and administrators. I maintained close contact with Diana Hadley with IHSPA to know which advisers needed information or support. At FHS I worked with the social studies department during Journalism Week and on Constitution Day to coordinated class discussions on First Amendment. I have offered to repeat that again this year, even though it would be as a volunteer.

Although I have not received input from others on the commission, I am working on the definition and guidelines for responsible high school journalists/what administrators expect. I have additional appointments with Indiana administrators after which I intend to submit a draft based on my findings. I believe it would be worthwhile for us to narrow a focus but to continue working/communicating/meeting with administrators in an ambassador role with emphasis on the advantages of a partnership with publication advisers and staff members. Since I am retired, I have time to dedicate quality hours to this or any other project determined by the commission.

Sarah Nichols

Projects and involvement since last report:

1. Student Partners

Following the Student Partners debut in Portland and their debriefing session at the convention, I have worked with Matthew Schott to maintain steady communication and encourage involvement from students. Using the Student Partners listserv and via direct messages, I have communicated with students about their upcoming convention session in Kansas City and about ideas for Constitution Day activities. I have helped coordinate chat sessions and document sharing via Google.

2. Outreach

In addition to responding to various JEAHELP messages (off-list, usually with CCs to Matthew Schott), I have passed along information to Jim Ewert and Joe Wirt of California Newspaper Publishers Association to help support advisers struggling with potential and actual censorship situations and/or retaliation (including Neil Monaco, Konnie Krislock and others in California).

3. SB 438 work

I wrote letters of support to Sen. Yee and then to Gov. Schwarzenegger and attended a hearing to support California Senate Bill 438, clarifying existing Ed code for student expression/press rights to charter schools.

4. Workshop sessions

At the June "digital RENOvation" workshop I presented a session on getting help and using resources from JEA-SPRC and Student Partners. I promoted the blog, panic button, social media, etc and passed out leftover 45words and "think first" buttons. At summer yearbook workshops in Orlando, Atlanta and San Diego I presented a press rights for yearbook "rights and responsibilities" session as part of the leadership training for editors.

5. Miscellaneous

I've been able to post once or twice on <http://jeasprc.org> as well -- although not as often as I'd like, and this will be an improvement goal for 2011.

Ideas for the commission:

- expanded presence from Student Partners and 45words initiative
- SJW and Constitution Day activities
- designated policy/practice for responding to JEAHELP messages publicly to advocate for students as decision-makers

- training modules for advisers who want help earning CJE certification and don't know press law
- follow-up on past projects like wallet cards, etc and other forms of outreach
- more on code of ethics, policies, etc as discussed
- collection of "good news" and "journalism matters" coverage in professional media to host on JEA-SPRC site

Matt Schott

Over the past year or so, I've been working with Sarah Nichols on getting 45words up and running. It's been difficult to get off the ground in terms of meetings and communication. We're managing 10-12 people over five different time zones, but I've been pleased with the work we did. I thought the booth and t-shirts at the Portland convention were fantastic. Sarah and I have tried to float things for the start of this year and have just gotten a few responses of things from the kids this school year.

In other things, I've been to several local and state conferences and been sure to promote both 45words and the SPRC. I posted some things on my Facebook and the 45words Facebook pages regarding the problems the advisor and staff at Timberland High School in Wentzville. I'm presently the co-president of SSP (the StL advisor group) and MIPA (the state press association)..

Kathy Schrier

Since late spring and through the summer, I, along with Fern Valentine and other WJEA members, have encouraged, offered counsel, and arranged for presentation opportunities for the three young editors who lead the "Fight for the Right to Write" effort against mandatory prior review in the Puyallup School District. Their effort has expanded to include a push to pass student press rights legislation in Washington state.

Working with our summer workshop directors, I scheduled a time for the FFTRTW leaders to present a session to their peers at our WJEA Summer Workshop in August. I then arranged for the same three editors to present a session at our annual Journalism Day at the University of Washington. The overall event drew nearly 1,000 student journalists from around the state, and the girls said their session was well attended. In addition, the FFTRTW girls held an hour long symposium on "Student Press Rights in Washington State" following the keynote address that day -- and nearly 200 students remained to learn more.

I continue to be engaged in the push to see legislation introduced in our state, but I am pleased to see other individuals becoming more involved in the effort. Parents and students, particularly in Puyallup, are becoming more concerned with the need to see passage of a bill. Currently, officials in the Puyallup School District favor legislation, but they have proposed changes in the language of the bill that we in WJEA find unacceptable. Our goal is to keep the language as it was in the most recent version of the bill, supporting responsible free expression for student journalists, protection for advisers from retaliation, and school district protection from legal action for content in student media.

My main job, as I see it, is to serve our WJEA membership by keeping advisers around our state informed and aware of what is going on regarding student press rights... and to be a "go-to" person for them when issues arise in their own programs.

Randy Swikle

PROTOCOL PROJECT Two years ago I approached Shawn Healy, director of education of the McCormick Foundation's Civic Program,

about the possibility of securing the Foundation's support for a project to create protocol for free and responsible student news media. The proposal I submitted was accepted, and a budget of about \$60,000 was earmarked for the project. The Illinois Press Foundation agreed to serve as executive agent for the project.

The timing of my proposal was good. The 2009 McCormick Foundation Civic Program was to create an Illinois Civic Blueprint, a document detailing six promising approaches to teaching civic education in high schools across the state. Our Protocol project was an excellent follow-up to that endeavor. As Shawn noted in his foreword to our Protocol document, "Among the approaches [in the Civic Blueprint] is making student activities available that encourage greater involvement and connection to school and community. The link between certain extracurricular activities and lifelong civic engagement is well documented, particularly those organizations that pursue a collective outcome, such as student government, youth service clubs and, perhaps most prominently, scholastic news media."

On Feb. 8-9, 2010, a conference was held at Cantigny Park (the estate of Col. Robert McCormick, longtime publisher of the Chicago Tribune) to garner ideas to create Protocol for Free & Responsible Student News Media. The 50+ participants represented students, journalism educators, administrators, school board members, professional journalists, attorneys and a wide variety of organizations.

After the conference, I spent weeks reviewing audio recordings of large group sessions and the flip-chart notes of the breakout sessions. I used information gleaned from those sources in writing the Protocol document. During the writing process, I collaborated with many of those who attended the conference, and I am forever grateful for their insights and suggestions.

In late summer and this fall I have traveled to workshops, conferences, teacher resource fairs and elsewhere presenting the new Protocol, which is available in hard copy by contacting the McCormick Foundation and online on the Foundation's website.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS I continue representing the causes of scholastic journalism as a board member of the Illinois Press Foundation and the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association. I have many opportunities to address student press rights issues with these organizations, and both boards have been very supportive toward creating school environments that support free and responsible student news media. For example, on Constitution Day Sept. 17, many newspapers in Illinois printed my op-ed on the value of scholastic journalism toward fulfilling the civic mission of schools.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS I am currently working on strategies that can rehabilitate the officials at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire and restore authentic journalism and a publications program that engage in journalism without prior review and arbitrary censorship. The Daily Herald editors have agreed to facilitate an open forum discussion of journalism issues using the new Protocol as a framework for dialogue. We are working on details before requesting the participation of Stevenson administrators and other scholastic journalism stakeholders

John Tagliareni

I am still active in helping at Bergenfield High School with the transition to a new adviser, a process that began last school year. I am still active in the Garden State Press Association as a past president and member of the

executive board. If things go as planned, I will have more time to devote to JEA work. It is more likely that I will be able to attend east coast conferences than others due to costs with airfare, but it may be possible at other locations in the future.

We have a new focus in New Jersey on an issue that is having a negative impact on scholastic journalism. There are some courses that are recognized as being “career pathway” courses that fulfill graduation requirements. Some teachers in other subject areas, like industrial arts/technology, are certified when they graduate from college, but others, like music teachers, are not. They have had to get certification from the State of NJ in order for their courses to be recognized as “career pathway” courses, and they have been able to do that, but we are trying to decode what that would take for journalism teachers.

There is no journalism certification required in NJ, unlike other states, and at this point we are not sure if there is even a way to get certified to meet these obscure standards that the state has imposed in order to have the course count as a “career pathway.” It seems to be a “Catch –22.”
Fern Valentine

Most of my time was spent meeting with the Fight for the Right to Write girls who I met in Portland. I helped them get organized and compose documents, etc. and provided them with information about Washington law, etc. because their advisers had been warned not to get involved. I met with the attorney and made a deposition in the Puyallup trial and attended one day.

After the ruling, when the Puyallup superintendent and School Board decided to support our fight for the legislation, I worked with the school board member most involved and met with the new group of girls since all but one had graduated.

I made a presentation at the adviser session of our WJEA summer workshop and gave all the advisers those cards Vince designed at Poynter a couple of years ago. I think we should make sure that other states have them finished as well as they are very helpful. I made some up to be put in the student packets for the student session and Kathy Schrier will pass them out to the advisers at our fall conference.

We will be working all year on getting our legislation passed and that is something we could pursue at Poynter making up documents similar to the one I wrote for the School Board assembly with input from John Bowen, Frank LaMonte and Kathy Schrier.

Designing leaflets to distribute to legislators in states attempting to pass legislation would be helpful. We could also plan content for letters and e-mail to legislators.

We need to refute “district as publisher” and “kids will be free to print anything at all” statements which we hear most often at hearings. Our group could brainstorm great arguments.

I think we need to keep working on getting students organized as well and work on how that 45 words group could be enlisted to help with legislation, for example.

Commission members: Karen Barrett, Jane Blystone, Candace Perkins Bowen, John Bowen, Merle Dieleman, Vince DeMiero, Carrie Faust, Karen Flowers, Tom Gayda, Mark Goodman, H.L. Hall, Marina Hendricks, Lori Keekley, Janet McKinney, Glenn Morehouse Olson, Sarah

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Linda Barrington MJE and Julie Dodd MJE
JEA Mentoring Committee – co-chairs

MEMBERSHIP

Julie Dodd and Linda Barrington (co-chairs), and committee members Bill Flechtner, Nick Ferentinos, Peggy Gregory, Norma Kneese and Judy Robinson

HAPPENINGS

The mentoring program is beginning its fourth year. We have 33 active mentors this year in 16 states. The new states are New Mexico and Pennsylvania.

The Mentor Academy for new mentors was held at Kansas State University, July 6-8. New mentors are Marilyn Chapman (South Carolina), Casey Nichols (California), Kay Locey (Washington), Janice Hatfield and Kathleen Zwiebel (Pennsylvania), Pat Graff (New Mexico) and Carol Smith (Illinois). Linda Puntney and the JEA office staff were a big help in having a successful training program.

This summer we had our first mentors retire from the program -- Rick Brown (California), Carla Harris (Oregon) and Kay Phillips (North Carolina). We thank them for their valuable mentoring and contributions to the program and scholastic journalism.

The mentors are required to attend one of the two Mentor Forums held each year at the JEA/NSPA conventions. Their travel and hotel expenses are covered by funds from Yellow Chair Foundation. About half of the mentors attend each forum. At the Kansas City convention Mentor Forum, mentors will learn more about technology, especially for long-distance mentoring; be introduced to the McCormick Foundation’s “Protocol for a Free & Responsible Student Media”; and continue to develop a Mentor Handbook.

More than 20 mentors will be attending the Kansas City convention and presenting sessions and judging. An emphasis for the mentor sessions is offering help for new advisers. A new session will be “On Being Mentored” at 10 a.m. Friday, where mentees discuss how the Mentor Program has affected their teaching and their journalism programs.

The JEA Mentoring Program continues to receive funding from Yellow Chair Foundation. As required by Yellow Chair, we submitted our annual

report to the Foundation in October to explain the activities and progress of the program.

The Mentoring Program also receives funding for mentor stipends from the Newspaper Association of America Foundation. Those stipends support mentors who work with minority mentees or mentor in a school with a minority majority student population, helping support JEA's goal of promoting diversity.

A fall edition of JEA Mentoring Matters will be posted online and with copies for distribution at the JEA/NSPA convention in Kansas City. The newsletter highlights the activities and people involved in the mentoring program.

The Mentoring blog (<http://jeamentoring.org>) launched at the JEA/NSPA convention a year ago and has been a useful tool not only for publicizing the ongoing work of the program, but as a way for mentors to share ideas and happenings with the rest of the group. The mentoring program also uses a listserv for internal communication.

FOR THE BOARD

Thank you for supporting the JEA Mentoring Program, which is now in its fourth year. The program to date has trained 37 mentors and has worked with more than 130 mentees in 16 states.



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SPA Roundtables held at each JEA/NSPA convention:
Washington, D.C. - The focus of this roundtable was on resources for scholastic press associations and media advisers with discussion of three national initiatives:

Candace Perkins Bowen -- director of the Center for Scholastic Journalism at Kent State ^

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The 45 Words campaign (the number of words in the First Amendment) developed with SPLC. Boot Camp for Scholastic Journalism Advisers that is offered online at Poynter's NewsU.

Carol Knopes -- director of educational projects for RTDNA
High School Broadcast Journalism <http://hsbj.org> CarolK@rtdnf.org
Resources on the website include:

- Archive of webinars, including SPLC's Frank LoMonte talking about copyright and fair use of music and DJNF Teacher of the Year Paul Kandell's presentation "Vision 2020: Teaching the New High School Media"

<http://hsbj.org/learning/webinars.php>

- Teaching materials, including using "Good Night, and Good Luck," broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow's story -- <http://hsbj.org/learning/other.php>

- Links to two free online courses at Poynter's NewsU to help students and teacher learn multi-media skills ^ Reporting Across Platforms and Video Storytelling for the Web. Set up a free account at <http://newsu.org>
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NAAF has funded the development of courses on NewsU:

- "Finding Your Niche," which is about considering your audience
- "Coaching Tomorrow's Journalists"

Courses NAAF is working on: Media Literacy, Managing Change, and Teens know what they want from online news: Do You? [The executive summary for this last project is available online

<http://www.naafoundation.org/Research/Foundation/Youth-Content/Teens-Know-What-They-Want-From-Online-News.aspx>

- NAAF continues to fund high school newspaper / community newspaper partnerships and is funding the stipends for some mentors in the JEA mentoring program who are working with minority advisers who advise who teach in a minority-majority school.

<http://www.naafoundation.org/Grants/Student-Journalism/Student-Newspaper-Partnership.aspx>

- High School Journalism Matters, NAAF's 2008 research study (conducted by Jack Dvorak) is available online.

http://www.naafoundation.org/upload/foundation_pdf/journalism-matters-exec-summary.pdf

Of concern -- Carol Knopes reported that Knight is shifting its funding that she has worked with, moving from high school journalism to college and adult programs. Carol said the website (hsbj.org) will continue.

Kansas City JEA/NSPA convention -- The roundtable will include discussion of how scholastic media associations can use social media to communicate with members, reach out to non-members, save money, and create a more contemporary image. SPA directors will be sharing strategies.

Information shared at SPA Roundtables and/or through the SPA e-newsletters. SPA directors send e-mails to me, which I forward on to the group. I also use the SPA e-newsletters and e-mail list to share information including updates last spring on the search for the new JEA executive director, encouraging SPA directors to make nominations for JEA awards and to request JEA materials to distribute at summer journalism workshops and conventions, and providing information about the JEA Mentoring Program, which now has mentors in 16 states.



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As of Oct. 15, 2010, the JEAHELP list, open to all members, has continued to grow and now has 1,126, 80 more than last fall's report. The JEATALK list for officers, commission and committee chairs and regional and state directors has 82, two fewer than last fall.

Listserv update:

• "Listserv" software and site changed over the summer, generally a good thing. The site to change preferences is much more accessible to members.

To get the digest form, go to <http://listserv.kent.edu>

Select List Subscriber Login

Input your e-mail address as it is on the listserv. You probably don't have a password, so you may have to click on the link above the fields to "get a new listserv password."

Once you have logged in, click on "Subscriber's Corner" below the top blue bar. This allows you to choose My Settings, and then select [Settings] (in blue) and change to the digest format. Check the list (you probably only have one – or maybe two) and hit SUBMIT.

The archives are also accessible through that portal.

I monitor the lists daily, offering on- and off-list advice related to postings, deleting those members who can't figure out how to do it themselves, changing addresses for those who switched ISPs, checking to see if those who ask to join are really JEA members and adding those Pam Boller at JEA Headquarters sends me. When someone asks to be on the list and isn't a member, Pam also e-mails him or her a nice invitation to join.

My periodic reminders of various functional and ethical matters – such as how to REALLY get off the list, the rationale for not promoting anything with financial gain, how to use the archives, etc. — are ongoing. The list "froze" several times since the fall convention because postings exceeded the 50-message limit, a fail-safe to keep a spam-crazy computer from flooding the list. The only crisis: When fall came and new students flooded Kent State e-mail, some servers thought Kent State was a giant SPAMMER, and they refused messages. That led to error messages and a few members getting booted off the list for undeliverable mail. Most have been added back, and some have changed to less touchy e-mail providers – for instance, gmail.

Otherwise, things have run smoothly.

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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 held in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 18-23. We will host the following events:

Concurrent session called "Multimedia Blogging: Strategies for creating a community within the classroom and beyond" will be presented by Julie Dodd and Judy Robinson.

All-day Workshop: Pat Graff and I will present "Persuasive Writing and Teaching Tolerance: NonFiction Writing Techniques That Inspire Students To Lead Literate Lives."

The booth includes information for advisers of literary magazines, yearbooks, and broadcast media. I also include information from ASNE about their summer program for advisers. This year Frank LoMonte of the SPLC will be joining me in the booth all day Friday and Saturday to answer questions about student press rights and freedom of expression.

Assembly meeting: I host a roundtable discussion about the rewards and challenges of publications advising. I answer people's questions and lead a discussion of journalism issues.

Conference for English Leadership: I attend this workshop which is an extension of the NCTE workshop. I participate in sessions and discussions of interest to teachers in positions of leadership in school districts around the country. I bring awareness of journalism issues to these sessions and discussions.

In addition, I follow the National Standards discussion and report periodically on the JEA listserv about what is happening and explain how members might share their opinions when appropriate.



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HAPPENINGS

JEADigitalMedia.org completed a year and a half in existence. The site has continued to grow, as has the support for the flood of schools moving online. We have been tracking data so we can get a gauge of how we are doing with this. I will only touch on part of it here, please let me know if you'd like to have any other data and I will make sure to get it to you.

I have decided to compare six month periods of the site (from March 13-Sept. 13 and Sept. 14-March 12) each year that I do this. They are even six month periods and will allow us to get an annual report together in time for each convention.

In the first year and a half, we had more than 200 articles published, 25,621 visits, and nearly 69,332 pageviews. Including myself, there are 25 members of the committee who are on an email list. Eight committee members are considered contributors for posting at least three times over the past 6 months or because they assisted with the redesign this summer.

Traffic to the site is still mainly coming from those coming to us directly and those finding us on Google. Traffic from JEA.org rose from 5.4% last spring to more than 8.5% now.

We also have a presence on Twitter and Facebook (links below). With the efforts focused on the redesign this summer those accounts have not been as active as we would have liked but they have their moments.

Aside from keeping up with the site, we have worked to encourage others to present digital media sessions offered at national conventions.

Those are the two main charges we have focused on.

Personally, I still work to respond 15-20 emails a week from people wanting anything from their school added to the site to technical support

with their Web site. Committee members have helped in recent weeks to lighten this load a bit. We do what we can to answer each of their questions promptly or give them a resource to turn to if we don't know the answer.

As always, if there is anything anyone would like to see on the site, please email us at info@jeadigitalmedia.org.

Here are the links I said I would make available:

Visitor data for JEADigitalMedia.org: <http://bit.ly/9fEoUf>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/jeadigitalmedia>

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MEMBERSHIP

The Northwest Region currently has 163 members, 152 voting members, in JEA. Unfortunately, we did not see the "bounce" in membership I would have expected from last April's Portland convention, which is worrying.

HAPPENINGS

To help represent JEA in the region, I had the pleasure of attending several regional workshops, one in Idaho, two Washington, and one in Vancouver, B.C., where I taught at a yearbook workshop. I have been exploring the notion of inviting/adopting Canadian advisers into the JEA family.

This is the end of my term as Regional Director for the Northwest, and I want to thank all the advisers and state directors I have had the pleasure of working with for the last 12 years. I will be running for the office of JEA's Vice President in the next election.

AWARDS & HONORS

Hearty congratulations to the following advisers from the Northwest who have recently received national recognition!

- Sandra Coyer, who advises The Viking Vanguard, a Newspaper Pace-maker finalist
- Derek Smith, who advises the Arrow Newsmagazine, a Newspaper Pacemaker finalist



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Alaska currently has 3 voting members in JEA.



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MEMBERSHIP

ISJA is in the black after three years. An active push to save the organization and increase membership involvement at the board level has been successful. Another factor in this financial success has been partnering with Idaho State University's Mass Communications department. ISJA has saved money on facility fees and has been able to offer more scholarships to state journalism students who wish to attend the ISJA fall conference. Information may be found at: <http://www.idahostudentjournalism.com>.

Idaho currently has 26 voting members in JEA.

HAPPENINGS

This year's Fall Conference will be held Oct. 29-30 on the campus of Idaho State University, in Pocatello, Idaho. Keynote speaker will be Christ Huston, who runs the news department for Channel 3 KIDK in Idaho Falls. In between his first job as a newsroom greenie and today, Chris has had a career of over 30 years in broadcast journalism. The theme of this year's conference is "Plug into the World." The logo contest winner is Mersaydeze Ledesky of Borah High School, adviser Michelle Harmon.

AWARDS & HONORS

In honor of Idaho Adviser Ron Hayes, a scholarship fund has been es-

tablished. These scholarships will be awarded to five students from ISJA member schools. Awards had not been presented as of press time for this report.



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From Montana State Director Linda Ballew

MEMBERSHIP

Montana has had a relatively stable interest in membership. Because of new members participating in the Montana Journalism Education Association conference at the state teachers' convention in Billings, MT, in October of 2009, we have had stable numbers even as retirement comes for seasoned advisers. Montana currently has 9 voting members in JEA. Membership involvement remains strong from the larger AA school districts, but concern has been expressed about diminishing membership and contest entries from smaller school districts.

HAPPENINGS

MJEA will have limited participation in the 2010 Educators' Conference Oct. 21-22, 2010, in Helena, MT. The organization will be allowed to join other curricular groups at the convention and will be supported by MEA-MFT. MJEA president Shauna Kerr expressed her concern for a lack of workshop presenters.

The Journalism Advisory Council (JAC) met Sept. 23 and discussed a number of issues of mutual interest to scholastic and collegiate journalism and the future of the profession of journalism.

Journalism-related events happening at the University of Montana's Journalism school in the fall of 2010 include:

Sept. 30 –Chris Palmer, wildlife film producer. The UM Foundation, Education and Journalism brought him to campus for fundraising presentation and to speak to classes.

Oct. 5 – Sportscaster Brent Musburger.

Oct. 13-16 – The Society of Environmental Journalists hosts their national convention on campus.

Oct. 18 – Pollner Professor Eli Saslow's Lecture, 7 pm, UC Theater. Saslow is from The Washington Post and spending fall semester at the J-School.

AWARDS & HONORS

Chosen as MJEA's Montana's Journalist of the Year, Mary Kate Koppy served as the editor in chief of the Great Falls High School "Iniwa." Koppy received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Montana Newspaper Association to the college her choice, Montana State University. Koppy received her award and scholarship at MNA's annual awards banquet.



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MEMBERSHIP

2010 was also an election year for the OJEA Board of Directors. Lisa Lacy from Tualatin High School was elected President, Catherine Hampton of Marshfield High School was elected Vice President, Scott Hoffman from Tualatin was elected treasurer and Amy Jack from Sherwood High School was elected Secretary. Erin Simonsen from Lakeridge High School now moves into the past president role on the Board. In August, Steve Carrigg stepped down as State JEA Director and J.D. McIntire was appointed his replacement. All of these Board members will serve three-year terms.

The Board also discussed membership recruitment options. Fall Press Day serves as our primary membership recruitment vehicle and with the future of the event in jeopardy the board is looking into other ways to enhance its membership. The yearly membership hovers around 40 schools. We hope an increased web presence will encourage membership in the more remote areas of the state. Oregon currently has 34 voting members in JEA.

HAPPENINGS

The Spring 2010 JEA/NSPA National Convention was held in Portland and was considered a success by the local committee. Despite our limitations in hotel space and location, the convention ran smoothly and we look forward to our next opportunity to host the West Coast convention. Nigel Jacquiss and Tim Harrower were interesting and entertaining keynote speakers. We were also happy to be the hosts for Linda Puntney's final convention. She has been a great mentor and friend to scholastic journalism in Oregon over the years. We wish her well.

In October of 2010, Northwest Scholastic Press Association held Fall Press Day at Oregon State University. This also serves as an annual meeting for OJEA members. We were informed in August by NWSP that the staff at Oregon State would no longer be able to supply the work hours to conduct Fall Press Day and the state high school journalism awards, known as the Publication Olympics. The OJEA Board voted at the August meeting to assume control of the Publication Olympics so the high school journalists in the state would not miss out on this opportunity to have their work evaluated by professionals and receive their awards. The status of future Fall Press Days is up in the air. OSU is still a possible location although the preparation work organizing the event will have to be supplied by an outside source. The OJEA Board expressed their gratitude to the OSU staff for the hundreds of hours they have spent annual supporting scholastic journalism in the state.

AWARDS & HONORS

Spencer Adrian from Sandy High School was the 2010 Oregon High School Journalist of the Year. Adrian has enrolled in the journalism program at the University of Oregon for the fall. Adrian received a \$1,000 scholarship along with the award. The second place finisher was also from Sandy High School. Kelsey O'Connor received a \$500 scholarship with her award. She is attending Western Oregon University.



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MEMBERSHIP

The Washington Journalism Education Association continues to attract new members and re-enlist former members. We are currently processing all memberships for this school year, so an exact count isn't available, but we expect to be slightly above the past few years' average. We are continuing to work on ways to attract and retain even more members and last year we introduced several new membership categories and levels. Washington currently has 76 voting members in JEA.

HAPPENINGS

Our WJEA Summer Workshops were a huge success. Approximately 275 students and advisers from throughout the state (and beyond!) attended the camps held at Central Washington University. Our featured guest this summer was Logan Aimone – current NSPA executive director and former WJEA adviser. It was great to have Logan with us particularly since he grew up in Washington and attended high school within walking distance of our summer camp facilities.

WJEA held its annual Western Washington J-Day in mid-September at the University of Washington. More than 850 students and advisers were in attendance for the day of sessions and symposia presented by members of the working press in the Seattle area. WJEA Executive Director Kathy Schrier again coordinated the event and did an amazing job. Our keynote presenter was Seattle Times Managing Editor Suki Dardarian. Following the keynote, an optional "after workshop session" focusing on student press rights was moderated by the three student editors from the Puyallup high schools who are spearheading the Fight for the Right to Write campaign.

WJEA's Board held its annual planning retreat in late June at the offices of POP in downtown Seattle. The day-long session focused on long-term visioning and was facilitated by POP manager W. Joe DeMiero, who is a former student journalist and now one of the top e-media strategists in the business. He also happens to be my younger brother.

WJEA continues to be very pleased to be participating in JEA's mentorship program. Executive Director Kathy Schrier is in her second year

as a mentor and is doing a wonderful job. Veteran educator and adviser Kay Locey joined the ranks this summer when she attended the training workshop at KSU. We're proud to have two excellent mentors working with advisers in our state.

On the student press rights front, Washington continues to be a hotbed of activity. Most notably, the Puyallup School District was victorious in defending itself in a lawsuit brought by the families of four former students who claimed that the district was negligent in supervising the student editors of the Emerald Ridge H.S. JagWire when it published the students' names (with their consent) in a story about oral sex. Ironically, the district's legal team used as its defense the fact that at the time the JagWire was an "open forum" publication. However, since that time the district enacted one of the most draconian prior review policies in the state despite the fact that Puyallup had never had prior review in its long, storied history of producing exemplary student publications. Executive Director Kathy Schrier and I testified on behalf of the Puyallup School District, which was also rather ironic, since we have spent a great deal of time trying to persuade the district to rescind its decision to enact its new policies.

We hope that scholastic press rights legislation will again be introduced in the coming legislative session. This would be our fourth attempt and we remain hopeful that persistence will pay off.

FOR THE BOARD

WJEA is exceedingly pleased that JEA and NSPA have selected Seattle for the 2012 spring national convention. We are eagerly anticipating hosting this amazing event again. Long-time adviser and JEA Northwest Regional Director Steve Matson will again serve as the local organizing chair for the convention. Steve was our chair in 2005, as well. Our theme for the 2012 convention will be "Journalism on the Edge" and we plan to have special strands that focus on the rich traditions that are unique to the Seattle area – including our edgy music, our edgy technology, and the fact that we live way out on the upper left-hand corner – the edge – of the country. Should be a lot of fun!



Dawn Kundsvig

Wyoming State Director Dawn Knudsvig

MEMBERSHIP

Wyoming's JEA membership consists of 19 schools. Wyoming currently has 4 voting members in JEA.

HAPPENINGS

A total of 229 students and advisers attended the Annual State Journalism Convention October 4th and 5th in Casper, WY. It was a 2-day

event, beginning with workshops on Monday afternoon, with dinner and an awards banquet that evening. Our keynote speaker, Jim Angell presented his take on journalism ethics Tuesday morning. The convention wrapped up Tuesday after two more workshops.

New Board Members were decided at the adviser meeting Monday, Oct. 4. Dawn Knudsvig stayed on as the Executive Director and Polly Burkett remained as Secretary. Vin Cappiello of Cody, remained as public relations advocate. Walter Farwell resigned his position as president. Katherine Patrick accepted this position while Lisa Gray signed on as vice president. Greg Rohrer will remain as the treasurer. Other officers will include three at large board members Alan Lords of Lyman, Steve Heil of Buffalo, and Jake Montgomery of Cody and WHSAA Representative, Diane Rodriguez.

Board members are making plans to meet in a November as it begins to reorganize WHSSPA, develop a financial plan and to work on promoting the organization. The board will also begin to look at ideas for the next convention to be held the fall of 2011.



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HAPPENINGS

Given all of the bad economic news in this region that seriously impacts schools, teachers, and journalism programs, several bright spots have appeared since the last report for our Southwest Region that help mitigate the ongoing struggles our teachers face.

First, several regional colleagues received national JEA recognition this fall for their ongoing journalism education excellence:

- Mark Newton (Colorado) and Sarah J. Nichols (Northern California) received Medals of Merit
- Mary Lauck (Colorado) received a Lifetime Achievement Award
- Justin Daigle (Colorado) and Christopher Greenslate (California) were named national Rising Stars.
- Gary Cordray (Colorado) and Cristina L. Azocar, Center for Integration and Improvement in Journalism, San Francisco were honored as Friends of Scholastic Journalism.
- Evidence of the work in California over many years by State Senator Leland Ye and the hard work on the part of the students and advisers in the school to improve the environment for student journalists, La Costa Canyon High School (Carlsbad, California – Christopher Greenslate, adviser) was honored as one of three schools nationally awarded the First Amendment Press Freedom Award.

Additionally, the 2010 National High School Journalist of the Year and recipient of the \$5000 Sister Rita Jeanne scholarship was Ina Herlihy of Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco (adviser, Tracy Anne Sena).

Many additional adviser and student honors and state awards [mentioned in each state director's report] in this region testify to the passion and commitment of the region to high standards in scholastic journalism on the part of both advisers and staffs.

In major regional initiatives, JEANC members initiated a new digital-emphasis summer workshop ["RENOvation"] sited at the University of Nevada (Reno). The first workshop took place in late June, with Tracy Anne Sena as workshop director and instructors Don Bott, Sarah Nichols, Michelle Balmeo, Ellen Austin, and Rachel West. The workshop went well, and it will continue in June 2011.

A separate initiative, conceived by Norma Kneese two years ago, is leading to a small advisers-only digital training workshop which will take place in December 2010. Hawaii state director Karin Swanson is coordinating a 15-teacher free workshop for Hawaiian advisers which will bring in teachers of high-percentage native schools on remote islands into Honolulu for an intensive version of Paul Kandell and Tracy Sena's digital and online training. RTNDF has generously contributed to this initiative to cover inter-island flight expenses to bring the Hawaiian teachers to Honolulu, and the University of Hawaii has also contributed. Karin hopes that JEA will contribute support in "in kind" memberships for the participating advisers for two years, as well as possibly matching RTNDF's financial contribution.

In regional concerns, a high-priority concern is the lack of state director in New Mexico. Hopefully this situation will resolve by the close of November.

In Utah, April Squires will be retiring next year, which will require the appointment of someone for Utah's state directorship.

In California, Sarah Nichols has taken up the position as Northern California's state director, effective in June, filling the post formerly held by Lynn McDaniel.



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From Arizona State Director Carmen Wendt, CJE

HAPPENINGS

July saw a change in the Summer Journalism Workshop sponsored by AIPA in partnership with the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism

and held on the Arizona State University downtown Phoenix campus. Strands offered were PhotoShop, InDesign, Web Design, Writing for New - Or Not So New – Journalists, and an Adviser Seminar. For the first time the Workshop was a two-day, commuter workshop. Registration tripled from the previous year, and evaluations were very positive. (Peggy Gregory, Carmen Wendt, Co-Directors)

The Fall Convention was held the end of September at the ASU Tempe campus. Over 600 students and their advisers attended a variety of sessions, listened to keynoter Jeff Browne, and received awards from the fall contest. (Melanie Allen, Convention Coordinator; Kristy Roschke, Contest Chair)

The state website has a new look thanks to Jill Jones, www.azaipa.org.

AWARDS & HONORS

Thunderbird High School received the Student Press Law Center Courage in Journalism Award (Sherri Siwek, adviser)

The situation at Thunderbird was explained in detail in the Spring 2010 regional report.



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From Colorado State Director Kristi Rathbun

MEMBERSHIP

Colorado state membership is currently at 147 members; JEA membership is at approximately 73. Initiatives to increase membership include a one-year sister-school membership program. Member schools received certificates to give to any other non-member school of their choice. Sister schools can check out CHSPA for free for one year, then sign up on their own next year.

HAPPENINGS

A lot has been going on in Colorado Scholastic Journalism. Notable events include the following:

- Executive Director Jack Kennedy was elected at the start of the summer and took office July 1, 2010. Kennedy has made great strides in promoting CHSPA. Regular list serve updates, an active Facebook page, and a fresh website have all helped to keep CHSPA more current and accessible to advisers and journalists.

State Journalism Day was Oct.14, 2010, at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. Record attendance of 1528 students and advisers ensured a successful conference. State Adviser of the Year Mary Lauck of Platte Valley High School and Administrator of the Year Brad Joens of Platte Valley High School were announced at the opening keynote session

while individual awards and sweepstakes winners were announced in afternoon ceremonies. JEA Yearbook Adviser of the year, Lori Oglesbee also spoke at J-Day, inspiring students at the opening session, and sharing her expertise in morning sessions. Additional offerings took place Wednesday night prior to the conference.

Southern Colorado Media Day was Oct. 28, 2010, featuring opportunities for students and advisers in the southern portion of Colorado to hone their journalism skills – especially if they were unable to attend J-Day at CSU.

AWARDS & HONORS

Congratulations go out to numerous advisers and publications staffs who have received national recognition for their hard work

• Newspaper Pacemaker Finalists:

The Rocky Mountain Highlighter, Rocky Mountain HS

The Eagle Eye, Mountain Vista HS

The Rock, Rock Canyon High School

• Medal of Merit: Mark Newton, Mountain Vista HS

• Lifetime Achievement Award: Mary Lauck, Platte Valley HS

• Friend of Scholastic Journalism: Gary Cordray

• Yearbook Distinguished Adviser: Carrie Faust, Smoky Hill HS



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From Hawaii State Director Karin Swanson

MEMBERSHIP

[Will submit after state convention in Honolulu at end of October. Membership numbers will likely rise.]

HAPPENINGS

Because the university news service relocated to a new building, our fall Journalism Day at the University of Hawaii was delayed by a month. Advisers and student journalists will gather Oct. 23 for a day of workshops with professional journalists, including newswriting basics, mock news conferences, design consultations, and visual storytelling workshops.

The UH journalism adviser, Jay Hartwell, continues to be supportive of high school journalism in Hawaii, and he's a great resource for advisers.

The Internet Youth Journalism Advising conference comes to Hawaii Dec. 17-20. Paul Kandell and Tracy Sena will lead an intensive three-day workshop for advisers who want to launch online news sites. The conference will be held at the Kamehameha Schools Kapalama campus.

INITIATIVES AND VISION

JEA is underwriting the iYJA event, but I'm not sure of the level of

financial support. We received a generous grant from the RTNDF, which will cover transportation costs for advisers from Hawaii's outer islands. Jay Hartwell, who administers a fund set up to support high school journalism, has also pledged part of that fund to this workshop.

Furlough Fridays in the state's public schools certainly didn't help the journalism programs in Hawaii. I continue to hear anecdotes of papers ceasing to print due to budget cuts.

AWARDS & HONORS

Mililani High School took top honors at the Hawaii Publishers Association annual High School Journalism Awards in April.



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From Northern California Director Sarah Nichols

MEMBERSHIP

California has 180 JEA members to date (although this figure represents the entire state and the remainder of this report will focus on Northern California). Our NorCal organization, JEANC, has 168 members to date.

HAPPENINGS

RENOvation (summer workshop for digital media, convergence). Directed by JEANC president Tracy Anne Sena, we hosted our first workshop of what will be an annual summer training for students and advisers.

The workshop took place at University of Nevada-Reno at the Reynolds School of Journalism and was a huge success. Participants gained skills/experience in all forms of writing as well as print and online design; photo, video and sound editing; social media; issues and trends in journalism and everything journalists need to know in the digital age. We will host round two in June 2011.

Fall Journalism Day "Making it Better" at The Sacramento Bee in October. More than 100 students and advisers registered for this all-day Saturday workshop with a heavy online focus. Strands included beginning, intermediate and advanced for reporting, designing and managing student publications and how to juggle print and online staffs. This was sponsored by CNPA, JEANC and CSJI and taught by Karl Grubaugh, Sarah Nichols, Casey Nichols, Steve O'Donoghue and Kelly Wilkerson as well as pros from The Sacramento Bee.

Upcoming workshop: Digital RENOvation: June 19-23, 2011, at University of Nevada-Reno

We have lots of smaller, local things happening, such as a group of Sacramento-area schools collaborating to produce stories for The Breeze, a high school newspaper printed with support from professional journal-

ists as writing coaches and in conjunction with The Sacramento Bee and CSJI. The Breeze publishes four issues per year; this is its second year of publication. A similar project is in its third year in Contra Costa.

Veteran advisers are coordinating small networks for adviser support and collaboration. This fall, these have taken the form of social gatherings to build relationships and get people involved or find them the resources they need to stay in journalism education. In the Bay Area, Paul Kandell organized an event for Silicon Valley Journalism Advisers in Mountain View on Sept. 24 and Sarah Nichols and Karl Grubaugh organized a Sacramento-area adviser gathering at DeVere's on Sept. 14.

INITIATIVES AND VISION

In spring 2010 we piloted online contest submission for our annual JEANC contest program and found great success in the digital submission. Since that time, creator Michelle Balmeo has shared her methods and technology structure with folks in Arizona and Colorado based on inquiries for their state contests, and she created a post for the JEA Digital Media website about how to do this.

Schools are still really struggling in Northern California. Stipends have been eliminated, classes cut or combined, furlough days issued – nothing has really improved since the last report. Field trips are virtually impossible because of the sub fees and transportation issues.

Working with JEA's Scholastic Press Rights Commission, student Zoe Newcomb of Convent of the Sacred Heart High School continues to serve as a JEA Student Partner and will be presenting a press rights session in Kansas City. She maintains the group's Twitter account (@45words) and is part of other First Amendment awareness efforts for students. Sarah Nichols is one of two adult liaisons for this group.

INITIATIVES AND IDEAS NORCAL MEMBERS WOULD LIKE JEA TO CONSIDER:

Expansion of Journalist of the Year program to include panel of state winners to attend recognition reception and/or panel or Q/A session at the spring national convention. Our state is planning to increase the prize money so that students are able to have a travel stipend in order to attend the convention. We would like to see all state winners recognized in some way.

We would like JEA to consider providing an option that state organizations could be under the national umbrella with access to secure servers in order to accept credit card purchases online and offer e-commerce options like online payment and registration for conventions, contests and other items. State organizations usually do not have the money to purchase the secure host needed or to maintain an annual fee for such limited use, but if the national organization allowed states to do this together, we could easily share costs and benefits.

AWARDS & HONORS

At the end of the Portland convention, Ina Herlihy of San Francisco (Convent of the Sacred Heart High School; Tracy Sena, CJE, adviser) was named 2010 National High School Journalist of the Year

NSPA awards: Three publications were named NSPA Pacemaker Finalists for the newspaper and newsmagazine contests: Redwood Bark – Redwood High School (Tom Sivertsen, adviser); The Stagg Line – A.A. Stagg High School (Don Bott, adviser); The Prospector – Cupertino High School (Ann Peck, adviser). Additionally, 10 schools in Northern California were presented with students named as finalists for awards in Story, Photo and Design of the Year contests (broadcast, yearbook,

newspaper, magazine, multimedia).

In Kansas City, Sarah Nichols, MJE, will receive JEA's Medal of Merit Award and Cristina L. Azocar, Center for Integration and Improvement in Journalism, San Francisco will receive Friend of Scholastic Journalism

MENTORS

NorCal has two JEA mentors: Katherine Swan of San Francisco and Casey Nichols of Rocklin. [Swan did not respond to requests for information, so I am unable to report on her mentoring activities.] Nichols is a newly inducted mentor (after attending the training at JEA HQ in July). His two current mentees are from Colfax and Modesto, and he has visited them each at their school for a half-day support session. They communicate on a near-daily basis via e-mail.

FIRST AMENDMENT CHALLENGES AND RELATED CONCERNS

We can celebrate the success of SB438, signed into effect by Gov. Schwarzenegger after efforts from several advisers and supporters in Northern California. The bill (now law) clarifies that charter schools are covered under California Ed Code 48907 for student expression. Members participated by writing letters of support, attending hearings, making phone calls, etc (Paul Kandell, Sarah Nichols, Steve O'Donoghue and Jim Ewert of CNPA – all with the help of state senator Leland Yee).



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HAPPENINGS

The most important development is bad news: Konnie Krislock, whose situation prompted Senator Yee to include charter schools in section 48907, which grants students significant press rights in California, was not rehired at the Orange County School of the Arts as either newspaper or yearbook adviser. Konnie commented that despite the law, all advisers are vulnerable to the peremptory whims of administrators.

The following southern California yearbooks received Pacemakers at the 2009 Spring convention in Portland:

Wings, Arrowhead Christian Academy, Redlands, Calif.
Christine Smith, Chloe Sheppard, editors
Crystal Kazmierski, adviser

Ash a Wut, Gabrielino HS, San Gabriel, Calif.
Michelle Huynh, Patricia Yu, editors
Philip Zamora, adviser
Pilot, Redondo Union HS, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Maddie Kleinman, Emily Kuriyama, editors
Mitch Ziegler, adviser

Cayuse, Walnut HS, Walnut, Calif.
Michael Silverstre, Arnold Chang, editors
Rebecca Chai, adviser

Prowler, Pioneer MS, Tustin, Calif.
Caitlin Johnson, Rachel Remick, editors
Lori A Spiak, adviser

Story of the Year:
Sports: Honorable Mention
Nadia Farjood
The Falconer, Torrey Pines HS, San Diego, Calif.



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No Report Submitted.

Please see regional overview on the first page of this report for a brief mention of the RENOvation workshop (took place in June 2010) which has been inaugurated in Nevada, in collaboration with the University of Nevada (Reno).

Special thanks go out to Liz Walsh from her northern California colleagues for her integral help in lining up guest speakers throughout the workshop and for facilitating workshop details in collaboration with Tracy Sena and the other workshop instructors.

The workshop had about 35 attendees, and financially came out ahead. There is already significant planning completed to keep the workshop in place next year, with much momentum generated for even more "digital forward" focus.



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From Utah State Director April Squires

HAPPENINGS

The Utah state journalism conference will be held Nov. 19 and will include the Writers and Photographers' Clinic. The event will take place at the University of Utah. One day of workshops given by local professionals and critique of newspaper layout. Advisers attend separate all-day meeting given by Jim Fisher, University of Utah Communications Department. April Squires will give a brief presentation on JEA activities.

Additionally, there will be a mail-in competition for newspapers. Winners will be announced after January, and booklet is published with winners' work.

In March 2011, there will once again be a Sunshine Week celebration at Riverton High School with guest speakers. All Utah advisers are invited.

There is also a First Amendment and Sunshine Week poster contest for free Sunshine Week T-shirts.

Utah JEA state director April Squires will be retiring at the end of the year in June 2011. In May or June 2011, she will send an invitation to advisers to attend planning and state director selection. April will be giving an update on that process at the regional meeting at the Anaheim convention.



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From Illinois State Director Randy Swikle, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

The current IJEA membership is 100. We believe many of our new activities, our partnership with the Illinois Press Foundation, our involvement with the Illinois High School Association journalism competition, and our excellent rapport with regional student press organizations will help inspire more advisers to join IJEA and JEA.

HAPPENINGS

The McCormick Foundation Civic Program with the Illinois Press Foundation serving as executive agent funded a conference proposed by Randy Swikle, Illinois JEA Director, to create protocol for cultivating free and responsible student news media. On Feb. 8-9, 2010, more than 50 participants—including school administrators, student journalists, news media advisers, college educators, attorneys, professional journalists and other stakeholders—attended the conference at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. The location is the former estate of Col. Robert McCormick, late publisher of the Chicago Tribune. We adopted the definition of ethical protocol written by Bob Steele Poynter Institute Scholar for Journalism Values.

Bob's definition of ethical protocol: We believe it is in the best interests of all stakeholders [in scholastic journalism] to adopt protocols for ethical decision-making. A protocol is not a policy setting down specific rules. Instead, a protocol is a process and a framework for making good decisions. A protocol includes key principles and important questions. The principles provide reference points on your moral compass, represent "what you stand for," and guide you in ethical decision-making.

The checklist of questions is a pathway to follow to resolve conflicting principles and to help determine your actions.

We believe that ethical protocol is a valuable tool for cultivating free and responsible student news media, improving communication among scholastic journalism stakeholders and enhancing democratic learning in schools. The Illinois JEA sent a copy of the 78-page protocol book to all secondary journalism teachers in the state, and the report is being distributed nationwide. Educators and students can download the report from the McCormick Foundation website: <http://www.freedomproject.us/Education/Protocol.aspx>

In other news, our statewide Illinois High School Association contest continues to grow in popularity and participation in its fifth year. Broadcast Journalism was added as pilot event this year and will join the 15 other event categories in competition next year. In addition to providing exciting opportunities for students to compete in various journalism categories, the IHSA also provides important information and resources that have assisted several IJEA projects.

The top 10 school winners
Naperville (Central)
O'Fallon
Huntley
Rolling Meadows
Urbana (University)
Mt. Prospect (Prospect)
Palatine (Fremd)
Galena
Belleville (West)
Minooka

Event Champions

Advertising, Joyce Park, Palatine (Fremd)
Copy Editing, Emily Van Etten, Naperville (Central)
Editorial Cartooning, Katherine Janda, Naperville (Central)
Editorial Writing, Elaine Andell, O'Fallon
Feature Photography, Bety Camino, Wheeling
Feature Writing, Sarah Walz, Elk Grove Village (E.G.)
Headline Writing, Jake Trotta, Barrington
Info Graphics, Jimmy Hibsich, Rollin Meadows
News Writing, Safiya Merchant, Chicago (Lane)
Newspaper Design, Sam Bernard, Galena
Sports Writing, Chris Yoder, Urbana (University)
Review Writing, Katy Melcalf, Urbana (University)
Yearbook Copy Writing, Keelan Murphy, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)
Yearbook Layout: Double Page Spread, Najah Bhatti, Glenview (Glenbrook South)
Yearbook Theme Development, Bridget Miller and Kate Ryan, Wilmette (Loyola Academy)

The IJEA appreciates the support of the Illinois Press Foundation and its Illinois First Amendment Center. The IPF has sponsored our state awards luncheon and has supported IJEA in countless ways. The new executive director of the IPF, Dennis DeRossett, has expressed his commitment to scholastic journalism. Barry Locher has been appointed Foundation and Member Services Director. The Illinois First Amendment Center continues to provide free First Amendment curriculum materials, posters, presentations and other support to schools in Illinois and around the nation. The IFAC also conducts workshops and conferences around the state. IJEA has been an exhibitor at Teacher Resource Fairs sponsored by the Illinois Press Foundation and the McCormick Freedom Foundation.

AWARDS & HONORS

2010 Illinois High School Journalist of the Year: Jimmy Hibsich, editor of the The Pacer, student newspaper at Rolling Meadows High School, Rolling Meadows, Ill. (Stan Zoller, adviser). First Runner-up: Pam Selman, editor of The Statesman, student newspaper at Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Ill. (Andrea Behling, editor, Belvidere North High School, Belvidere, Ill. (Mike Doyle, adviser).

2010 All-State Journalism Team: Karen Baena, Lane Technical College Prep High School, adviser Seth Johnson; Andrea Behling, Belvidere North High School, adviser Mike Doyle; Nicholas Chaskin, University of Chicago Laboratory High School, Chicago, adviser Wayne Brasler; Will Fernandez, University of Illinois Laboratory High School, Urbana, adviser Dave Porreca; Cierra Goolsby, Harrisburg High School, adviser Cathy Wall; Jake Hamilton, O'Fallon School High School, adviser Mary Dempsey, Andrea Perkins, John Hersey High School, adviser Janet Levin; Cazzie Reyes, Richwoods High School, adviser Dan Kerns; Megan Thilmony, Oakwood High School, adviser Tim Lee; Carriann Willis, Bloom Trail High School, adviser Stephanie Kapaldo. Special recognition, Jimmy Hibsich, Rolling Meadows High School, adviser Stan Zoller.

2010 Illinois JEA Administrator of the Year; 2010 National JEA Administrator of the Year: Dr. Charles McCormick, superintendent, Kaneland School District 302, Maple Park, Ill. (Laurie Erdmann and Cheryl Borowdale, student newspaper advisers.)

2010 JEA Friend of Scholastic Journalism: Greg Kessler, media specialist, Edwardsville High School. Nominated by Michael Dando, journalism adviser.

2010 JEA Lifetime Achievement Award: Michael P. Gordy, Antioch High School; Linda Kane, Naperville Central High School.

2009 JEA Medal of Merit: Janet B. Levin, John Hersey HS, Arlington Heights, Ill.

New JEA Mentor for Illinois: Carol Smith (retired), Lovington High School (retired), Lovington.

Other JEA Mentors for Illinois: Babs Erickson (retired), Thomas Jefferson High School, Rockford; Randy Swikle (retired), Johnsbury High School, McHenry.

Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Journalism Teacher of the Year: Special Recognition Adviser: Stan Zoller, Rolling Meadows High School, Rolling Meadows, Ill.

'Those Who Excel' Illinois Teacher of the Year Finalist: Dennis Brown, Huntley High School newspaper adviser, was one of eight finalists, statewide.

2010 NSPA Newspaper Pacemaker Finalists from Illinois: The Lion, Tom Meyer, editor; Jason Scales, adviser, Lyons Township HS, La Grange, Ill.

2010 NSPA Best of Show (Portland) from Illinois: Newspaper: The Pacer, Jimmy Hibsich, editor; Stan Zoller, adviser, Rolling Meadows HS, Rolling Meadows, Ill. Yearbook, Etruscan, Anna Carlsen and Lindsay Roseman, editors; Brenda Field, adviser, Glenbrook South HS, Glenview, Ill.

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The IJEA appreciates the work you do, and we congratulate the JEA board of directors for its significant achievements in advancing the causes of scholastic journalism.



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From Iowa State Director Leslie Shipp, MJE

MEMBERSHIP

43 advisers are currently JEA members.

56 schools in Iowa are currently IHSPA members.

HAPPENINGS

IHSPA Annual Board Meeting: The board met in Iowa City in June 2010. Members discussed the following items:

Lyle Muller, of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, joined the board. Last year, board members voted to ratify the constitution and add a professional media person.

It was announced that Jack Kennedy, former Iowan, would join Gary Lindsay as a JEA mentor for the state of Iowa.

The board decided to continue with the new format for the state yearbook and newspaper contests, which were unveiled last year.

David Schwartz, executive director of IHSPA, floated the idea of creating an IHSPA Scholar program. He suggested qualification for the honor might hinge on completion of some type of community service project. The board decided to hold more World Tours. President Timm Pilcher presented the idea at last year's board meeting as a way for advisers around that state to meet and connect with people not active or members of IHSPA/JEA. Last year events were held in Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Mount Pleasant. The first one this year was held Sept. 15 in Cedar Rapids.

There was lengthy discussion about Regents Admissions Index not counting yearbook and newspaper production courses as core credit for admission to three the regent universities. Iowa and Northern Iowa defy this declaration. Iowa continues to allow one year of newspaper to count, but not yearbook. Northern Iowa counts one year of journalism. It was agreed that guidance counselors are confused by/unaware of these conflicting situations. Advisers will need to continue to educate.

Fall Conference:

The Regional Conference scheduled for Oct. 7 at Iowa State in Ames was cancelled due to little interest/schools not allowing field trips.

The State Conference was held Oct. 13 in Iowa City. Bobbie Hawthorne, speaker at many a convention, was the keynote. He told students to not write boring stuff.

AWARDS & HONORS

The following people were honored during the past six months:
Stratton Award for scholastic journalism supporters: Tyler Buller, a former Johnston Schools board member who helped pass a teacher protection policy much like the California. The policy, now rescinded by the current board protected teachers who supported their students' First Amendment rights from retaliation.

Rod Vahl Teacher of the Year: Ginny Ordman, Iowa City West HS

Administrator of the Year Award: Shane Ehresman, Washington HS

Censorship Situations:

None that are known of since March.



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Recruitment is ongoing for new members in preparation for upcoming National Convention. Total membership has increased to 30.

HAPPENINGS

The Minnesota Wild event

MHSPA in cooperation with the Minnesota Wild, held a sports writing, photography and broadcast contest on Jan. 26, 2010, at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. Students attending this event were able to attend and report on a Minnesota Wild practice session, interview several team officials and Head Coach Todd Richards. Then they write a story or submit photos/broadcast on deadline. Twenty-five students attended the event.

The winners attended the game on March 14 and sat in the press box with the professional media. Their names are printed in the programs and the winning broadcast plays on the big screen. We also publish the winning entries on the MHSPA Web site. Broadcast winners were Luke Braun and Ryan Linne from Lakeville South High School and the Story winner was Ryan Williamson from Eden Prairie High School. The photography winner was Maddie Butler from St. Paul Academy. Journalism Day at the Guthrie.

Twenty-eight students participated in Journalism Day at the Guthrie on Wednesday, Feb. 24. At this event, students gather in the morning to hear about the job of the public relations coordinator for the Guthrie, and

enjoy a tour of the theaters and behind the scenes areas such as props, costumes and rehearsal rooms. Then they have a talk by a professional reviewer/arts editor. Following the arts critic, students viewed a matinee of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Arts writer Graydon Royce agreed to speak with the students, judge the reviews and post winning reviews on the Star Tribune website. He ended up posting five of the top reviews. A nice variety of schools were Schools represented: Emily Schirvar of Stillwater Area High School, Emilia Burns and Tim Jurney from Eastview High School, Brigid Kelly from Minnehaha Academy and Nadja Leonhard-Hooper from St. Paul Academy.

Adviser's gathering

In early February, some members of MHSPA met with Logan Aimone at a social event where we talked about possible future programs, and starting discussing plans for the upcoming Minneapolis Convention. We are also planning a convention-planning meeting for this April.

AWARDS & HONORS

Adviser of the Year

Our 2009 journalism teacher of the year is Nick Fornicoia of Eastview High School in Apple Valley for his work with the Flash and 4Cast broadcast programs. Fornicoia was honored at the broadcast department's end-of-the-year banquet at the school on May 31, 2009. The award's for Fornicoia's programs include:

17 regional Emmys

Awards from Student Television Network and Channel One
Winners in MHSPA broadcast contests with Minnesota Wild
MHSPA Gold Medallion winners

Featured on website and broadcasts locally and nationally

More than 250 students participating in broadcast journalism

Dozens of students earning high honors and pursuing careers in broadcast journalism

Censorship Issues

The battle on the censorship front continues...

Last year, Andrea Kruger of Centennial High School took steps to loosen the control by her principal on the student newspaper. Her efforts have been slowly gaining momentum, and the principal attended the Minnesota High School Press Association Convention in October. He expressed enthusiasm for what was going on in student journalism. He loosened his grip slightly, letting the paper operate under a "limited open forum" this year. Baby steps...baby steps.

Recently, Mounds View High School's newspaper, advised by Martha Rush, a Dow Jones Special Recognition Adviser, came under pressure from the principal to switch immediately to prior review after the paper published a story on an inappropriate Facebook posting and the student punishments that were a result of the incident. Students interviewed and worked with the principal to get the story published, which included getting signed waivers from students and parents involved, but the principal changed her mind and wanted to pull the story when it was already too late. The paper had already gone to print.

The prior review issue was reported to both the St. Paul Pioneer Press and the Star Tribune. Both papers covered the issue, and Martha was advised to let her students make the decisions on fighting the decision, and was given all the necessary contacts such as the SPLC and John Bowen, etc.

Recently, the superintendent intervened and requested that a process be followed, so for the last two weeks, Martha was gathering sample

newspaper staff and district publications policies with anti-Hazelwood language so as to properly prepare for a board-level discussion and decision-making process. This one took us by surprise because the students had worked with the principal prior to having the story published, and they thought they were doing everything above board, only to have it get blown out of proportion post-publication. This is still going on, and currently the paper's publication has been halted until prior review is lifted from the Mounds View district.

Martha Rush is meeting with the principal and AD on Tuesday, March 23 to develop the "process." Martha is going to propose that she'll give the principal a story list a week before distribution and give her copies of the pages AFTER they are sent to the printer. That way, she has a heads up without doing prior review. If she insists on something more, like reading stories, then they are back to square one. Martha said this is the first attempt to actually write out a policy.

The story was also covered on the SPLC website at the following link: <https://www.splc.org/newsflash.asp?id=2049&year=>



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MEMBERSHIP

Continues to be strong. Many members used their option to join both JEA and NHSPA this fall.

HAPPENINGS

We are bringing many small delegations to Kansas City, including students from Marian High School, Millard North, Millard South, Omaha Westside, Elkhorn and others. Many advisers are also attending from OPS and LPS! We give our thanks to all who have organized the latest convention.

The NHSPA Fall Convention was held Monday, Oct. 18 at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. More than 500 students attended. The keynote presenter was the new Dean of the School of Journalism, Gary Keibel. UNL Recruiter Scott Winter welcomed the attendees and sessions were presented by journalism professionals from the Omaha and Lincoln areas and from the College of Journalism as well as experts in the yearbook world. The NHSPA Board welcomed a new executive director, Mary Kay Quinlan and formally thanked retiring executive director John Bender for his years of service to scholastic journalism in the state.

Summer camp was held July 29-August 1 at UNL. Camp directors were Courtney Archer and Cathy Davis.

Contact them for more information at nhspaworkshop@gmail.com. We commend Cathy Davis for her years of service as camp director. Courtney will be joined by Kim Bultsma, as the new co-director for the 2011 summer camp. Dates are July 24 - July 28. Tracks for Editorial Leadership, Broadcasting/Convergence, Journalistic Writing, YB, NP and Photography are planned.

JEA Nebraska will have a winter contest that follows a similar format to the NSAA/NHSPA State Contest. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 3. JEA friends will be called upon to help judge for us. Proceeds from the contest (JEA members enter free and non-members pay \$1 an entry) go to the SPLC. Results from last winter's contest can be found at: <http://www.omahamarian.org/nhspa/jeaneb/2010nejea.htm>

The NHSPA/NSAA Spring State Contest entry submission went electronic last spring and we were excited to be one of the first to try a new system. We are fine tuning the system this year. Members are asking for broadcasting categories to be added and the NHSPA Board is seeking feedback on these ideas, but starting with making a Broadcast category for the 2010 Cornhusker Competition.

AWARDS & HONORS

The Distinguished Adviser for 2010 was Joanne Chapuran of Millard South High School, who just finished her term on the NHSPA Board.

The 2010 Cornhusker Awards (highest critique award for the state of Nebraska) were given at our fall convention. Congratulations to the newspapers and yearbooks who have earned this honor.

NEWSPAPERS:

The Lance, Omaha Westside, Class A1
The Echoes, Scottsbluff, Class A2
Paw Prints, Omaha Gross, Class B
The Scoop, David, Class C
Spotlight, Falls City Sacred Heart, Class D

YEARBOOKS:

South Star, Papillion-LaVista South, Class A1
The Dragon, Gretna, Class A2
Bluff, Scottsbluff, Class A2
The Crusader, Omaha Marian, Class A2
Imprints, Omaha Gross, Class B
The Bronco, Centennial, Class C
Chieftain, Yutan, Class C
Trail, Fairbury, Class C
The Eagle, Wood River, Class C
The Huskie, Heartland, Class D
Triangle, Brownell-Talbot, Class D
Longhorn, Dorchester, Class D
The Cardinal, Hayes Center, Class D



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From North Dakota State Director Susan Skalicky, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

Oct. 4, 2010 our Northern Interscholastic Press Association held its fall workshop in Bismarck for the first time in 89 years with 237 students and 13 advisers. This is the best attendance the fall workshop has seen in many years. NSPA executive director Logan Aimone was our lunch speaker. He had a great time with the students looking at the use of social media in journalism.

Current North Dakota JEA members:

Sue Skalicky, Century High School
Meghan Brown, New Rockford-Sheyenne School
Keith Henderson, Bismarck High School
Jeremy Murphy, West Fargo High School
Andrew Pritchard, NDSU
Brenda Werner, Bismarck High School
Karen Bauer, Bismarck State College – received an email that she is renewing

Recent membership expirations:

Annie McKenzie, Bismarck High School - I believe she is planning to renew. She is out on maternity leave and has not yet returned my email about membership.

Advisers considering membership:

Angela Cassidy, West Fargo High School
Lara Prozinski, Devils Lake High School
Carol Foth, Valley City High School

HAPPENINGS

Since the NIPA fall workshop in Bismarck was such a great success, we will pursue alternating workshops and competitions between Grand Forks and Bismarck to achieve the highest attendance possible from across the state. The spring 2011 competition and 2011 fall workshop will be back in Grand Forks and then both events will be in Bismarck in 2012. We will continue to alternate every year.

My hope is that with increased NIPA membership, JEA membership will also increase. It was fun to have Logan Aimone join us at our state advisers' meeting. He talked about NSPA, I talked about JEA and Jeremy talked about NIPA.

AWARDS & HONORS

Century High School, Sue Skalicky, adviser.
Century Star newsmagazine – NSPA Pacemaker finalist
Century Star newsmagazine – Quill and Scroll International first place award in scholastic journalism
Greg Hilzendeger – NSPA sports story of the year finalist



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From South Dakota State Director Deb Rothenberger, MJE

MEMBERSHIP

At the South Dakota High School Press Association Press Convention's adviser session in September, state director Debra Rothenberger presented information about JEA membership, certification and the national conventions. NSPA executive director Logan Aimone also informed the advisers about the JEA/NSPA fall National High School Journalism Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HAPPENINGS

The South Dakota High School Press Convention was Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at the South Dakota State University in Brookings. JEA Yearbook Adviser of the Year Lori Oglesbee of McKinney, Texas, was the keynote speaker. She also conducted a student session. NSPA executive director Logan Aimone conducted an adviser session, Argus Leader sports writer Terry Vandrovec, a writing session; and freelance photographer Robert Gallagher, a photography session.

In the afternoon during the general session, director Doris Giago and coordinator Jessica Jensen presented the awards including the Founders Award, the on-the-spot contest awards and the newspaper/yearbook awards.



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Fall Scholastic Journalism Conference recruited new advisers to join both JEA and Kettle Moraine Press Association through direct appeals, member forms, JEA Bookstore catalogs, JEA Calendar of Events, Certification pamphlets and JEA convention information. With KEMPA membership at 77 publications, Fall Scholastic Journalism Conference

offered time with 59 KEMPA member and 22 non-member advisers to talk about advantages of dual membership. VP Membership Tom Juran continued this year to retain members through email, making renewal easy. Even membership reflects the downturn for school finances.

HAPPENINGS

Summer Workshop continues to reflect innovative programming as Director Linda Barrington and the KEMPA Board have redesigned curriculum again to reflect school journalism program needs. Summer also added Adviser day free to advisers of workshop students. Both summer workshop and traveling day camp programs recognized the challenges of committing teens for a four-day workshop. Four traveling workshops also took KEMPA instructors to Illinois and Wisconsin locations where KEMPA focuses journalism instruction to target specific skills in shorter time limits. Not only did we reach 20 percent more students at this summer workshop, but also both KEMPA and sponsoring schools gained financially from the traveling day camps conveniently located at the school. Barrington's adapting workshops to school needs greatly improves KEMPA's financial ability to continue to serve schools, advisers and students. KEMPA must continue to adapt and reinvent our workshop presence to evolve yearly.

Fall Scholastic Journalism Conference Oct. 15 at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater attracted 1,249 students and 81 advisers who attended three sessions from 55 professional presenters representing newspapers, broadcast media, photography, communications and advertising as well as journalism educators. John Tinker LIVE, IN PERSON of Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District and Dr. Steve Brown of NEIU headlined three featured presenters. Hundreds of students each of three sessions responded with enthusiasm and questions for Tinker. Randy Swikle rolled out the McCormack Foundation Protocol for a Free and Responsible Student Press and gave free copies to advisers and students. The Chicago Tribune THE MASH editors discussed their 125,000 weekly circulation to Chicago area high schools where students journalists handle reporting, writing and design. In the journalism evaluation/competition, seven newspapers and nine yearbooks achieved All-KEMPA rank. A change to an 8:30 a.m. schedule drew more than 700 for awards followed by the three sessions. Our advisers' luncheon/annual meeting offered a chance to channel JEA promotion and to offer brochures lining tables. In spite of ever-increasing transportation costs, KEMPA Fall Conference is hugely successful.

AWARDS & HONORS

- JEA Lifetime Achievement - Mike Gordy, Whitewater, Wis.
- NSPA Pioneer Award - Linda Barrington, Brookfield, Wis.
- Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Special Recognition Adviser - Stan Zoller, Rolling Meadows HS
- KEMPA Newspaper Adviser of the Year - Kathleen Burke, Regina Dominican HS
- Outstanding Administrator Award - Richard Kirchner, principal of Belvidere North HS
- Friend of KEMPA Award - Mike James, Patrick Rand, Maureen Olofson
- Media Award - Ken Miller, Wisconsin State Journal
- KEMPA Hall of Fame - Carl Sigler, retired from Wisconsin Academy
- KEMPA Gebhardt Writing Excellence - Alexandria Johnson, Rolling Meadows HS



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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 approximately 73 members in our state AJAA organization; 38 of those are in JEA. We have 116 different publication members in ASPA.

The Arkansas Scholastic Press Association is housed on the campus of Pulaski Tech in North Little Rock under the direction of Allen Loibner, MJE, of Pulaski Tech. Our organization's website: www.arkansasasscholasticpress.org Several links are there for additional information.

We have a new e-mail address: arkansasasscholasticpress@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS

The 2010 annual state convention was held in Rogers on April 15 & 16, 2010 at the new John Q. Hammons Center adjacent to the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas that served as the convention hotel.

In attendance were 883 students. On-site contests were held with 502 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. Approximately 1300 awards were presented.

This past June, our organization's annual Camp ASPA was held on the campus of Pulaski Tech in North Little Rock with a record attendance. See our website for more information.

The State Convention will be held again in Rogers on April 14 & 15, 2011 at the John Q. Hammons Center adjacent to the Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas that served as the convention hotel.

AWARDS & HONORS

The HORNET yearbook won a Silver Crown from CSPA and a Pace-maker from NSPA. At the JEA convention in Washington DC Nov. 12-15, Bryant High School yearbook and newspaper staff members won 12 national awards. Students won 6 first places, 3 second places and 3 third places. Whit Pruitt – superior in photo story, only 1 superior given. Gareth Patters on – superior in photography portfolio, only 2 superiors given. The Bryant High School newspaper, THE PROSPECTIVE, placed second place in Best of Show Special Section. Margaret Sorrows is the adviser to the high school yearbook and newspaper.



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From Kansas State Director Susan Massy, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

I traveled to the Hays Regional Fall Conference in September to promote JEA membership and to encourage advisers to apply for the scholarships to the convention. Although we have not seen direct results from this visit, I am hopeful that, at the very least, I have increased awareness of the benefits of JEA membership.

HAPPENINGS

The biggest happening in our world right now is the JEA/NSPA fall convention here in Kansas City. The local committee has been busy for nearly a year working to bring a uniquely Kansas City experience to those attending. We can hardly wait for everyone to Converge in Kansas City.

But that doesn't mean we have been ignoring our traditional events.

Fall Conferences were held in three locations in the state: Lawrence, Manhattan and Hays. At the Lawrence and Manhattan conferences, Colleen McCain Nelson, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial writer from The Dallas Morning News, urged Kansas high schools students to affect change at their schools by writing compelling editorials. Nelson will also be speaking at the Kansas City convention. Don't miss her presentation.

At the Hays regional, students were treated to a variety of sessions on journalistic skills. Some of the session were longer allowing students to experience more of an in-depth look at the topic.

Our monthly contests have been expanded allowing students to be recognized for excellence in the Story of the Month competition which is divided into five categories: Opinion, Features/yearbook copy, news, sports, and video news.

The Photo of the Month competition allows students to compete in sports photography, student life photography, academics photography, photo illustration and profile/portrait. Finally, students can also compete in the Design of the Month contest. Schools pay \$5 per category and may enter twice in each major category.

KSPA director Jeff Browne with University of Kansas journalism professors Malcolm Gibson and Pam Fine and a changing roster of area journalists and lawyers have been presenting sessions each Friday about legal issues facing students today. The First Amendment Tour has visited high schools throughout the state.

Sports Radio 810 WHB, Topeka, announced the launch of the "810 WHB Scholastic Sportswriters" program for the 2010-11 year. The program began with the 2010 football season, as selected students have been writing stories and taking photos of their high school football team. The content is being posted on 810varsity.com, the official website of 810 WHB for high school athletics.

AWARDS & HONORS

Kansas again has reaped more than its share of national awards, garnering five newspaper and one broadcast Pacemaker finalist awards from the National Scholastic Press Association.

This year's newspaper Pacemaker finalists include:

Lion's Roar, Goddard HS
Budget, Lawrence HS
The Spotlight, Blue Valley West HS
The Harbinger, Shawnee Mission East HS
The Tiger Print, Blue Valley HS

This year's broadcast finalist:

Husky Headlines, Blue Valley Northwest HS

We couldn't be prouder of...

...Linda Drake, the adviser at Chase County High School in Cottonwood Falls, who is one of five NSPA Pioneer Award recipients for 2010. She will be honored Nov. 13 at the NSPA/JEA national convention in Kansas City, Mo.

...C. Dow Tate, from Shawnee Mission East, Rebecca Lucas Tate from Shawnee Mission North Kansas and Linda Drake, from Chase County High School, who were among just eight honorees nationwide who received their Gold Keys from CSPA on Friday, March 19, at Columbia University.

...Kathy Hill Habiger, the journalism adviser for Mill Valley High School, was the 2010 recipient of the Jackie Engel Award, sponsored by the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press and named in honor of Jackie Engel, a former journalism teacher, known as the grandmother of Kansas scholastic journalism.

... Senior Tim Shedor from Shawnee Mission East High School who was named the Kansas 2010 High School Journalist of the Year and a runner-up to the National Student Journalist of the Year.

... C. Dow Tate Tate, Shawnee Mission East, has been named a Region 3 finalist for the 2011 Kansas Teacher of the Year award.

... Kathy Hill Habiger and Amy Morgan, local committee co-chairs for the Kansas City convention. Thanks to their leadership, we know that as the delegates and their advisers converge on Kansas City, we will be ready for another convention with that Midwest flair.

Finally, we remember Michael Dunlap, the adviser at Blue Valley West H.S. Dunlap who died unexpectedly just before the beginning of the school year. Particularly as local committee members make final preparations for the national convention in Kansas City which he chaired nine years ago, we wish he were here to offer a bit of advice, to figure out one more business that would want to donate to adviser bags and just to laugh with us as we go through our daily lives.



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MEMBERSHIP

JEA Membership—128 voting members as of Oct. 9, 2010

The following include memberships from last year. Members are still joining this year:

Missouri Interscholastic Press Association—During the 2009-2010 School Year we had 52 schools with 72 advisers. Of that number, 11 were new schools.

JEMKC-- In 2009-2010, we had 30 active volunteers for the national convention. We have 25 high schools represented in our membership from both sides of the state line.

Sponsors of School Publications of Greater St. Louis— In 2009-10, we had 41 schools with 43 advisers.

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Members: Junior and senior high school journalism advisers in the St. Louis area

Conference: Spring conference in mid-March at a St. Louis university

Scholarships: Curtis Kenner Memorial Summer Conference Scholarships; H.L. Hall Adviser scholarship, Bruce Schneider Adviser Scholarship

Contests: Individual and overall contests of newspaper, yearbook and broadcast, January deadline

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HAPPENINGS

MIPA

Scholastic Journalism Day was April 7, 2010, and continues to evolve with more sessions every year, including a write-off and photo shoot-off competition. 2010 Journalism Day was stronger than ever. We worked with the new Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism to provide our main speaker and produce sessions for students and a session for advisers. Technology is a BIG part of RJi and new labs are just one of the features of the new facility. 700 attended J-Day. The date for J-Day 2011 is April 5, 2011.

Summer Media Workshop:

SMW had 100 attendees, which was almost double the previous year, I believe. This was also the first year we'd turned a profit, which we will hopefully be able to sink into making SMW 2011 to make it even a better experience for next year. SMW will be July 18-20, 2011. The J-School, through the efforts of Nancy Freeman, Anna Romero and Dean Mills have established a scholarship for the 2011 SMW to be auctioned off at the Advisers Auction at JEA/NSPA Convention in Kansas City.

Missouri Urban Journalism Workshop formerly known as AHANA:

-We continue to encourage MIPA member schools to have their best kids apply for MUJW. The 10-day intensive journalism like boot-camp is open to ALL high school students regardless of their ethnicity. It is open to all to apply. If selected, 16-20 students will work with students from around the country and journalists and educators on producing a publication for the daily Columbia Missourian. Remember, if your student is picked they are sponsored by the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund and other media. This means very little expense on the students part. They pay for some lunches and transportation in MO to Columbia. This year the focus will be the aftermath of the economy (bailout) and its effects on Boone County. Also, if an MIPA adviser wants to work side-by-side with our many national journalists, contact MUJW director, Anna Romero. The 40th Annual Missouri Urban Journalism Workshop was held July 11-21, with 19 students attending. The 2011 workshop will be July 9-17.

University of Missouri Journalism School also hosted ASNE Missouri ASNE HSJ Institute at the University of Missouri Columbia, MO from July 10-18, 2010.

OTHER MIPA STUFF:

-Thanks to Aaron Manfull at Francis Howell North, who revised our website, the following individuals were elected to positions on the MIPA Board during the election at J-Day on April 7, 2010.

Co-Presidents: Matt Schott and Ben Merithew
Vice President: Stephanie Carey
Secretary: Jennifer Higgins
JEA State Director: Nancy Freeman
Kansas City Rep: Christina Geabhart, Elaine McDonald
St. Louis Rep: Michele Dunaway
North Hwy 50 Rep: Julie Lewis
South Hwy 50 Rep: Stefani Russ

JDay Committee:

Michelle Hoch
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JEMKC

JEMKC is proud of the over 30 volunteers on the convention local committee. Our initial focus back in April and May was securing speakers and arranging media tours. Now we turn our focus to the "nuts and bolts" of the convention: gifts for speakers, planning the SPLC auction and two receptions, organizing student volunteers, and getting out the good word about our city. It feels like we're throwing a really big, 4-day wedding with 4,000 invited! We can't wait for the party to start.

JEMKC members were saddened to hear the news of the death of Michael Dunlap, Blue Valley West High School adviser and long-time leader of JEMKC, on Aug. 2. Michael's family selected JEMKC as the recipient of donations in his honor, and we now have over \$3,100 to use in some fashion to keep his legacy alive. The executive board will meet after the convention to decide how best to use these gifts. Dow Tate, Shawnee Mission East adviser, is one of eight finalists for Kansas Teacher of the Year.

SSP

We meet monthly at area schools and restaurants to support each other and to plan events for students. We host contests every January and a conference every spring. Last spring we hosted our conference at Webster University in March and we had 36 breakout sessions featuring local area professionals and experts in the field. Nearly 700 area students attended. With the proceeds from the conference, we gave out \$2400 in scholarships for students and teachers to go to summer workshops or take classes. We also awarded a \$1000 leadership scholarship to a local journalism senior.

AWARDS & HONORS

Fall 2010

NSPA Pioneers

Aaron Manfull advises converged student media at Francis Howell North High School in St. Charles, Mo., which includes the newsmagazine, yearbook, podcast and website. He is the chair of JEA's Digital Media Committee and a frequent instructor on multimedia and online journalism. He also critiques websites for NSPA.

Pacemaker Finalists

Newsmagazine

Quill, Glendale HS, Springfield, Mo.

Will Marrs, editor

Lisa Wingo/Judy Wilson, advisers

North Star, Francis Howell North HS, St. Charles, Mo.

Barbara Jean Palmer, editor

Aaron Manfull, adviser

Newspaper 9-16 pages

Prep News, Rockhurst HS, Kansas City, Mo.

Evan Lang, Bret Raybould, editors

Mike Dierks, adviser

Broadcast Weekly/Bi-weekly

Central Intelligence, Central HS, Springfield, Mo.

<http://www.schooltube.com/video/d96f109ddaab2c96b749/Central-Intelligence>

Nichole Lemmon, adviser.

Broadcast Monthly or less frequent

HTV Magazine, Hillcrest HS, Springfield, Mo.

<http://www.schooltube.com/video/e0bc5bb9897cc5b866d0/HTV-Magazine>

Dave Davis, adviser

Photography:

Feature Photo

Maddie Moll

Pioneer, Kirkwood HS, Kirkwood, Mo.

Sports Reaction

Gennie Avellino

Pinnacle, Rockwood Summit HS, Fenton, Mo.

Lauren Moore

South Paw, Park Hill South HS, Riverside, Mo.

Environmental portrait

Maddie Moll

Pioneer, Kirkwood HS, Kirkwood, Mo.

Design of the Year:

Newspaper page one

Taylor Brown

Dart, St. Teresa's Academy, Kansas City, Mo.

Newspaper page/spread

Cara Eckert, Hollan Linn and Caleb Quinn

The Wolf's Howl, Timberland HS, Wentzville, Mo.

Infographic

Julia Gabbert

North Star, Francis Howell North HS, St. Charles, Mo

Story of the year finalists:

Multimedia Package

Michelle Reichmeier

Dart, St. Teresa's Academy, Kansas City, Mo.

Broadcast Story of the Year:

Broadcast News

Staff

Central Intelligence, Central HS, Springfield, Mo.

Broadcast Feature

Staff

KHTV, Kirkwood HS, Kirkwood, Mo.

Staff

Central Intelligence, Central HS, Springfield, Mo.

Staff

HTV Magazine, Hillcrest HS, Springfield, Mo.

Broadcast Sports

Staff

Central Intelligence, Central HS, Springfield, Mo.

Staff

LHS-TV, Ladue Horton Watkins HS, St. Louis, Mo

CSPA Gold Circle Awards:

Newspaper contests

N2. In-depth news/feature story

CM. Jackie Leong, "On a mission," The Globe, Clayton High School, Clayton, MO

N6. General or humor commentary

2. Devan Coggan, "Public school and proud of it," The Kirkwood Call, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MO

N10. Sports features

3. Logan Ponche, "Agre shoots for 1,000," North Star, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles, MO

N11. News feature

CM. Emily Goyda, "Facebook: with new technology comes new problems," The Kirkwood Call, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MO

N15. **Headline writing**

1. Staff, Prep News, Rockhurst High School, Kansas City, MO

N23. **Art/illustration: Portfolio of work**

- CM. Mimi Liu, The Globe, Clayton High School, Clayton, MO;
CM. Emma Riley, The Globe, Clayton High School, Clayton, MO

N24. **Editorial cartoons**

1. RJ Howes, "Kanye interrupting Obama," North Star, Francis Howell North High School, Saint Charles, MO

N27. **Cartoon Portfolio of work**

- CM. RJ Howes, North Star, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles, MO;

N31. **Single spot news photograph color**

2. Chelsea Smith, Untitled, The Messenger, Marquette High School, Chesterfield, MO

N43. **Informational graphics: Two or more colors**

- CM. Kate Hrdina, "Winter workout," The Rock, Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO

N44. **Informational graphics: Portfolio of work**

- CM. Logann Metz, The Messenger, Marquette High School, Chesterfield, MO

N49. **Overall design: Broadsheet format**

- CM. Staff, The Globe, Clayton High School, Clayton, MO

N50. **Overall design: Newsmagazine or magazine format**

1. Staff, North Star, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles, MO

N65. **Editorial page design: Tabloid format black and white**

- CM. Gaby Ramirez, "Opinions page 2," The Messenger, Marquette High School, Chesterfield, MO

N68. **Editorial page design: Broadsheet format color**

1. Emilie Lewis & Soumaya Necibi, "Controversial acts call for action," The Rock, Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO

N82. **Feature page design: Broadsheet format color**

- CM. Nina Oberman, "Around the world in 80 days," The Globe, Clayton High School, Clayton, MO

N87. **Sports page design: Tabloid format color**

1. Allison Morris, "Page 19," The Messenger, Marquette High School, Chesterfield, MO

N105. **Single subject news or feature package, single page: Broadsheet format color**

3. Ken Zheng, "The enduring legacies of music," The Globe, Clayton High School, Clayton, MO
- CM. Kelsey Kupferer & Omar Taranissi, "iListen," The Rock, Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO

YEARBOOK CONTESTS

Y6. **Personality Profile**

- CM. Amy Thompson, "Pain in the Neck," The Pioneer, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MO

Y9. **Caption/cutline writing**

1. Anna Holyan and Amy Thompson, "Opening Ceremony, Think You Can Dance, & Mr. Clinton Goes to Kirkwood," Pioneer, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MO

Y10. **Theme and Concept**

3. Emily Orrell, Kimberly Pope-Roth, & Nate Shuler, "Ignite," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO

Y12. **End Sheets**

- CM. Brittany Dimitroff and Angela Hong, Flashback, Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO.

Y15. **Sports action photo black & white**

1. Ryan Kowalski, "Lucky Sunglasses," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO
2. Matthew Hart, "Breaking Away," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO

Y16. **Sports action photo color**

- CM. Sarah Edwards, "Andrew Seals..." Pioneer, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MO;
CM. Lauren Kastner, "Ultimate Frisbee," Odyssey, Francis Howell Central High School, St. Charles, MO

Y17. **Sports feature photo black & white**

- CM. Ryan Kowalski, "Storming the Field," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO
CM. Nathaniel Schuler, "Down & Out," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO

Y21. **Feature photo black and white**

1. Matthew Hurt, "Despite the Rush," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO;

3. Nathaniel Shuler, "Inferno," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO;

- CM. Matthew Hurt, "With a Bird's Reach," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO;

- CM. Ryan Kowalski, "Having Just Finished Modeling," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO.

Y22. **Feature photo color**

2. Robby Travis, "Luke Morris," Odyssey, Francis Howell Central High School, St. Charles, MO

Y29. **Feature presentation color**

- CM. Nicole Higginbotham, Claire Sedovic, & Ashley Young, "Boxers vs. Basketball," Pioneer, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MO

Y39. **Student life spread, one spread color**

1. Kimberly Roth, "Free," Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO

Y41. **Student life spread multi-page presentation color**

- Tyler Cacek, Kelsey Kupferer, & Alaina Young, "Change, Decision," Flashback, Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO



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From Oklahoma State Director Joe Nations

Fall Media Monday (OIPA) will be held Monday, Nov.15, on the campus of Oklahoma University. Due to state budget cuts many schools have reported that their journalism budgets have been slashed. Some schools have had to be very creative to raise money to support their programs.



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From Texas State Director Lisa Van Etta

HAPPENINGS

TAJE is scheduled to hold its state convention in San Antonio, Oct. 23-25. Pre-registration numbers were at 734 students and advisers attending with more on the way. The scheduled key note speaker is John Issac. Out-of-state speakers include David Knight and Scott Winter. In addition to the out of state speakers, sessions are also being conducted by, ILPC Director Jeanne Acton and ATPI Executive Director Mark Murray and Bobby Hawthorne. Early numbers show that over 480 students signed up to compete in on-site and carry-in competitions.

At the summer executive board retreat and the national JEA/NSPA convention was a major topic of discussion. An ongoing contest is being conducted to design a logo for the convention.

TAJE operates its own Web site and listserv. The site recently redesigned by TAJE's webmaster Dianne Smith-Harper features current curriculum and instructional materials including PowerPoint lessons that educators can download. The site is found at www.taje.org.

ILPC is planning its spring convention at the University of Texas at Austin April 9-10- 2011 with over 100 sessions. In addition, ILPC coordinates and sponsors academic contests for journalists in editorial, feature, news and headline writing in May.

Brenda Gorsuch, MJE, Southeast Region 5 Director

Across the Southeast, scholastic journalists and their advisers continue to do outstanding work. Attendance at regional and state workshops has been strong in many states in spite of the recession and school system limitations on travel. North Carolina is in its third year of supporting the JEA mentoring program. Alabama has joined the mentoring program with three mentors. The Southern Interscholastic Press Association is providing funds to North Carolina (NCSMA), Alabama (ASPA) and South Carolina (SCSPA), three Region 5 states, to help sponsor JEA mentors. Region 5 supports this outstanding JEA initiative.

The state directors and I have been contacting JEA members with memberships running out in October and November to encourage them to renew. We are very pleased that the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund recognized Coni Grebel, Lee County High School, Leesburg, Ga.; Susan Goins Newell, Northridge High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Joe Humphrey, Hillsborough High School, Tampa, Fla., with distinguished adviser awards. Congratulations to these outstanding advisers and their scholastic journalism programs.

Advisers across Region 5 support bringing a JEA/NSPA convention back to our region. We are ready to go to work if the board approves a convention for Orlando, Fla.



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From Alabama State Director Susan Goins Newell, MJE

Much of the information for this report was furnished by Alabama Scholastic Press Association's (ASPA) director Meredith Cummings. Cummings worked at The Tuscaloosa News before becoming ASPA director and a faculty member at the University of Alabama. At the News, she wrote columns, editorials, news, and feature stories and was in charge

of the teen section of the newspaper. Her knowledge and contacts have greatly improved ASPA workshops and conventions.

MEMBERSHIP

I am a lifetime member of JEA and encourage others to also become lifetime members.

HAPPENINGS

ASPA Communication: ASPA has an updated web site <http://www.aspa.ua.edu/> and a presence on Facebook and Twitter (@AlaSPA). Regular updates are posted to ASPA's Facebook Fan page. During conventions and workshops, ASPA staff members tweet what keynote and other session speakers say.

Erin Coggins, newspaper and yearbook advisor at Sparkman High School is president of the advisor group for Alabama Scholastic Press Association. Her email address is ecoggins@madison.k12.al.us.

JEA Mentoring Program

Alabama Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) has three mentors --Marie Parsons, JoAnn Hagood and Nora Stephens -- in the JEA mentoring program. Alabama was the first state to recruit and train three mentors-- rather than the usual two -- in one year.

Elementary School Outreach

ASPA has recently branched out into helping elementary schools. Englewood Elementary and the Tuscaloosa Magnet School have started newspapers with ASPA's help. ASPA has also helped provide lesson plans for other newspaper classes, as well as other resources for teachers, both elementary and high school. Soon ASPA will add an elementary school tab to the ASPA web site to assist teachers around the state.

Scholarships

ASPA works to procure scholarships for disadvantaged students so they may attend workshops and participate in contests.

ASPA's Fall Regional Workshops

ASPA offered its annual Fall Regional Workshops (FRW) Sept. 13-17 in Mobile, Montgomery, Huntsville and Tuscaloosa. ASPA had not been to Mobile in over a decade, but had a great turnout. ASPA had almost 500 middle and high school students and their advisers attend FRW.

ASPA's State Convention is usually held in late February. This year it will be Feb. 25 and 26.

Alabama has several summer workshops, including The Long Weekend at the University of Alabama (U of A) sponsored by ASPA and the Multicultural Workshop sponsored by the U of A.

The Long Weekend Summer Journalism Camp will be held June 17-19.

The Multicultural Journalism Workshop (MJW), a residential camp at the University of Alabama, will be June 17-26. Applications are available now at <http://aspa1.ua.edu/2010/10/register-for-the-multicultural-journalism-workshop/> and are due April 1. Students who will be in the 9th grade through freshman year in college in fall 2011 are eligible to attend the workshop.

The MJW gives high school students -- especially those from underserved populations (although all are welcome) -- intensive training in journalism and encourages them to consider a career in journalism. MJW introduces students to many distinguished Alabama journalists, people who may be in a position to hire them someday. By working with many

Alabama professional journalists, students learn the importance of journalism and its public service mission. In addition, the program encourages diversity in the state's newsrooms by actively recruiting people from groups that have been underrepresented in the media workplace; however, the program welcomes students of all backgrounds with an interest in being journalists in an increasingly multicultural society.

In 2010, the program allowed students to fan out across the northern part of the state and do reporting, which resulted in the 16-page newspaper they produced, as well as online video, broadcast work and photography. Alabama media professionals from many outlets worked with students on their stories and projects, including those who traveled with them on reporting day, who were reporters and editors with The Huntsville Times, The Decatur Daily and the Florence Times-Daily. In many cases students accompanied reporters on the beats and learned not only about beat reporting, but also produced original stories of their own.

On Visiting Professional day professionals around the state came to campus to work one-on-one with students to edit their stories for print, and suggest multimedia angles. Students also visited The Tuscaloosa News, Birmingham Magazine and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (all of which employ MJW alumni), as well as other state landmarks. Students also learned about social media, how to protect their online identity, media law and ethics. Through MJW's Twitter and Facebook accounts, students learned about reporting through the filter of social media. The first Minority Journalism Workshop, as it was originally called, was held in 1984. Each year, about 20 high school students are selected to attend the workshop.

ASPA and SIPA work together

ASPA and the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA) coordinate their conferences. Susan Newell and ASPA director Meredith Cummings are on the SIPA board. SIPA's convention is March 4-6 held in Columbia, South Carolina. SIPA's summer workshop, CJI, will be June 9-13. Information about SIPA events can be found at <http://www.sc.edu/cmciis/so/sipa/>.

AWARDS: ASPA, SIPA, JEA and Dow Jones News Fund Awards

ASPA Adviser of the Year: Jody Evans, Hillcrest High School

ASPA Rick Bragg Award for feature writing: Alicia Perez, Sparkman High School

ASPA Bailey Thomson Award for editorial writing: Amy Vu, Grissom High School

ASPA Journalist of the Year and JEA JOY finalist: Megan Hager, Sparkman High School

ASPA J.B. Stevenson Scholarship Award: Megan Hager, Sparkman High School



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MEMBERSHIP

Florida is working to maintain our current JEA memberships, as well as to increase membership and certification.

HAPPENINGS

- After several years in Tampa, the state convention is moving back to Orlando April 28-30 at the Disney Hilton. The state organization is meeting in December to begin planning the gathering. Logan Aimone of NSPA is already confirmed as a speaker.
- At the 2010 convention, we offered the JEA Certified Journalism Educator exam for the first time, resulting in several new CJE's in the Sunshine State.
- President Joe Humphrey and Executive Director Wayne Garcia both teach the same class (Journalism I) at the University of Tampa and both are developing new journalism electives at UT for the spring semester.
- The organization named its annual photo portfolio contest after long-time journalism educator Tom Pierce.

District Fall Meetings/Awards

District 1: Molly Cobb and Monica Bondurant are co-directors. Molly teaches Broadcast/TV production, and Monica teaches yearbook.

The Teacher of the Year for District 1 is Cynthia Reeves. She is the broadcast/TV production teacher at Tate High School.

District 1 held its fall workshop September 30, 2010, at the University of West Florida. Five schools attend with 164 student delegates and 9 advisers. The district elected Olivia Wise from Gulf Breeze High School as the student representative for District 1. Olivia is a junior, and she is the managing editor for the Blue and Gold Newspaper staff. Her adviser is Mr. Ken Killam.

The keynote speaker at the workshop was local reporter, Ms. Jenna Susko. She is a Pace High School 2002 graduate. She graduated from Florida State University with a double major - Mass Media Studies/English Literature. She worked in Orlando; Aiken, SC; Augusta, GA; Pensacola; and now Mobile. She is the nightside reporter at LOCAL 15 News, where she mostly works the crime and investigative beat. She is also the 5 & 10pm weekend anchor. She has been fortunate to work closely with some of the best in the business, including Scott Zamost/ CNN, Jim Cantore/ The Weather Channel, and investigative journalists across the country.

District 2:

District 3: Jeff Mofitt is the director. Jeff teaches yearbook and newspaper at Olympia HS.

The Teacher of the Year for District 3 is Renee Burke. She is the yearbook, newspaper and mass media teacher at Boone HS.

The district workshop was Oct. 9 at the University of Central Florida, who was a huge sponsor in this event. The keynote speaker was Ybeth Bruzual, anchor of News 13 and News 13 en Español. Ybeth is a graduate of UCF a member of the UCF Alumni Association and a past president of the Central Florida chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ), and is a proud lifetime member of that organization. She has won numerous Paoli Awards for Anchor and Reporter of the Year, and has been recognized as a leader for her community service as a YMCA Developing Hispanic Achievers Program recipient.

District 4: The new director is Tracey Keim, newspaper adviser at St. Petersburg High School; email is keimt@pcsb.org

Student rep is Christian Lemus – from Palm Harbor University HS.

District 4 TOY is Colleen Bennett, yearbook adviser at Citrus HS.

489 students and 37 advisers attended the workshop on Oct. 22 at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Special thanks to speakers from USF, the St. Petersburg Times, Tampa Tribune, Bryn-Alan/Prestige Portraits, Lifetouch Photography, Lifetouch Yearbooks, Herff Jones, Taylor, Walsworth, Jostens, WTVT News Channel 8 in Tampa, WTSP, and The Poynter Institute.

District 5: Alba Avila is the student rep. She is also one of the FSPA Student chairs. There was no fall workshop.

District 6: (Nothing reported)

District 7: Steven Jay Thor is the district director and past president of FSPA.

District 7 of FSPA encompasses Broward, Martin and Palm Beach Counties. Les Rose, CBS News Los Angeles, was the opening speaker and he shared some super stories that he covered and even mentioned his latest gig: working in Hawaii on "Hawaii Five-0."

An opening highlight was when the Mayor of Deerfield Beach, FL... Mayor Peggy Noland...proclaimed October 2, 2010 as "Journalism Day in Deerfield Beach."

Totals for attendance: 44 schools, 96 publications, 1043 students, 97 advisers and over 35 speakers and guests for a grand total of approximately 1,200 people. Money raised from workshop dues, lots of donations and the like will total approximately: \$7,562.05, where the 5 cents came from, don't even ask me. This is our contribution to the state for scholarships and help running the state convention and business.

Donations came from many sources including: Veronika Levine and Walsworth Publishing...luncheon for adults for \$750 and gifts for students of \$250; \$500 from the Society of Professional Journalists, \$400 from Bryn Alan Prestige Portraits and Lifetouch Photography, \$100 from a community activist, \$100 from Southern Press in Cape Coral area, \$300 from LiveYearbook (a new yearbook company), \$150 from the University of Florida, \$100 from the local Mu Alpha Theta Society, and finally \$250 from Herff Jones. All funds were utilized to help defray the costs of "putting on the show" from audio visual equipment to paying for security and custodial help with the remainder used to defray other costs and help provide money to the State.

A special highlight took place during lunch. The local SPJ students from Florida Atlantic University "took away the rights of the students" as they entered the cafeteria for lunch. As a DJ from Barry University provided music during lunch, the students signed away their rights and lost ALL freedoms which included: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, and several other freedoms. Our FSPA high school students were the first group of students on this level to be part of an "experiment" that has been used at about 15 colleges across the country. Ms. Dori Zinn, a former Deerfield Beach High School student and member of SPJ at Florida Atlantic University, was in charge of the "loss of

rights operation". Students learned first hand how important it is to have First Amendment Rights and cherish these rights.

In addition, over 500 students competed in both group and individual contests, which was another first for District 7. This was over 100 more students competing compared to last year. Competitions included: group literary magazine, newspaper, newsmagazine and literary magazine contests. Individual contests were: advertising, art, creative writing and photography.

Another special guest was Joe Humphrey, president of the Florida Scholastic Press Association. He not only served as a judge, but supervised students who were working on contests and using only computers for all contests. This was another first: having all contests completed on computers so that we could 'Go Green' in this area. Les Rose also sponsored a newswriting contest based on his opening comments. Students had one hour to complete either a straight news story, feature story or editorial. This was another first: 39 students competed in this contest whereas in prior years...only 24 students participated.

Bryn Alan Photography awarded plaques and a digital camera for the winner of the on the spot photography contest. In addition, a total upset took place in the on the spot broadcast contest. Ramblewood Middle students almost shut out all the high school entrants and won second place on the basic contest.

This was the 27th Annual FSPA District Workshop and coordinated by Steven Jay Thor, FSPA District Director and a past president of FSPA. District seven elected Alexandra Hogan from American Heritage School in Plantation as the new District 7 student representative this year and Mr. Jonathan Gordon as Journalism Teacher of the Year from Coral Glades High School.

Currently the board is preparing for the annual winter meeting to prepare for the state convention.



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From Georgia State Director Joe Dennis

This report focuses on the activities of the Georgia Scholastic Press Association (GSPA), which I serve as director in my role as director of diversity and high school outreach at the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at The University of Georgia.

MEMBERSHIP

GSPA is currently in the midst of its membership drive for the 2010-11 school year. In the 2009-10 school year, GSPA had 121 paid member-

ships, down from 129 memberships the previous year. This includes eight broadcast news programs (decrease of two from last year), 20 literary magazines (increase of two), 59 newspapers/newsmagazines (decrease of 10) and 33 yearbooks (increase of one).

Programs

- GSPA held a statewide conference in September. Despite being scheduled during a prominent county's fall break, roughly 400 students and advisers attended the conference (a decrease of 50 from 2009). The conference kicked off with a live concert from a local capella group, followed by a press conference. Also held at the conference: an on-the-spot photojournalism competition, a review writing contest, a first-issue carry-in competition and newspaper and literary magazine on-site critiques.

- GSPA held the Georgia Journalism Academy in summer 2010, a week-long, residential journalism camp for high school students. Held at the University of Georgia, the Academy was attended by a 74 students and offered courses in broadcasting, news writing, editorial writing, feature writing, photojournalism and graphic design. Journalism faculty and area media professionals taught the courses. CNN and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund provided \$13,000 in grants to fund primarily minority student scholarships. A record 46 percent of participants were minority.

- GSPA received more than 1,000 entries for its 2009-10 General Excellence Competition (on par with previous years). There are 41 individual categories, as well as staff entries for broadcast, newspaper, literary magazine and yearbook. Awards were distributed at the GSPA Awards Ceremony, a luncheon banquet that was attended by more than 500 students and teachers (an increase of 50 over 2009). The keynote speaker was Elliott McLaughlin, a senior writer for CNN online and a former AP correspondent. He was received the best reviews of any keynote we've had over the past five years.

JEA/National Involvement

- Due to budget constraints, I will not attend the fall convention.
- GSPA hosted the Southern Interscholastic Press Association executive board meeting at the University of Georgia.
- We conducted the 2010 Georgia Champion Journalist Competition and received a record 13 entries, forwarding our top entry to JEA for the National Journalist of the Year Competition.
- I presented a study I co-authored, Millennials and the Media, at the AEJMC annual conference in Denver in the Scholastic Journalism Division. I also attended the division's annual meeting.



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MEMBERSHIP

The Mississippi Scholastic Press Association includes Journalism Education Association membership on its state membership forms. JEA membership forms are available for advisers at regional and state workshops, camps and conventions.

HAPPENINGS

Fall regional workshops have continued to help advisers and students with their publications. The University of Mississippi hosted the North Mississippi workshop on Sept. 21 with a new record attending – 429. The South Mississippi Workshop was Oct. 16, a Saturday, in Oak Grove, with about 50 attending. This was our first try at a Saturday workshop; we will probably go back to the weekday meeting, although those who attended learned much and we added at least three new schools.

The University of Mississippi is working with MSPA to offer a course for advisers and others interested in teaching/advising journalism. The course is “School Publications” and is offered throughout the year as an independent study class.

Advisers can also receive help through blip-TV and the instructional videos there, though the MSPA blog and through the website. A number of site visits to beginning programs have proved helpful in encouraging advisers and getting those students involved in MSPA as well as providing training in various skills.

JEA materials are distributed at the Spring MSPA Convention, as well as at the first of the school year in mailings to increase JEA participation. Brochures are also available to advisers at fall regional workshops. Announcements go out to all MSPA members announcing the JEA Journalist of the Year competition (and others) to promote JEA membership and involvement. Former JEA members were contacted as a reminder to update their membership status this fall.

Over 400 awards went to state newspapers, yearbooks, magazines, on-line and broadcast programs at the state convention. The new carry-in competition grew and offered about 70 other awards to schools. Convention attendance topped 500 and about 50 sessions were offered for training.

The MPA/Ole Miss Summer Workshops for Advisers and Students offered about 70 people training in yearbook, writing, broadcast, desktop publishing and photography. An adviser track also allowed advisers time to develop new skills and network.

Advisers were encouraged to join JEA. The Mississippi Press Association also helped by providing instruction and internships at local papers for some of the students attending.



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From North Carolina State Director Monica Hill, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

N.C. Scholastic Media Association continues to include Journalism Education Association membership as an option on all membership forms. We also sent membership renewal reminder letters to N.C. advisers.

HAPPENINGS

NCSMA's fall regional workshops are scheduled for six locations across the state – Asheville at the University of North Carolina at Asheville; Boone at Appalachian State University; Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Greenville at East Carolina University; Charlotte at The Charlotte Observer; and Greensboro at N.C. A&T State University. More than 1,000 students typically attend these statewide workshops.

The summer N.C. Scholastic Media Institute provided four days of intense instruction in yearbook, newspaper, broadcast, literary magazine, design, advising and photography for students and teachers from across the state.

NCSMA continues to offer summer graduate-level courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Funding for tuition and lodging is available to N.C. high school journalism teachers through NCSMA's Journalism Education Fellowship Program. A new course was launched in summer 2010, “Teaching Online News in the Secondary School.” The other course, “Desktop Publishing and Design in the Secondary School,” offers instruction in Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign, plus design principles and teaching methods. A self-paced study course, “Journalism Education in the Secondary School,” is offered online for N.C. high school journalism teachers. Teachers may take up to nine months to complete the online course.

AWARDS & HONORS

South Iredell High School journalist Molly Hudson was named the 2010 Rachel Rivers-Coffey North Carolina High School Journalist of the Year, and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship given by the NCSMA and funded by the N.C. Press Foundation. Alternates were Olivia Nastasi of Ravenscroft High in Raleigh and Jessica Tobin of West Henderson High in Hendersonville, both winning \$500 scholarships.

Beth Lail, adviser at Statesville High, and Phyllis Cooper, adviser at A.C. Reynolds High in Asheville, received NCSMA's 2010 Kay Phillips Distinguished Service Award.

North Carolina continues to participate in Journalism Education Association

tion's Mentoring Program pairing retired scholastic journalism advisers with new ones in their geographic areas. Mentor Martha Rothwell, former board member of N.C. Scholastic Media Advisers Association, was awarded National Scholastic Press Association's Pioneer Award for 2010.



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From South Carolina State Director Karen H. Flowers, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

According to records from JEA headquarters, there are 28 South Carolina members; two of those memberships are lifetime. Of those 28, 12 joined through SCSPA. New advisers tend to join through SCSPA because of the beginning-of-the-year mailing that explains the state, regional and national organizations and provides a composite form for joining more than one.

SCSPA continues to offer both a single-year and multiple-year membership: One year = \$40 and three-years = \$100. It's nice to begin each year with members and not have to start at square one but the record keeping can be difficult because the information the adviser provides the first year does not remain the same and getting them to update is a long, drawn-out process.

We have had the three-year membership since 2000. Because of the high rate of adviser's turnover, board members said if a staff had a three-year membership and an adviser left, the new adviser would have an automatic "connection" with our organization.

Our membership year runs from Sept. 1 – Aug. 31. If the trend established with of the opening months of school continues, we will not have as many members as last year.

Advisers also liked the idea of a three-year membership because they didn't have to pay membership each year, only evaluation and contest fees. But again, the record keeping can be difficult. If the scholastic journalism office did not have the great scholastic press manager we do in Leslie Dennis and did not have the competent undergraduate assistants we do (all former scholastic journalists in high school), we would not be able to handle all the logistics of the evaluations, contests and types of memberships.

We continue to use a "Rule of 7" to communicate with members, and the process seems to be helping: (1) new design for website, (2) letters, (3) postcards, (4) e-mail, (5) Facebook (6) schopress listserv and (7) phone. One of the additions to the website that I hope will help with deadlines is using Google calendar. Of course, we can't use all methods for every

event/deadline, but we try to use several with each message we need to get out.

An interesting and alarming, although not surprising, fact we have found out about our membership by adding a "years of experience" blank on the membership – 46% of our advisers have seven or fewer years of experience; 66% have seven years or fewer.

HAPPENINGS

Because of cuts in school budgets and tighter restriction on transportation, we expected a lower than usual participation in the fall conference Sept. 27, but we had almost 700 attendees. That's above average for us. Our fall conferences have averaged 500-600 in the past five years. We aren't sure what happened – other than using our Rule of 7 and lots of individual attention and our adviser network – Student Publication Advisers Network – but we are glad it did.

Our one-day workshops on Saturday prior to the convention were down – advisers reported students not being able to come because of jobs and advisers didn't want to give up a Saturday either.

AWARDS & HONORS

Amy Goodwin was named the 2010 Reid H. Montgomery Adviser of the Year. Goodwin is newspaper (Cardinal Cavalcade) and yearbook (The Cardinal) adviser at Landrum HS, Aiken, S.C.

Travis Horne, was named the 2010 S.C. Journalist of the Year. Horne was co-editor-in-chief of the Lugoff-Elgin HS, Lugoff, S.C., newspaper, The Pitchfork.

Chelsea Shope, received the 2010 SCSPA \$1,000 scholarship to attend the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina in the fall. Shope was on the Summerville HS yearbook.

Max fowler received the third annual yearbook scholarship, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by Jostens Yearbook to attend the University of South Carolina. Fowler was editor-in-chief of the Kaleidoscope yearbook at Lugoff-Elgin HS, Lugoff, S.C.

David Patrick of Jostens yearbook was awarded the 2010 Albert T. Scroggins Award. This award is presented 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 2009-2010 publications were Best in Broadcast: Silver Screen Report, Dutch Fork HS, Irmo, S.C. Best Literary Magazine: Shine!, Dent Middle School, Columbia, S.C. Best Newspaper: The Tribal Tribune, Wando High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Best Yearbook: Rambler, Lancaster HS, Lancaster, S.C.



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From Tennessee State Director Denise Croker

MEMBERSHIP

JEA Membership in Tennessee has dropped, with 23 voting members and three additional non-voting members (2 associates and 1 library/institutional).

This has dropped from the past, and we will try to recruit more people through email messages and announcements through the state journalism organization, THSPA.

HAPPENINGS

The state THSPA fall workshop will happen later in the year than usual. This year it takes place Monday, Nov. 22. Last year's Friday workshop in October was difficult for people to attend, so we're hoping that the Monday date will work better.

THSPA's 3-day Summer Journalism Workshop was held in early June. About 50 students attended. (I presented three sessions.)

Belmont University's Summer J-Camp was canceled, unfortunately, due to few students signing up.

University of Tennessee has offered two "Going Online" workshops for advisers in late May and mid-June. I attended the June session, and it was very helpful – offering tips for web skills, photography, video, and audio.



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Since April there have been many changes to the Region 6 landscape

with three new state directors: Valerie Kibler, Carol Lange and Liz Palmer. With the recent resignation of the West Virginia director, more changes are likely to happen before the spring conference.

In my role as Scholastic Journalism Week chair, this February we look to celebrate the week by going viral! As we get close to SJW, JEA members will be encouraged to take our message to the Web, through sites like Facebook and Twitter. Members will be provided with tools to use to help go viral!

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MEMBERSHIP

As of October 2010 D.C. JEA has teacher members at nine public schools, one private school, three institutions and three other members for a total of 16 members.

HAPPENINGS

Carol Lange was appointed interim director of D.C. JEA in October 2010. D.C. members thank Reginald Ragland for his work as D.C. JEA director.

Lange's plans for the academic year include:

- Contact all members to provide an update of JEA resources after the fall convention.
- Meet with Jaye Linnen, Interim Director, The Washington Post Young Journalist Development Program. Lange is assisting in planning new approaches to educate and serve journalism classes and programs in D.C. schools. This work will include updating the list of all active journalism

programs with the names and contact information of teacher/advisers.

- Invite D.C. JEA members and media advisers at all D.C. schools to attend the spring J-Day to be held April 29-30 at Harrisonburg High School. Staff members will also be welcome to attend.

AWARDS & HONORS

Literary magazines at two D.C. schools received CSPA Gold Circle Award recognition: Cartoon, second, Max Hoffman, "Nowhere," L.A.V.A., Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, Washington, D.C.; Page Design, literary single spread, first: Antonia Madian, "Wired woman," Maret Literary and Visual Arts, Maret School, Washington, D.C.



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From Indiana State Director Nancy Hastings, MJE

HAPPENINGS

Despite scheduling challenges, field trip and budget limitations, more than 350 attended the Indiana High School Press Association fall convention in mid-October, while over 200 attended Ball State University's Junior High J Day in early October. Both groups celebrated their successes with awards and competitions, while also getting the opportunity to attend classes and workshops to better their skills and publications.

Highlighting the IHSPA convention, Meredith Bledsoe, of Hamilton Southeastern High School, in Fishers, IN, won the Ella Sengenberger Journalism Teacher of the Year honors. Bledsoe, CJE, has taught journalism, photojournalism and darkroom photography and advised for the past 14 years. She currently advises the Hamilton Southeastern High School Sceptre yearbook.

Also honored at the convention Louie Jensen, of Floyd Central High School earned Administrator of the Year, while Joe Majchrowicz, parent of a Lake Central newspaper editor and a superintendent in an Illinois school system, was named the Louis Ingelhart Friends of Journalism winner, for his support of student press rights as Lake Central High School. Majchrowicz was invited to write a guest column for use in The School Administrator during this year about the importance of a free student press as part of the school's role in teaching democratic ideals.

Recently retired Nancy Hastings and Janet McKinney, along with administrator and former adviser Susie Coleman were recognized with Lifetime Memberships.

OTHER NEWS

IHSPA is excited about a partnership opportunity with the Indiana Department of Education that will offer workshops to English teachers interested in incorporating mass media standards into the English cur-

riculum. The free workshops will provide "Professional Development Points" for the journalism teachers who present, and the English teachers who attend, use sample mass media lesson plans and then develop mass media/English lesson plans of their own to share at later workshops. Goals are to provide more mass media education for the consumer of mass media and to develop regional professional communities of teachers that will continue to meet and share ideas.

The Indiana Department of Education has also been busy working Indiana teacher standards for Journalism. After contacting the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson to develop new teacher standards for Indiana, review teams including high school and college representatives offered suggestions. The new Indiana teacher standards will include content and content-specific pedagogy standards for each licensure area, as well as separate pedagogy and professional knowledge standards for teachers at the P-3, K-6, 5-9, 5-12, and P-12 grade levels. The goal of the project is to produce new standards that are rigorous, clear, measurable, and coherent, grounded in Indiana teaching practice and current research, and aligned with state licensure requirements and with state and national student and teacher standards, according to an Indiana Department of Education English Language Arts Specialist.

SPECIAL NEWS

Indiana is proud of its newest NSPA Pioneer award winner, Diana Hadley. As Executive Director of the Indiana High School Press Association she serves advisers and students with a variety of resources to help them with their high school publications. Hadley also teaches Franklin College, where the IHSPA is located. She taught high school journalism and advised publications/broadcast for 33 years before she became part of the IHSPA staff.



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From Michigan State Director Brian Wilson

MEMBERSHIP

Membership appears to be down slightly in the state. Among publications advisers, university programs, yearbook reps, and lifetime memberships, we have 67 current (paid) memberships as of 9/26/10, down from 71 at this point last year. It may be that some of those just haven't yet renewed. The 2006 JEA directory listed 66 members from Michigan, so over the long term we are holding pretty steady. That, in turn, was up from 57 in 2005, 59 in 2003, and 46 in 2001. From conversations I've had with Michigan advisers, I believe the state will once again be well-represented at the national convention in Kansas City. Our state organization's fall conference is this week, and registrations for that event appear to be on the rise compared to the past few years.

HAPPENINGS

Next week marks the celebration for 100 years of journalism at Michigan State University. Speakers and special events are planned. More information is available at http://jrn.msu.edu/modules.php?name=Pages&sp_id=171.

Several advisers and students ran the inaugural 'Heart of a Spartan' 10K race in the spring to help raise scholarship money for students going to MIPA's summer workshop. Despite a heavy downpour, it seemed as if everyone involved had a great time. Or, at least, they finished. Our state organization's summer workshop numbers held fairly steady, at a time when it seems that numbers are down at workshops all over the country.

The NEOLA publication policy issue seems to have lost traction in the last few months, after becoming a major concern for advisers in the spring. Issues at Dexter High School over a 'concerned parents' group died down after school board meetings that clarified the policy and supported the staff. In a case of turning journalistic lemons into deliciously ironic lemonade, Dexter's principal, Kit Moran, is being honored in Kansas City as the SPLC's 'Courage in Student Journalism' recipient.

AWARDS & HONORS

Three state newspapers were recently named Pacemaker finalists: The Arrow at Utica High School, The Update at H.H. Dow High School, and The Communicator at Community High School.

In NSPA's individual categories: Taylor Parker, Emma Claucherty The Viking Longboat; Haslett HS (design), Gabe Altomare, The Squall, Dexter HS (Cartoon); Caitlyn Rize, The Squall, Dexter HS (story), Chelsea McCoy, Vanguard, Stevenson HS (story).



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From Kentucky State Director Liz Palmer

MEMBERSHIP

In the past few months I've served as director, membership has increased from 17 to 20 members. Kentucky faces a lack of student media funding (it is not considered a vocational or fine arts credit). Many programs operate with advertising revenues and have very little left over for memberships in organizations at the national or even state level with KHSJA.

Because membership fees appear to be a significant hurdle, a non-fee based organization called KJEA was formed to network journalism

teachers within the state through an email list and encourage them to take the next step with a national level membership. At this moment, we have 21 participating journalism educators.

KJEA sent a representative to the Jefferson County's Showcase of Schools to connect with journalism educators in the county, which sparked some interest in JEA.

At this point, KJEA has mostly been an online presence only. KJEA will do its first face-to-face outreach at the KHSJA state convention on Nov. 8.

HAPPENINGS

Journalism House Bill 43, a student free speech bill, did not get out of committee last year but we expect it to return in the coming legislative session, backed by state legislators, students, teachers, and journalism professionals. It received an endorsement from the Courier-Journal.

The Kentucky High School Journalism Association canceled the spring convention, citing complications due to state testing schedules and snow days. The organization, which is not officially affiliated with JEA, decided to move the convention to the fall permanently. It will be held Nov. 8. Journalism Scholars Day was hosted by WKU on Oct. 15. KJEA plans to send a representative to KHSJA's annual advisory board meeting in January; KJEA's goal will be to strengthen the state conferences and competitions and look for ways that KHSJA, WKU's Journalism Scholars Day, and KJEA can combine efforts.

There are two publisher-driven summer educational workshops available to yearbook staffs during the summer. Taylor Publishing Representative Elizabeth Knapp hosted the Taylor Summer Yearbook Camp at EKU. Also at EKU is the Bluegrass Yearbook Experience, hosted by yearbook representative Ginger Thompson.

AWARDS & HONORS

KJEA aims to begin new awards, including Adviser of the Year and Student Journalism of the Year awards.



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Congratulations to this school which was an Online Pacemaker winner in Portland in the spring of 2010.

Blue and Gold Today, Findlay HS, Findlay, Ohio; <http://www.blueand-goldtoday.org>

John Sisser, editor; Jim McGonnell, adviser

From Georgia State Director Georgia Dunn

MEMBERSHIP

Membership holds steady in Ohio. Currently we are at 65 with a few more new memberships to be forwarded from OSMA, our state affiliate organization. This is the same number as last year at this time.

One of the ways that we are attempting to find new JEA members is through our partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). OHSAA asked each of its member schools to list its newspaper, yearbook, and broadcast adviser's name on their directory. From this, we have contacted each of the advisers about our fall activities.

HAPPENINGS

Ohio Scholastic Media Association (OSMA)

Each of the five regions has planned fall workshops. Region Four at Findlay was Oct. 7, Region Three will be at Miami University's Voice of America Learning Center on Oct. 29, and Region One at Kent State will be Oct. 20. Region Two at Ohio University is scheduled for November. The Region Five event will be Dec. 3 at Otterbein College.

The group will hold its second state conference at Kent on April 8 & 9, 2011. Tim Harrower will be the featured speaker.

Partnership

OSMA is also embarking on a partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association. We will work to improve the accessibility of high school journalists to area and state-wide tournaments. We held our first joint event at the girls' state basketball tournament last year. We partnered with OHSAA and the Columbus Dispatch in a training program. In addition, we want to educate high school journalists, including photographers, about the rules for obtaining press credentials as well as what is expected of them at athletic contests.

Mentoring

We have begun the fourth year of the JEA mentoring project, underwritten by the Ohio Newspaper Association. The first year mentors Wayne and Georgia Dunn mentored four advisers: three in the Columbus area and one in South Central Ohio. This year they have one in the Columbus area, one in south central Ohio, and six in the southwestern Ohio area.

AWARDS & HONORS

Congratulations to these two schools from Ohio who have been named finalists in the National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker Awards.

Newspaper (8 pages or fewer)

Blue & Gold, Findlay HS, Findlay, Ohio



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MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has remained fairly consistent with 117 VAJTA members.

111 JEA members from Virginia. 81 members are members in both organizations, so again we're trying to get everyone to be involved in both groups.

HAPPENINGS

We are continuing several programming initiatives that have proven successful. We partnered with Educational Media Services at Virginia Tech for the fourth summer to offer jCamp in July. Additional strands were added this year. Online media was a very successful new strand and advanced and beginning strands were offered in photography and design.

To replace the Virginia High School League Fall Championship Workshop which has been cancelled, we are holding a spring J-Day for 2011 on April 29-30 which will offer training for students and advisers, write-off competitions, carry-in competitions, best of show and keynote speakers Bradley Wilson and Aaron Manfull.

Our state website has been redesigned and VAJTA state director Chris Waugaman is actively updating that along with our Facebook page.

AWARDS & HONORS

We're very proud of multiple Virginia advisers who have been recognized nationally since our last report. Former VHSL Publications Director Bob Button was inducted into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame on Oct. 18. Bretton Zinger from Chantilly High School was named a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Special Recognition adviser in

September and Valerie Kibler of Harrisonburg High School was named the 2010 Dow Jones Newspaper Fund's National Journalism Teacher of the Year.



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Region 7 has been going through much transition this year as we accept retirements from several directors and add new directors. Brian Baron of Massachusetts and Sherri Taylor of New York have stepped aside to allow JEA members Colleen Gacic of Massachusetts and Starr Sackstein of New York to take over duties of state director. We are still looking for state directors in Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine.

I have had the great opportunity to invite these new state directors to serve our membership. Their enthusiasm and hard work will continue to grow JEA in this region.

Stacey Wilkins has worked hard to get a state advisers association and a student state convention rolling, a first in the state of Connecticut (see report below.)

I have been judging student publications for various state and regional organizations and had a great time teaching the Page Editors weeklong session at CSPA.

As I continue to work with the Scholastic Press Rights commission by

writing blogs, I keep a close eye on the National School Board Association legal briefs to post news about the NSBA views on student First Amendment issues to the www.jeasprc.org blog.

Additionally, I was selected in the winter to serve on the JEA Certification Commission. We have spent considerable time this summer and fall preparing sessions for the fall convention to give advisers support prior to the exam. Working with the Commission to develop new exam questions, develop protocol for testing sessions and other materials has been a powerful professional learning experience that will impact our members.

Getting the opportunity to proctor the exam for the Florida Scholastic Press Association was a highlight of the spring.

To promote JEA on position First Amendment rights, I invited Frank LoMonte, SPLC Executive Director, to speak with Henry Rome, former JEA Student Journalist of the Year and his former co-editor, to speak at the PA School Press Association convention November 4. To give Pennsylvania student journalists and advisers an opportunity to interact with the JEA Yearbook Adviser of the Year, I invited Lori Oglesbee to present at the PSPA convention. She will do four sessions and will share her thoughts on students as journalists on November 5, 2010.



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From Connecticut State Director Stacey Wilkins, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

The Connecticut chapter now has 10 members up from just four members two years ago. The Connecticut JEA chapter continues to work to link our expanding Connecticut Academic Press Association (CAPA) membership to the JEA membership.

HAPPENINGS

Four Connecticut JEA member schools attended Fairfield County Journalism Symposium on Oct. 8, 2010. Stacey Wilkins presented two Web site workshops to students and advisers at this event. Frank LoMonte of the Student Press Law Center was the keynote speaker and plans to work with Connecticut advisers on a press freedom initiative in the coming academic year.

Wilkins also taught journalism in the five-week journalism program at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She was an instructor in television broadcasting with a emphasis on international coverage. Wilkins worked with 84 students hailing from Asia, Europe and the United States. Wilkins was joined by top journalists from Newsweek, The Chicago Tribune, and ABC News who also worked

as instructors in the intensive program. Wilkins will return to join the Northwestern staff in the summer of 2011.

AWARDS & HONORS

Connecticut Student Journalist of the Year Alex Nitkin has taken a gap year to work in Maturín, Venezuela. Nitkin will enroll as a freshman at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in the fall of 2011.

Wilkins was named the Journalism Educator of the Year by Youth Journalism International in June.

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MEMBERSHIP

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HAPPENINGS

JEA membership / informational materials were distributed at the spring and summer adviser conferences of the GSSPA, and will be included in the adviser folders at the Fall Press Day on Oct. 25.

The NJ JOY candidate is the recipient of the \$5000 Bernard Kilgore Scholarship, sponsored by the NJ Press Foundation and created by the Kilgore family and The Princeton Packet. The 2010 winner was Adam Offitzer of Scotch Plains-Fanwood H.S.

AWARDS & HONORS

Longtime member John Tagliareni, who retired from Bergenfield H.S.

in June, after a 38-year career, advising the award winning Bear Facts newspaper, has been chosen as a JEA Lifetime Achievement award winner. Tagliareni a founding member of GSSPA, is a popular presenter at GSSPA and CSPA conferences, and is a member of the JEA Press Rights commission.



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I continue to encourage all Pennsylvania schools to join JEA. A joint membership form for PSPA and JEA is available on the PSPA website. I review the report of non-renewing schools and email reminders. With enough notice I can attend regional or state events; however, I need at least two months notice at this point to get permission from my district. I am now only allowed out of school three days per year, and I must miss two days to attend the national convention. I can get around this by taking kids because field trips do not count toward my three days so it is helpful for me to have advance notice. I can also take personal days if needed. I have also submitted my name as interested in the Middle School Commission Chair position.

HAPPENINGS

PSPA has decided to hold their annual convention in November. The Holiday Inn Harrisburg East will host the convention for Thursday evening, Nov. 4, and Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Nov. 5. Already scheduled events include:

Thursday evening, Nov. 4: Former editors of the Conestoga HS newspaper, The Spoke, will speak at the Thursday evening PSPA dinner. Topic: censorship of the press. Both students, Henry Rome and Seth Zweifler, were involved in censorship discussions at the high school - at the same time that Henry Rome was being named Student Journalist of PA and the national student journalist of the year.

Friday speakers who have confirmed: a producer from ABC 27 News, Kathy Zweibel, Susan Houseman, Bob Hankes, and Mike McVitty. Bloomsburg's newspaper staff will run a session, as will Big Spring's staff. The plan is to offer ten sessions simultaneously six times on Friday, one beginning every 75 minutes.

The TV station next door to the hotel, WITF, will give tours all day of the facility, and some will be led by experts in certain areas of journalism (so there will be a reporter's tour, and then a graphic designer's tour, etc.)

At noon Harrisburg veteran evening news co-anchor Valerie Pritch-

ett will do a live feed from the hotel for ABC 27 News, then give the lunchtime address and take questions. Afterwards, Valerie will take ten students back to WHTM and give them a tour.

Friday's registration and lunch: \$45 total per student. This should be affordable for most mid-state students.



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MEMBERSHIP

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HAPPENINGS

I'll be attending the November national convention in Kansas City.

AWARDS & HONORS

Two Vermont teachers were ASNE Reynolds High School Journalism Institute Fellows this summer.



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