2005 Fall Semi-Annual Report

Headquarters - Linda Puntney, MJE, Executive Director

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

Membership: As of Oct. 14, 2005, JEA has 15,886 members, which is down 2% from last year. In Texas, 22 out of 24 districts have members who are members of JEA.

In addition to a healthy membership, JEA has a diversified membership and the membership is growing in quality. It's important to note that our membership is growing and becoming more and more important in our communication with the National Media Association.

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Deb Buttleman Bowen

Elected 108th for the student Press Law Center with First Amendment Status Certification. I am a BFSU Senate and Regional - Girl of the 1st Ever First Amendment. My kids are going to Red White and Blue and will be marching and beating First Amendment Chords during welcome therefore we will be having a celebration during events. We have a new opportunity for teachers to come and take on the district. They seem to be going beyond BPEA investigation. For far more than three decades we are raising the dialogue between them but do so. Only interesting fights. Some select schools try to continue print new letters with student newspapers. Easy ways to strictly control and balance between H.S. My kids are working on a through this blog on my project. Also our local paper is sponsoring an on-line print paper that I should hug. Imagination. Kids are complaining about the obvious and double meaning and lack of controls towards mental. Basically everything very to teach them to do correctly... To comment says kids out reading it and the publisher seems only to care that the kids read it.

Janet McKinney

Chad Talley, Franklin Central High School’s former newspaper adviser, put it out of court with the Indiana school corporation and will receive $73,793. The settlement has been long over a job for a Franklin Township Schools, but Talley hopes to return to the classroom to teach English. The litigation with Talley’s related to the school board takeover of New Harmony in November 2006 when he was accused of exact a story in the student newspaper about a student arrested on a concealed charge. The school corporation claimed it was a “permissive issue” because he does not have a journalism teaching license.

Donna Cipri, executive director of the Indianapolis school Press Association, told the Indianapolis Star, “This case wasn’t about the First Amendment is like saying the American Revolution won’t teach freedom.” Talley is completing a journalism education program at Ball State University and will continue journalism licensing requirements by state.

Becky Sipes

One exciting project in January is a First Amendment Night sponsored by our PTSA. For our first evening (Nov. 17), they want to foster the community’s understanding of students’ speech and press rights. They hope to have an evening focusing on issues of values at another. Pre-arranged for Adam Goldenstein at Medill by Becky Sipes, Director of the First Amendment Project to speak that evening to create “real-world” scenarios for the audience to work through. The audience will write to parents, teachers, administrators, and students. I select the student articles from the parents who want to ensure that their students have a voice. This scenario I worked to make sure the Pacifica’s journalism advisor project went on line with the school district’s revised regulations on controversial issues and student publications. I combined with SPLC, that’s how we work, but added some questions, advice, and briefly outlined themselves when covering controversial issues. I presented these and other guidelines to the new advisors in-services when school began. There are so many advisors who are not training.

John Taggart

While I am usually active in promoting student press rights on the high school level, I got involved in an unexpected situation that occurred at Ranger University. The Ranger journalism department chair actually made a statement that students should not write about campus controversies or assignment issues. Apparently, that’s because it was hiring advertising promotions. As an accessible board member, I recommended that the Garden State Scholastic 4th Media Commission that publicize the Department of Education and Ranger and look for another New Jersey university to hold our events. Fortunately, the situation was resolved before any direct action was needed. Before it got to that point, the chairman bought school and I changed his view. While our action was not needed at that point, it was a warning of our pending role, the professors were not happy with, made it known to Ranger officials that event at the high school level, student journalism project on controversies and the investigation at their school.

In effect, the high school press served as an example.

I will continue to work with The Record as a newspaper advisor editor, distribution. The Record is a leading newspaper in southern New Jersey. I have worked with at or the Gannett’s for a number of years, and it’s very supportive of student press issues. I have also sponsored workshops for students and advisors of the newspaper’s offices. I will hope to get the editorial board to address our concerns and to write a editorial that could support student press rights and convey the importance of scholastic journalism. Jeffery Page, a Record columnist, is a supporter of student rights, and has addressed such issues as off campus violence and harassment of students who exercise their First Amendment rights on those sites. I will seek his support for new recreation, it’s will sell and parody Marquette, the editorial cartoonist, to tell a cartoon that expresses our complaints when a controversy arises about student rights and First Amendment. He too for a strong amendment issues and writing only, and he supports our cause. In addition, the Record has a effective Newspaper in Education program. And I hope they will use this program to open more access of first amendment classes through their educational materials.

These are some of my many of my usual obligations as a commission members, as the new president of the Garden State Scholastic Press Association, I will speak at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association’s fall and spring conventions, and I will speak at a Garden State Scholastic Press Association Conference in the fall and spring conventions. I will also address questions regarding literacy and First Amendment. I also will address questions on New Jersey's strong constitution, which protects student journalists. The program includes advisors and articles, and I will present workshops which includes print press information as part of writing about sensitive and controversial issues.

Fern Valentin

 Held a session on press rights at our annual Journalist Advisor Workshop at Central Washington University in August. We had no session on Press Rights at our journalization Day in the US in September. Both Bill Beckman and I went there to introduce ourselves and pass out materials on press rights.

In October, Mike and the Seattle Press Council on Press Rights for advisors at the PNBuilding in Seattle. I attended as well. He continues to be our biggest asset. Press review is nearing to apply all over the state as new principal and new schools are getting papers. It is a major topic at our WCHA board meetings.

Commission members: Jane Rhymie, Carmen Perkins Brown, Mark Deaver, Terri Eagan, Vic Deitmer, Karen Flowers, L. I. Hild, Deb Buttleman Bowen, McDonald, Jeffrey Page, Candace Perkins Bowen, Janet Taggart, Tracy Ann, Becky Sipes, Diane Smith, Randy Stone, Fern Valentin

Multicultural Commission

Norma Sunnam Rasmussen, KME, chair

All the Seattle Convention 2005, we won two Outreach participation. Lori Tanabe of Hakata High & International School in Hakata, Hirosi and Toshi Hiko of Bremerton High School in America, Florida, both Garcia of McCullin High School in San Antonio, Texas attended the Atlanta Convention Fall 2004.

During the summit of 2005, Jane Outcalt participants attended the Advisors Institute at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. A group from Southeast High School in San Antonio, Texas, Nancy Koonce at Tallahahs High School in Tallahassee, Oklahoma, Vail municipality of Wyopk High School in Naples, Hirosi and Jane in Mar Bland of Furman High School in Charleston, South Carolina.

IEA’s Multicultural Commission offered in our out First Outreach at the Seattle Convention Spring 2005. Kathy Schlichter was chair of the event. There were 30 advisors, most from around the Seattle area, who participated in the Academy. The Academy sought out advisors of diversity. It drew a diverse group from high school populations in the schools, advisors of middle school and junior high programs, and advisors with less than five years experience.

Many issues from talking to the editors were more focused in the Academy. There were professionals and educational speakers who participated in the Academy. The feedback from the attendees was very positive. Kathy Schlichter did an excellent job of hosting the first time event and in helping with making it a tremendous success. Stahl Zoller will chair the Chicago Convention Fall 2005 Outreach Academy. Steve O'Donoghue is working on the San Francisco Convention Spring 2006 Outreach Academy.

Certification Commission

Mark Newton, MJE, chair

We are exploring the following and welcome all comments:

- Graduation credit from Kansas State for earning MJE state. Creditly could be offered for the exam, the exam.
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Happenings

The NCTE yearly convention will be in Philadelphia, the weekend after we go in Chicago for our convention. IEA will sponsor a number of events:

- Concurrent sessions attended: “We Are Not Alone On Our Side: Support Group for Student Publication Advisors” presented by Jane Rhymie and me. June will focus on yearbook and I will talk about newspapers. June and I will each give away 500 CDs with newspaper and yearbook ideas. Literature will be distributed to all.
- Concurrent workshops: Carmen Perkins Brown and Susan Hatfield-Taylor will present “Applying NCTE Standards to Classroom Journalism Projects”. Participants pay an additional fee to the convention registration to attend the session on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.
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Happenings

Washington - Kathy Schrier

Membership

The Seattle national convention last April was good for states in the Northwest, allowing many schools to attend a national convention for the first time. Membership is up in Washington state, and membership remained stable or rose in surrounding states as well. Happenings. I would like to congratulate the advisors in WJEA who worked hard to make this convention a success in so many ways, and also thank the many members from across the country who provided talks, judging services, and editorial publications. In particular, I found that the quality of the WJEA judges was the best that I have seen, as was the efficiency of their judging. This thanks to the initiatives efforts of Sherry Malher and Fern Valentine. Similarly, Kathy Schrier made the first offering of JEA's Outreach Academy a striking success, helping define the new workshop and giving participants on outstanding programs. And WJEA's senior advisor of the year, Logan Aimone, sculpted a finely program of feature speakers, in particular Margaret Larson, who inspired many of us in the Friday Advisor's Luncheon.

For the JEA Board. WJEA again hosted the math's little bit by taking our Friday night entertainment off site to the Experience Music Project. While doing this is fraught with complications, it is a way for high school journalism conventions, and it would encourage local communities to consider something unique with something site in the convention program. Finally, I can't say enough about our amazing job Linda Punshney does for JEA, together with Ann Alan and Tom Brubick, and the staffs of both ISA and NSPA, our national conventions.

Anecdote. We have a unique atmosphere that we are known for, and I am pleased to report that we had a number of successful programs this year. A keynote speaker was selected for the 2005 NSPA Newspaper Journalism Teacher of the Year, Sherry Malher. She was selected because of her efforts in developing and implementing a new media program that combines yearbook, newspaper, and website. She brought to life the concepts of digital media and online publishing, and demonstrated how these tools can be used to create engaging and informative content. She is a true leader in the field of high school journalism, and her work has inspired many others.

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The membership of our school continues to grow this year. This is due to our efforts to recruit new members and retain existing ones. Over 40 speakers presented 55 minute workshops on Monday, and tours of the local paper and television stations were available.

**Awards & Honors**
- First, Horace Smith High School, sponsored Advisor of the Year.
- Victory Park High School, sponsored Bardof Advisor of the Year.
- John Binning, Pine Bluffs Junior/Senior High School, sponsored Administrators of the Year.
- Student Journalist of the year from Iowa was Brian Burton, of Davenport Central HS, Deb Buttleman Malcolm adviser; Runner-up was Tara Flockhart of North Cedar High School, Karina Krall, adviser.

**REGIONS & CONFERENCES**
- Pacific Northwest: The conference was held at the University of Utah on November 18 where over 800 student journalists are expected. The conference is supported by many universities, Brigham Young University, Utah JEA, and Scripps.
- Midwest Region 2 - Alberta Schools:
  - Northern California, Lise McDaniel
  - BEAAN has already involved members with the Spring Convention. We are working hard to provide a flavor of California, San Francisco and all that we have to offer. We anticipate a large turnout and want everyone to enjoy the area while improving their journalism skills. Anyone who would like to participate in writing or as a mentor, judge and/or both should contact Lise McDaniel at lmdaniel@globalcity.net.

- South Central Region 3 - Iowa State:
  - Iowa - Steve Kim
  - Utah - Chris Snow
  - Nebraska - Scott Shelton, IHSPA director, and Merle Dieleman presented a program at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake sponsored by the

- South Central Region 3 - Illinois State:
  - Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Nancy Becker, Atkins; W.T.: Jeff Carter, Rieter Forest; H.; Sarah Deemer, Dalquay, R.I.; Ted Heiser, Vrooman Hills, R.I.; Carol Parks, Hinsdale, R.I.; Linda Pletten, Barr Hills, R.I.; Gary Roark, Grand Island, Neb. Barby Rondaks, Odessa, Ind.; Sherry Tramaglio, Utica, Neb. and Daniel Regan, Wanaque, N.J.

- October 1st entered all Region 3 state directors, encouraging them to attend the conference in November. The sessions they could attend and the other information for receiving the BEA stipend is also encouraged them to contact the administrator in their respective states whose memberships have expired. I apologized to them to communicate those personally and explained that I would definitely communicate those people to encourage them to renew their BEA memberships.

- America will be renewed in the future and it will be held in the future.

- IJEA, produced with the help of the Illinois Press Foundation, adds awareness of IJEA activities and benefits. For example, the fall issue of our state newsletter is sent to both members and non-members throughout the state to reflect our impact.

- We had our first Illinois High School Association journalism competition this school year. Regional competition will be held at various colleges in the state. The final state competition will be held at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

- Partnership with the Illinois Press Foundation continues to thrive as the BEA offers resources and information to assist with scholastic journalism projects.

- The Illinois First Amendment Center released its new First Amendment curriculum that has literally swept the nation with its impact. More than 100 states have ordered the curriculum, which is free and available on the internet, CDs, and printed formats. A group of Illinois secondary school journalists helped develop this curriculum.

- Anyone who has been involved with BEA and/or JEA, please let us know what you are working on. Also, please let us know about any new projects or ideas you are working on.

- RANDY SWIKLE was awarded Regional Director with Special Recognition at the Illinois JEA awards meeting. He will be doing a session at the National Convention in San Francisco.

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Nearly 700 Minnesota High School journalists and their advisers attended the Minnesota State High School Journalists Convention for the first time on the University of Minnesota campus.

Journalism Education of Minnesota (JEM) sponsors the All-Minnesota competition at the fall convention, and local media outlets for promotion and prepare for the event. Each school that enters receives a state/city-keepsake and other a bronze, silver or gold certificate. The Gold Milkweed (individual award) and the Best of Show competition are announced at the fall convention.

On October 18, Linda McCormick of the University of St. Thomas hosted another adviser's meeting at the St. Thomas offices. She revised the executive editors of both the Star Tribune and The Pioneer Press to speak to advisers about how they are thinking about younger readers. The editors were also interested in learning about the teachers’ thoughts on desire to attract younger readers.

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

In the future, Linda and I along with other editor and several other student journalism advisers from Minnesota attend the convention. The First Amendment is an important tool to your students to express their opinions and to interview a professional, and we'd like to invite more advisers gathered together for these kinds of discussion.

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

**Nebraska -- Marsha Kalkowski, MJE**

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

NHPA has been working hard to get back to inactive advisers in both the state organization and IEA. We offered IEA membership through NHPA Convention Registrations and that secured a few new members. Having a convention closer to home has helped and afflicting a state IEA contest has helped as well. We are looking to continue offering those local workshops to other services to newer and struggling advisers.

**HAPPENINGS:**

The NHPA convention was held Oct. 17 in the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. We have hosted brunches at UNO and a keynote speaker and some who presented as Scott Winter and Brinna Waterson with many Nebraska professional journalists. More than 460 students at 46 high schools attended the convention. "Celebration" and "Golden Kernel" awards were given to public schools from the last school year and we thank many IEA members for writing the judges.

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**AWARDS & HONORS:**

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South Dakota -- Debra Rothenberger, CJE
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**AKRONAS -- Stephanie Emerson**

**Membership**

ASA continues to work to increase membership. We continue to encourage our members to enroll in IEA when they join the state organization. Several IEA members continue to be active in the local level. There are 82 members in our state organization, 43 of those in IEA.

**Happenings**

The State Convention was held in Little Rock April at the Arkansas State Convention Center. There were 164 publication members/schools, and second-round winners. On-site workshops were held with 250 attendees; 10 in photography; 9 in yearbook; 5 in literary magazine; 2 in journalism; 2 in digital video. The annual event is presented at the end of each year.

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Texas - Susan Duncan

Membership

The Texas Association of Journalism Educators is working to increase teachers' knowledge of state and national organizations and to encourage membership in JEA and SCSPA. Our executive director sends out multiple membership reminders each year. Teachers who have joined the association are encouraged to notify us of their new membership in JEA.

TAAE currently has 214 members; 250 Texas advisers are members of SCSPA.

Happenings

The TAAE held its convention in San Antonio, Oct. 22-24, with approximately 930 students and advisors attending. Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas Francs gave the keynote address. Our out-of-state speakers included David Knight, Scott Winter, Linda Dutney and Ann Duerre. Over 550 attendees, more than 282 students and publications were awarded in awards competition.

TAAE added a new scholarship, the Bobby Shriver Scholarship, to bring the total of scholarships money awarded annually to $5,000.

Texas: For the JEA Board

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

Anthem of interest is JSPA rules and how they pertain to school publications.

Southeast Region

Brenda Gorseck

Hollins - June 9, 2006

Membership

Florida has 68 members.

Happenings

As Ily Stanley left the position of Director of FSPA, her former yearbook editor, John Plane, assumed the position. FSPA Today quoted the Documentary film student as saying, "Every year of this past decade has smoothed a different skill through to the other than the above-mentioned, covering field of a yearbook editor..."

At the state convention in April, Embry Riddle Academy of Orlando High School was named Journalism Teacher of the Year. Besides a paper and pencil, she received from Peery Press Institute: "A Day at Peery.

District winners were announced. Monica Bondurant of Pasco High School, represented District 3 and Canaday of Pah Harbor High School, represented District 4. Vivian Quinn, of Idaho Senior High School, in Music, represented District 6, and Marc Fiercer of Boy Annon High School in Landlocked, represented District 7.

FSPA gives four Gold Medallion Awards: Ann Roberts, Secretary of Richa High School in Tampa, Dr. Lauren R. Campbell (Peabody) and Mary Moley. объявила об этом месте на 100 лучших. 46 years in education.

Gold Keys, representing 10 years of participation in FSPA, went to Daniel Brey (King High School, Tarpon) and Stedman (Suns High School). Five years of participation in FSPA, seven advisers received Silver Keys. Many think about the future participation in this educational workshop. The 2006 convention will be June 12-14 on the USC-Chapel Hill campus.

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South Carolina - Monica Hill, State Director

Membership

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

Happenings

Two Pulitzer Prize winners joined the NC Scholastic Media Association: Susan Hooper, of The Daily Tar Heel; and David Hooper, of The Daily Tar Heel, to discuss their book, Deadline: Pres. Problem-solving, Campaigning, Nick Anderson, editorial cartoonist for the Louisville Courier-Journal, discussed his expertise or how he had won the 2007 Pulitzer. His name had already been left off the list of finalists Pulitizer nominees.

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

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This is the fifth year that SCSPA has offered both a one-year membership for $40 and a three-year membership for $110. Our board voted to phase in the three-year membership in 2000 because of the high turnover rate of publication advisers. Board members felt that it is hard to maintain a three-year membership and a three-year member would have an automatic "connection" with our organization because they would receive the beginning of the year's mailings. Advisers also did the idea of a three-year membership because they didn't have to pay every year.

The beauty of this three-year membership for SCSPA is that we begin each year's membership year in Sept. 1, 2006), with a core of about 111 of our membership. With the high turnover rate of advisers, the multiple-year membership helps keep in touch with communications with the schools during the transition from one adviser to another.

The downside is that SCSPA membership does not include special services like publication evaluations, state evaluations for newspapers, Excellence in Scholastic Newspaper Awards for newspapers, and individual competitions for broadcast, magazines and yearbooks. So we often have to remind advisers whose skills have three-year memberships to enjoy these additional features.

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

- language arts coordinators in all school districts,
- principals with journalism programs whose publications were not members of SCSPA,
- teachers whose publications had not been evaluated by professionals.

We have also had two guidebooks and a regular publication the media specialists of their schools for a video journals' workshop and a principal tells an officer to "send some of his students" to some regular meetings, and one workshop.

Another tactic we are trying this year is targeting all the public and high schools that are housed within a mile radius with information about our membership, conferences and competitions to help them see the advantages they have to lose no fees. The local school participation fees that other schools in the state.

We also encourage membership in our regional organization, the Southern Intercollegiate Press Association, and in SCSPA by pairing it up in a map directing the geographic areas these organizations covered and providing membership forms and a composite form to suit the schools as well as the advisors could join one or all of these organizations. We have seen JEA membership increase because of this payment convenience over the last four years.

One of those received evaluations, up from two the year before. We have only offered membership to broadcast programs since 2002.

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

Happenings

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

For the last two years our adviser has always offered our fall conferences. Last year Hurricane Katrina brought heavy winds and rain causing administrators in some parts of the state to forbid the schools from traveling to Columbia where the conference was held. This year the result of Hurricane Katrina and Rita caused districts throughout the state to cancel field trips over the price and shortage of gas. Despite the school district that could not come, over 950 advisors, students and special guests attended the 2006 Fall Conference at the University of South Carolina's Russell Daniel Institute on Greenville Street.

These two events were able to attract all students through special guests Brenda Gorseck, Susan Massy and David Knight as well as professionals from state and local media and veteran advisers.

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In September we traveled to Washington and Lee University where they and we hosted our annual fall conference. Because Virginia is a large state, we do move this conference around the state. We feel that this is a great way to reach out to teachers and sponsors. A sponsor from any school can contact me or Valerie and ask for a specific was down from last year.

Virginia

About 1700 students and advisers attended the fall conference on October 3 which featured Linda Puntney and Bobby Owsinski. Students and advisers attended four sessions during the day, choosing from a number of options that covered all aspects of student journalism. MIPA held its spring conference on April 22 where individual students, school newspapers, school yearbooks and school television programs were honored. MIPA also offered on-site contests for yearbook and newspaper students and carry-in contests for video and photography students.

In March the Senate Bill 156, guaranteeing high school students freedom of the press, has been stuck in committee since its introduction. The Senate Bill would extend the First Amendment to high school students. This bill is crucial for high school students. In June the MIPA board learned that their long-time accountant had embezzled over $50,000 from the organization over a three-year span. The accountant worked for MSU and she had also taken from other accounts, the university pursued charges against her.

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Second, Otterbein College will host the conference. JAOS (Journalism Association of Ohio Schools), the third SPA in the state, has big news for its 75th anniversary. One was JEA's Jack Kennedy and the other was Evan Wright, Cleveland native and Rolling Stone writer. The convention in Chicago.

Michigan

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

MIPA first-time president Rachel Zimmerman, who initiated a mentoring program two years ago, now has 15 pairs of experienced advisers and new advisers in the program, and it continues to grow. In June the MIPA board learned that their long-time accountant had embezzled over $50,000 from the organization over a three-year span. Since the accountant worked for MU and she had also taken from other accounts, the university pursued charges against her.

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Central States/Great Lakes Region - Tom Kennedy

Member

We continue to encourage our members to “broaden” their state, and many of our state JEA members are active in their state and national community. A few more experienced advisers retired this year and we need more in the journalism community. We need more financial support for our programs across the state.

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Over the summer, Kent and Scholastic Media Leader Candace Perkins Brown hosted the American Society of Newspaper Editors Summer Journalism Institute. Thirty-five students from all over the U.S. spent two learning about newspapers and how to work in student media publications. The Scholts and veteran L. Knight Foundation sponsored the three-week, all-expense paid workshop through a grant to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Many Ohio schools are facing budget and staffing cuts that are leading to cutbacks of field trips, in some cases, elimination of scholastic media programs. This was evident in the fall when GLIPS, the Great Lakes Interscholastic Press Association at Bowling Green State University held its 57th annual workshop. The number of students attending was much lower than in previous years, thanks to two non-renewals and recognized newsmakers. One was IAS’s Jack Kennedy and the other was Evan Wright, Cleveland native and Rolling Stone writer.

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I received a note from a member who complained that she received the book on Chicago in late September. She was concerned that she would be left out of the Workshop sessions and trips associated with the convention, since details were not sent prior. Nancy Chacon from Vermont said “I will write again when it isn’t so late.” That was posted at 10:41 p.m. on Sept. 28 – 3 days since then.

Nothing from Maine, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, though I sent each director four times. I had an individual from Connecticut in the spring who was interested in becoming State Director, but I have not heard from her since May, when she was actually planning to form a Connecticut State Association. I try again. I’m hearing that something’s going on, I decided to contact everyone in the Region and in the directory – by e-mail, direct letters. I’m at “G” at the moment, and have a few responses, so I hope it is having an effect. However, my major effort will be through the yearbook reps. Bonnie Blackman of Jostens helped the Garden State Scholastic Association greatly when she plugged us to the schools she represents. Well, I suggested that we take the same approach and get back to offering an annual convention. Perhaps you can advise me when we get back to Chicago. Incidentally, our FYT from ND was Mark K. Millan of Woodcliff Lake, a native in the spring from the Chicago High School. Our selection is based upon the winner of the Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship – worth $5,000. GISFA also awards a $1,500 scholarship, the Robert Stevens Memorial Scholarship, for other students who may not be planning a career in journalism, but who demonstrated outstanding credentials in journalistic activities during high school. At Press Day, we will also recognize the winners of our annual Newspaper and Yearbook Contests. Our Press Day usually attracts around 1,000 students and 80 advisers from NJ. It is held at Rutgers University. Our Advisor’s Conferences is held in May. We also have regional programs throughout the state and we are working on a survey of all publications advisers (which I shall have and will follow up with GISFA feedback).

Membership

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

Maryland

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

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

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

Happenings

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

Advisors continue to work toward state standards, something which looks to be a reality in 2006.

Camille Killen took the gavel as the new president of GISFA last month at the state convention.

Awards and Honors

Jody Nelsen of Pioneer Jr. Sr. High School was named our Advisor of the Year.

North Central High School principal C E Quandt is receiving GISFA’s Administrator of the Year award in Chicago. SC’s advisor, Tom Gayda, is receiving a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Distinguished Advisor of the Year honor.

Northwest Region - New Administrators

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

Bonnie Blackman of Jostens helped the Garden State Scholastic Association greatly when she plugged us to the schools she represents. Well, I suggested that we take the same approach and get back to offering an annual convention. Perhaps you can advise me when we get back to Chicago. Incidentally, our FYT from ND was Mark K. Millan of Woodcliff Lake, a native in the spring from the Chicago High School. Our selection is based upon the winner of the Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship – worth $5,000. GISFA also awards a $1,500 scholarship, the Robert Stevens Memorial Scholarship, for other students who may not be planning a career in journalism, but who demonstrated outstanding credentials in journalistic activities during high school. At Press Day, we will also recognize the winners of our annual Newspaper and Yearbook Contests. Our Press Day usually attracts around 1,000 students and 80 advisers from NJ. It is held at Rutgers University. Our Advisor’s Conferences is held in May. We also have regional programs throughout the state and we are working on a survey of all publications advisers (which I shall have and will follow up with GISFA feedback).

Sheri Taylor, New York:

Membership

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