

JEA Semi-Annual Report

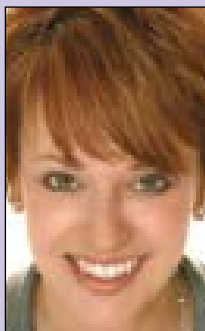
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Mark Newton elected JEA president

Mark Newton, MJE, adviser at Mountain Vista High School in Highlands Ranch, Colo., was elected president of the Journalism Education Association in online voting that occurred in late winter. Sarah Nichols, MJE, was elected vice president, while Lori Oglesbee-Petter, CJE, was elected secretary. Of the 2,209 potential voters, 633 people actually voted and seven abstained for a voter turnout of 29 percent. The newly elected board members take office July 1, 2011.



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directors meeting

- Jan. 5-7 — Attended Scholastic Press Rights Commission meeting
- Jan. 10-12 — Attended Poynter seminar on curriculum development
- Jan. 14-16 — Attended Seattle convention yearout planning meeting
- Jan. 18-20 — Attended Yearbook Adviser of the Year presentation
- Jan. 25 — Participated in conference call of NSPA board of directors meeting
- March 10-13 — Attended Anaheim convention monthout planning meeting
- March 25-27 — Attended JEA finance committee meeting
- March 31-April 1 — Attended site visit for possible Denver convention

FOR THE BOARD

Headquarters has had several big initiatives to engage our existing membership this winter and spring. 1) We unveiled a monthly e-newsletter that is sent to all of our members. 2) We launched a survey of our members to track the interest in and visibility of several JEA core initiatives. 3) We conducted a monthlong election for our board of directors.

Kelly Furnas, Executive Director

MEMBERSHIP

JEA's promotional initiatives came to a close with significant increases in unpaid memberships. To provide for the most current figures related to the initiative, a full report will be made at the board of directors meeting April 14.

HAPPENINGS

- Dec. 11 — Attended Kansas Scholastic Press Association board of



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My four years occupying this position have flown by, and I am left with a mixture of proud moments and minor disappointments. In other words, it's like any other job.

Minor disappointments

1. Despite an array of initiatives, JEA membership remains flat, just when we need "all hands on deck." The "Each One Reach One" campaign is not over, by any means, and I hope it brings more voices to our association. I believe our lack of growth in recent years is a combination of budget problems and the graying of our core membership. We must continue to find ways to reach younger advisers throughout the nation, offering support in a whole range of issues that did not even exist when I began advising.

2. We still don't have our budget process completely clarified, although we are getting closer. We have never had to dip into our "reserve" fund, but our paper budget each year indicates we will have to do so. I worry that such threatening deficits can keep us from investing in projects that would help support more educators and more students, and would allow us to be even more cutting edge in our offerings. This will remain one of my personal goals, even I dodder off into my dotage.

3. After going 7 for 7 in making sure our Saturday Adviser Luncheons started and ended on time, I had a minor disappointment that the Anaheim ceremony pushed some attendees to leave early to get to 2:30 sessions. I hate that, and promise to continue to work with everyone involved to keep us on our planned schedule.

Proud moments

1. An incredibly smooth transition from the leadership of Linda Puntney to that of Kelly Furnas. It has been seamless, from my perspective. I'm not sure what we did to deserve two such amazing executive directors, but I will not be complaining.

2. The Mentoring Program, led by the invaluable Julie Dodd and Linda Barrington, began four years ago at a board retreat at KSU, and it has become one of our most dynamic outreach and retention initiatives.

3. The Outreach Academy, with our brilliant and dedicated trio of instructors -- Linda Schockley, Stan Zoller and Steve O'Donoghue -- has become an absolute model of how to support new advisers in often challenging school situations. I have no idea if this has actually increased our membership. I am absolutely convinced that education is stronger because of these educators.

4. The gradual rise of the next "generation" of scholastic journalism leaders has been wonderful to watch. I am so glad the JEA board has

supported my vision of formalizing ways to bring new faces to our board, through six-year term limits and three-year terms for elected positions. I believe the board that takes over on July 1 will be a unique mix of experience, talent and passion that other organizations will envy.

5. I am constantly amazed by the professionalism and passion of the Scholastic Press Rights Commission, of the Digital Media Committee, and of the National Journalism PLC. I had a very small part in establishing and growing the latter two groups, and I firmly believe they will become part of our core initiatives in the near future. I suppose my admiration for the SPRC also carries some disappointment. We need this wonderful group more than ever as we see student voices and adviser rights increasingly threatened across the nation.

A final thought: I continue to say to anyone who will listen: journalism advisers are the very best teachers, and the very best people, I know. Thanks to JEA for giving me a chance to contribute a bit to an organization that "raised me from a pup." I remember taking pages and pages of notes during my first JEA/NSPA convention, in St. Louis, about 27 years ago, and those notes helped shape me as a teacher and adviser. I took pages and pages of notes in Anaheim, as well, because there is no end to the challenges, no end to the great ideas, no end to the fun of being involved in scholastic journalism.



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HAPPENINGS

My years on the Board, first as a regional director and now as vice president, have gone by quickly. During my tenure I was fortunate to visit several state and regional conferences. Each left me extremely impressed by the professionalism and wisdom of so many individuals, not only on the JEA board, but also at the regional, state and local levels. We face many obstacles but our greatest resource, the people, gives me confidence that our organization will continue to lead the fight for a strong scholastic press.

I am privileged to be able to take part in Virginia's J-Day activities in late April. Great things are happening in Virginia, and I'm excited to see what Val Kibler and company have in store for the advisers and students.

A big thank you goes to all who contributed to this and the other semi-annual reports during my years as vice president, especially the state and regional directors who always seemed to tolerate my nagging. I also want to salute the present and past executive board members with whom I have been privileged to serve -- Linda Puntney, Kelly Furnas, Ann Visser, Jack Kennedy, Susan Tantillo and Linda Drake. What a group!



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It has been a very exciting year for the JEA Awards committee. We had a record number of applicants for the Rising Star Award and many other great candidates for the Teacher Inspiration award. The committee members had a very difficult time choosing from the very talented group of advisers.

Having served as chair of this committee, I collaborated with two other Kansas advisers, Travis Feil from Sterling and Jennifer Hanson from Sautanta, to create two new awards for our state association. One was based on the concept of the Rising Star Award, which we called the Sunflower Award, and the other was to recognize a more experienced adviser for his/her contributions to promoting scholastic journalism and the First Amendment. We will be presenting those two new awards, along with our Jackie Engel Award and our new inductees into the KSPA Hall of Fame at our state contest on May 7.

It has been an honor to serve as the secretary of this organization for the last two years. I have been so very fortunate to learn from the best for so many years, and to have the opportunity to be involved with this group of hard working and dedicated advisers has been a great experience for me.



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HAPPENINGS

This is it. The last report I will write as a board member for the Journalism Education Association. Instead of the usual format, I must divert.

My years as a regional director, secretary, vice president, president and past president have given me the opportunity to be connected with an incredible group of people with an intense desire to do whatever is best for scholastic journalism. I learned so much about our profession, our

purpose and our mission from so many of you. You are truly the best in the nation, and I value what you have given me.

As I move back into a new role as 'just' a JEA member, I think about all I have been given because of all of you. I know I have improved as both a teacher and adviser because of the techniques and ideas you have shared. I know I am more motivated because I have watched so many of you develop such amazing programs. I know I am a better person because I have had the opportunity to share adventures with you and become your friend.

JEA faces great challenges in the years ahead. I wish the best to all of you who will be making some tough decisions as we move forward.



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Communication: Journalism Education Today JEA produced four issues right on schedule. Volume 44, issue no. 1 was a 36-page issue with a wrap. The second (winter) issue was a 72-page special issue on sports coverage and a wrap. The third issue was a 40-page issue with a wrap. The final issue was a 54-page issue with a wrap. Bradley Wilson, CJE, edited the magazine for the 11th year. Howard Spanogle was the assistant editor and Connie Fulkerson was the copy editor. Featured authors: Joe Humphrey, MJE; Howard Spanogle with Jack Kennedy, MJE, and Valerie Penton Kibler, CJE; Judy Babb, Jed Williams, Bradley Wilson, CJE, with David Boily, Jeff Grimm, Karl Grubaugh, CJE, Robert Hanashiro, Chip Litherland and Jonathan Wilk; Bradley Wilson, CJE with Robert Gutsche, Jr. and David Schwartz; Kathleen Neumeyer; Scott Winter; Carolyn Brown; Stan Zoller; Debra Schaefer with Jennifer Hanson and Deanne Brown; Bradley Wilson with Rob Chron; Gary Lundgren, Sarah Nichols, Lori Oglesbee, Griffith Simon, David Von Drehle and Scott Winter; Brent Kitchen; Randy Swikle, CJE; Susan Benedict, MJE, Paul Restivo, CJE, Howard Spanogle and Jim Streisel, MJE Pam Boller coordinated advertising sales out of the national office in Kansas. Advertisers: Fall — Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Friesens, JS Printing, Kent State University and the University of Minnesota Winter — Artona Yearbooks, Dow Jones News Fund, Friesen Yearbooks, Herff Jones, JEA Northern California, Kent State University, School Newspapers Online, University of Nebraska, University of South Carolina Spring — Artona Yearbooks, Association of Texas Photography Instructors, Carolina Journalism Institute, Dow Jones News Fund, Friesen Yearbooks, JEA Northern California, Kansas Journalism Institute, Kent State University, School Newspapers Online, University of Alabama Summer — Alabama Scholastic Press Assn., Artona Yearbooks, Balfour, Center for Investigative Reporting, Columbia Scholastic Press Assn., Dow Jones News Fund, Flint Hills Publications Workshop, Friesen Yearbooks, Gettysburg Yearbook Experience, Herff Jones, Indiana University, JEA Northern California, Jeff Tuttle Photography, Journalism Education Assn., KEM-

PA, Kent State University, National Scholastic Press Assn., Newspaper 2, Newsroom by the Bay, Sheri Campbell, South Dakota High School Press Assn., University of Iowa, University of Kansas, University of Missouri and Washington Journalism Education Assn. We are developing a new mechanism for tracking advertisers to be able to give better financial reporting on advertising as well as a run sheet that is interactive between the national office and editorial staff. We do not anticipate changing advertising rates for the upcoming year. Advertising deadlines: fall — July 23; winter — Aug. 27; spring — Nov. 30; summer — Jan. 28. Copy deadlines: fall — July 23; winter — Sept. 10; spring — Nov. 30; summer — Feb. 10.



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We completed the following projects:

- In addition to offering the CJE and MJE exams at both national conventions, we offered both exams this spring at SIPA and KEMPA and will offer the exams later this spring at the Florida state convention (as part of a statewide effort to support advisers earning Certification) and in New York. 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 the possibility of creating web-based exams.
- Explore using JEA Certification for state-approved certification in journalism.

We are exploring the following and welcome all comments:

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

Information items:

- Our current active files show 491 JEA members with Certification status: CJE, 356; CJE-Retired, 5; MJE, 122; MJE-Retired, 8.
- Congratulations to newly elected Certification Commission chair Kim Green, MJE of Indiana. Kim is currently a member of the Certification Commission. I am pleased to turn over the Commission to such a dedicated, talented, intelligent and hard-working person.
- Congratulations to current Certification Commission member Sarah Nichols, MJE of California who was just elected JEA vice president.
- As this is my last report as Certification Commission chairperson, I wanted to say “thank you” to all current and former Commission members, all who have served the Commission and JEA well. I am so thankful for all your hard work; the Commission is in a better place because of your dedication and talents. And, I am better because of each of you. Thanks!



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The Anaheim Local Committee has developed a great two-day program for junior high/middle school students and advisers for the Spring Convention in Anaheim. Sessions will be in one room, making it convenient for students to attend sessions designed just for junior high/middle school students. Students and advisers will have the option to leave the room for other sessions if they choose.

The Friday Fun Night for junior high/middle school students debuted in Kansas City. Jed Palmer and Mary Patrick oversaw the activities.

Students had a great time hanging out, playing cards, and meeting other young journalists. Advisers had fun interacting with students and other advisers.

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. Information can be found on the JEA website.



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Sharon Martin was the Outreach Academy Chair for the fall convention 2011. There were 16 participants at the academy. There was much praise for Sharon's efficient organization and supervision of the Kansas City Outreach Academy.

Anaheim Outreach Academy Chair is Dawn Nelson. Appointed to chair the Minneapolis Convention during the fall 2011 are Mary Barron-Traut and Lynda McDonnell. Kathy Schrier will again be the Outreach Academy Chair for the Seattle spring convention 2012.

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 Teacher Cadre also presented a proposal to expand the Outreach Program to include summer workshops prior to the conventions. Two years funding of \$19,600 was requested and unanimously approved to expand the Outreach Academy to include training for participants the summer of 2011 and 2012.

The Diversity Award had two applicants for the 2011 year. The Diversity Award will be presented to the Multicultural Journalism Program at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the Anaheim 2011 spring convention. Honorable mention was awarded to Ronald H. Booth, principal of Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado.

At the Kansas City convention, several workshops on diversity were presented. Reginald Ragland presented Meet This Press; Stan Zoller presented All the students, all the time; Can we print that? Privacy and diversity in student publications was presented by Nancy Freeman; Judith Murray and Norma Kneese presented Reach Out, Recruit to Reflect

Diversity; and Candis Brinegar and Carlos Briano presented Marketing to Latino parents.

There were three members who ran for Multicultural Commission chair. They were Javonna Bass of McKinney Boyd High School, McKinney, Texas; Lacy Buidosik of Dorsey High School, Los Angeles, California; and Norma Kneese of Snake River High School, Blackfoot, Idaho.

Ellen Austin of the Southwest region proposed an initiative to aid Hawaii advisers. With other organizations helping to fund a workshop to help advisers transition from paper to online programs, JEA was asked to help with airfare for Tracy Anne Sena and Paul Kandell, instructors at this workshop. On December 17-20, ten advisers, two instructors, JEA regional representative, Hawaii state JEA director and JEA Multicultural Chair attended this workshop. The original suggestion was made through the Multicultural Commission. It was a very successful initiative and has been suggested to the board for future consideration of more similar workshops, especially in areas not close to national conventions.



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Since the Kansas City convention, the commission has been focused primarily on several major projects stemming from our retreat at The Poynter Institute in January.

We developed several major projects:

- Expansion of the 45words student partners group and concept
- Publicized and participated in the Tao of Journalism project
- Development of Making a Difference project
- Creation of Foundation of Journalism statements and working materials, including suggestions for curriculum standards parallel to the Core Standards for law and ethics
- Initiated the discussion of commission focus for the next 3-5 years, including creating action teams able to address specific tasks quickly

Sarah Nichols on 45words and related materials

Since my last report, I have been involved in the following:

(1) Retreat at Poynter

During the retreat I helped create the 2011 Student Partners application, selection criteria, contract, adviser recommendation form and acceptance letter.

I helped promote the call for applicants on JEAHELP and coordinated with others via phone and Skype. Also during the retreat I was able to collaborate with Kathy Schrier to promote the TAO of Journalism and with some other SPRC groups on their various projects. I submitted

a statement on my goals and ideas for the long-term involvement and scope of SPRC within JEA.

(2) Scholastic Journalism Week

I created a SJW group on Flickr and an account for the Student Partners to use to promote various 45words activities. I helped promote the TAO of Journalism signing day and submitted photo examples to lead others in publicizing this activity. I kept in contact with Student Partners and other commission members via Facebook, e-mail and phone to coordinate various social media efforts.

(3) Student Partners

In addition to helping select the new round of partners, I have been involved in a student chat and multiple e-mail and Facebook discussions to guide these students in their 45words outreach. I created a Social Oomph tutorial and have provided suggestions and guidance on blog posts, posters and projects via e-mail and Google Docs. Matt Schott and I will schedule a chat soon for Anaheim-related projects.

(4) Marketing/promotion

I recreated the 45words logo to meet our needs and shared the file with JEA and others on the commission. I contributed to a style sheet, ordered T-shirts and buttons, created a poster to be sold in the JEA bookstore and helped point others to these items to spread awareness.

FUTURE PROJECTS:

I would like to work with Matthew Schott and Kelly Furnas to plan training for Student Partners at JEA HQ and would like to develop criteria for a convention stipend to help make it possible for more Student Partners to attend. I plan to continue my efforts with SP and 45words.

Matt Schott on 45words

45words has had a successful six months. Their presentation and booth at the Kansas City convention were met with great success. At this convention we had five of our eight partners, the most we'd had, which allowed every partner to staff the booth but also get a lot from the convention. Their passion for this work continues to amaze me. I know Sarah and I are extremely proud of the work they have done. These are some amazing journalists we had as our inaugural group of partners.

In January and February, we accepted applications for our new group of student partners and we wound up selecting 11 new partners and held one of our original partners over for a group of 12. This group got straight to work on planning events for Scholastic Journalism Week. They came up with the idea of donating Facebook statuses, a photo contest and several other viral ways to support and complement Tom Gayda's theme. The new partners have continued to be active and have several ideas to continue outreach, including a newsletter. Planning has just begun on this project. This new group seems very passionate and dedicated. I'm excited about their potential.

In Missouri, it seems as if things have died down on the censorship front. I haven't heard of any problems this school year at all in Missouri. I have helped several other commission members in the past year, but all of those took place in other states. Mostly advice and help was given through e-mails or video chats.

Student Partners report

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For the past year, I have seen first-hand how 45words makes a difference. While we are still in our infancy, we have expanded in the past year to a nationwide Facebook and Twitter presence and a new website [45words.org] with continuously updating blog posts and resources for students.

Through reaching out in-person at conventions and online, we began conversations about press rights with students who never before questioned prior review. And most importantly, we have already changed students' perspectives about the First Amendment.

We made a difference to Michelle, an editor-in-chief battling not her principal but her own adviser in Kentucky; to Mikey, a reporter who did not know the definition of censorship until we talked at the 45words booth in Kansas City; to the nameless and faceless students and advisers who have read our blog posts throughout the year.

This is only the beginning. My fellow Student Partners and I simply laid the foundation for a group that will bloom in the coming years. But we can't do this without your involvement: your comments, letting us know what we can do better, and your questions, about prior review or how we can help your staff. Ask your students to reach out to us--like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and start a dialogue about challenging the status quo.

Michael Tuschman

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I've only been involved with 45words for about a month, but I'm already astounded at its potential. Already, I've felt that 45words has empowered me to make a difference in my own publication, and over the next year I hope that I can continue educating both publications and teens in general about the First Amendment. The early responses to our efforts were inspiring. Though we're starting with a fairly small online fan base, everyone I asked to participate in our Facebook status campaign did so eagerly.

There is so much change we can already create as teenagers. For me, 45words is an organization that allows me to work with other teens who understand the power we have at our fingertips. It really hit me when we received a call for help regarding an fired newspaper adviser. This is a real chance for us to influence problems that we see in the journalism community.

The original Student Partners have laid the seeds for everything we can accomplish over the next year, and for that I am extremely grateful. More than anything, our excellent advisers, who respond to us with advice with incredibly dedication, inspire me to continue working to create change in my own community, and throughout the country.

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Becoming an inaugural member of 45words gave me one of the most unique scholastic journalism experiences I could ever imagine. As a founding member, I was able to help create a student-directed initia-

tive to help combat scholastic press censorship. As such, particularly in working the 45words booth in the exhibition halls of two national journalism conventions, I have had the opportunity to facilitate discussions with journalism students across the country stemming from a broad range of scholastic press freedom backgrounds.

It has been astonishing to see how limited some students are in an education system in a country which promises so many unalienable rights to all its citizens. Further, it has been extremely rewarding to act as a peer support and assistance group to those repressed by their communities back home.

In only one brief year, the Student Press Rights Partners working under JEA's Scholastic Press Rights Commission have been blessed to receive such a positive reception from the scholastic journalism community as we've worked with individual student publications to help alleviate their unique situations. I can only hope as the years progress future Student Partners will be as blessed to continue to carry the torch, helping to fight for scholastic press rights across the country.

Brittany Valencic
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Although I have only been involved in 45words for a few months, I feel as though I have already made a difference. I know, personally, I have been inspired to make changes in my own newspaper. Throughout the next year, I want to make changes for students all around the country as well.

I see what the JEA Association and the Student Partners have the power of accomplishing. Scholastic Journalism Week was a success and I am amazed at what we had the ability to achieve. We have reached students nationwide through Facebook, Twitter and our blogs, which are helping to spread the awareness of the First Amendment.

I am honored to have been given the chance to be a part of this organization that has such a major impact on the journalistic world.

As a new member of 45words, I hope to spread the word about the First Amendment and get people to understand what they are entitled to with the rights that are given to them. I want to help students who are censored by schools, administration and adults.

Through promoting First Amendment awareness, I want to make a major change. I believe with the Student Partners, that change is possible.

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As a new partner, I have just begun working with 45words, but I am already amazed at the place we hold in the world of student journalism. It is an honor to be a part of this support system that helps to make it possible for other student journalists to do what they love.

Already, being in 45words has given me the chance to do something. When I hear about cases of censorship, for example, I want to help. I am angry and want to be able to tell the students how much I care and support them. Being in this group gives me a way to channel those feelings into helping other students, and that is so important to me.

I am excited to keep building the group, which I have seen grow so much in the past year. We have the chance to reach out to and support so many student journalists, and I cannot wait to start speaking with them. I had the opportunity to write a blog post for the 45words website during Scholastic Journalism Week, and it gave me so much hope. Maybe another student will see it and remember their rights. Maybe they will see it and realize how important it is to fight for those rights. Or maybe, it will let them know that there are other journalists out there who would support them if they needed it.

45words has already given me the opportunity to reach out to the world of scholastic journalism and promote the importance of the hard work we do, and I know that with the fantastic group of dedicated and passionate students and advisers we have that the possibilities are limitless.

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America is a democracy, and there is always talk of rights, rights, rights: The right of freedom of speech, of worship and of the press to name a few. However, there is another side to that: Responsibility. There is the responsibility of the press to be accurate and objective in their coverage, the responsibility of the people to not slander others, the responsibility to be tolerant of differences, and many more.

Though I am new to 45words, I realize this position gives me a unique opportunity. As a 45words Student Partner, I get to promote the entirety of what the First Amendment promises, because it is a two-sided contract. I can encourage student journalists to be objective and professional, and I can fight for their rights to do what they do. I can work with administrators to give students these unalienable rights, and I can point to the high-quality, responsible, work they do to justify it.

According to John Locke, there is a contract between the government and the people. I see my role on 45words as a mediator between these mutual rights and responsibilities.

Kathy Schrier on the Tao of Journalism project
Scholastic Journalism week 2011 featured a new outreach geared to build accountability and trust in student media. Student journalists were asked to take the "TAO of Journalism Pledge" -- making a public proclamation to practice ethical journalism and to be Transparent, Accountable and Open in their reporting practices.

More than 1,000 student journalists from 32 different schools across the country took the TAO Pledge as part of 2011 Scholastic Journalism Week and are now sporting temporary tattoos of the TAO Seal, showing their commitment to doing the best journalism possible in their school media.

The TAO of Journalism idea was launched by John Hamer, the executive director of the Washington News Council as a way to promote ethical journalism in the professional media. The Journalism Education Association officially endorsed the TAO concept at the fall 2010 national convention in Kansas City and the Student Press Right Commission carried the idea forward at their January meeting at Poynter, where a plan was put in motion to make the TAO Pledge a feature of Scholastic Journalism Week.

Interestingly, a number of student media groups are still asking about taking the pledge-- and temporary tattoos and TAO Pledge posters will continue to be distributed as more groups jump on board.

There will be a TAO of Journalism session at the JEA/NSPA Convention in Anaheim co-presented by John Hamer, Washington News Council executive director and Kathy Schrier, MJE, his executive assistant and JEA SPRC member. The Washington News Council is currently seeking grant funding to underwrite the cost of posters and tattoos that are provided free to student journalism groups who wish to take the Tao of Journalism Pledge.

Jane Blystone on the Making a Difference project

This has been a very exciting time for the SPRC. In November I worked with the SPRC to conduct a student forum at the Kansas City convention. Since the fall convention, I have added several posts to the SPRC blog including keeping folks updated on the NSBA take on several free speech cases. Some of these projects have been broadcast on the JEAHELP list, on the SPRC blog and on Twitter.

In January, I was so honored to work with the SPRC at the Poynter Institute. As the direct result of this think tank project, I have been working on two major projects including the Making a Difference project and working with a team of individuals to develop cores content standards for journalism.

Currently, we are in the process of collecting articles, broadcasts and other coverage done by students that has made a difference in their schools and communities. The initial development team for this project includes Kelly Furnas, Mark Goodman, and H. L. Hall.

We have portioned out jobs to do to get this project ready for the November 2011 convention. We will be trying to include as many stakeholders as we can in this document, which will be posted online.

SPRC commission members will serve at the editorial board for this digital document and the JEA headquarters staff will be preparing files with design and formatting of student work. Hopefully, this will be an interactive project and we will include video components as well. At this point, there are seven entries and we are waiting for more.

Advisers wishing to nominate their students' work can contact me at jane.blystone@gmail.com before the national convention in Anaheim.

John Bowen on the Foundation of Journalism materials

At Poynter the group started the first four of 20, and hopefully more, Foundations of Journalism statements and resources to help teachers, administrators, students and citizens better shape quality, free and responsible journalism. The first group of the materials (10 and the Common Core Foundation at the time this was written, is available on the commission's blog at <http://jeasprc.org> for download and use as teaching material, guidelines or as posters.

The groups also developed a set of eight statements tied to the Common Core Standards that could be used in individual school or as starting steps for journalism learning statements by states. We hope JEA will develop corresponding statements for other areas like curriculum. The eight statements are also available as part of our Foundations of Journalism series at <http://jeasprc.org>.

Materials now available on the blogsite include:

- Journalism as 21st century skills
- A free and responsible student press
- Administrators should support scholastic journalism
- Why advisers should oppose censorship
- The importance of getting consent
- The use of anonymous sources
- Verification is important
- Handling controversy
- Foundations of Journalism to meet Common Core standards and law and ethics
- A road map: Getting to know the SPLC
- Who owns the copyright?

We are looking for other areas students, teachers and administrators would like to have compiled as part of the Foundations series. Please let us know.

John Bowen on commission focus for next 3-5 years

In addition to continuing our mission of assisting students and advisers with legal issues and providing up-to-date educational information on legal and ethical issues, the commission would like to initiate the following goals:

- Development of a rapid action plan to provide assistance to journalism programs
- Creation of small, ad hoc teams with appointed team leaders within the commission to address specific projects and tasks within designated timeframes. One such team could address the need for Constitution Day teaching materials
- Work on creation of ethical guidelines for social media and connecting them to existing guidelines for print and broadcast media
- Expand Adviser Code of Ethics materials to include statements on adviser behaviors like doing work on student publications, accepting gifts and conflicts of interest
- To provide further training for and expansion of the 45words program
- Develop criteria for a convention stipend to help Student Partners attend conventions.
- To expand the commission's membership to allow for additional independent voices
- Continue to develop ways to work with administrators, school boards and communities to establish positive and productive relationships
- Update and/or combine the commission website and blog so materials are clearly and easily accessible. Ultimately, tie commission materials more clearly with an updated JEA site.

Commission reports on ongoing projects and programs

Candace Perkins Bowen

- In February, I edited and formatted, then wrote the introduction and contextual background for the "Legal and ethical foundations for tomorrow's citizens." These are the eight statements members of the Commission developed at Poynter in January that offer the additional piece missing from the Common Core Standards adopted now by all except nine states.

The Common Core addresses only English-language arts and math because, as the National Governors Association Center of Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers who wrote them said, "... these two subjects are skills, upon which students build skill sets in other subject areas." Yet the Commission maintains that, without the legal and ethical foundations on which the United States is based and the free expression these support, no amount of focus on rigor or international

benchmarking will be enough to save our democracy. Standards that offer expectations for tomorrow's citizens, whether headed to college or career, are vital. Being able to read is not enough without the ability to assess accuracy, completeness and bias of content. Being able to write or speak without knowing legal constraints and ethical guidelines is equally worthless.

We hope now to promote these to state groups that are setting up parallels between the national core and their state journalism initiatives and to offer these eight statements to the NCA Center and CCSSO that produced the original standards and who indicated they MIGHT add more in the future.

- I was one of the Commission members who worked at Poynter to set up the new application and promotional materials for the second group of Student Partners. I also helped select the students who have joined the group and participated in chat and online conversations to get them started on their mission. (They are an awesome group, too.)

- I have sent suggestions, materials and support to numerous advisers who post on the JEAHELP listserv about legal and ethical concerns.

Carrie Faust

It's been pretty quiet in Colorado. I have been contacted by five or six schools this year with questions about censorship.

A high school in Windsor faced censorship after school officials decided that reporting - truthfully - that the wrestling mats had given 8-13 wrestlers forms of strep and herpes did not put the school in a good light. The staff countered with an article about student press rights in which I was quoted in my capacity as an SPRC member.

Another school, this time in Aurora, is fighting the possible firing of their 17-year adviser after she "let" the kids publish an article stating that their school has the lowest graduation rate in their district. Another article, an editorial, spoke about "loud, black girls" in the hallway and how they'll grow out of that demonstrative stage when they get older. The new principal feels that the articles do not show off the kind of school they want people to see.

I'm excited to see the Commission answering these and other questions through the creation of literature for advisers and administrators and student advocacy groups like 45words.

Lori Keekley

While at Poynter we created several worthwhile handouts as well as worked on national standards for journalism law and ethics. I also inquired about a private school colleague who was fighting censorship. Also, my students took the TAO pledge.

Other: Yes, I'm still hammering away on a Foundations of Journalism piece for new advisers. I have some research and much of the information already exists on the JEA site.

As for where I think we need to go:

- Although it may sound crazy, how do we get more attention devoted to the cause? How can we promote the work that was done in St. Pete (thanks again by the way ... I loved it).
- We could also look at some data (if it's kept) about how many people have used what is available (like the panic button).
- We could devise a survey in which we see what people need the most

and then have a plan to help according to what they think they need. We could also see how much people know about the commission's work.

- I still like the idea of trying to present sessions at principal conventions. We could possibly change some school climates by doing so.

Deb Buttleman Malcolm

On the high school level, schools are preparing for First Amendment Day April 7.

On the college level-- Western Illinois University got in some trouble this week. It was covered by local ABC here.

Seems the EIC put in a fake obscene byline as a place holder and it was published by mistake. He was interviewed on T.V. stating: "We were just playing around, 'editors do that to each other as a joke' and I guess we learn from our mistakes." The follow-up from the broadcast reporter was that the editor would be making new templates.

Glenn Morehouse Olson

I did a press rights presentation about creating relationships with administrators at the MN State Convention and made some connections with some students during the two panel discussions in Kansas City.

Luckily, we haven't had too many incidents here. On the positive side, I'll share the story of my principal. We have done extensive work on our relationship (since our censorship issue several years ago). This year he did an interview on the "I heart Boobies" bracelets and made some comments on record he hadn't thought about fully. Later he asked if he could change what he said. He came to me and my writers and said that, while he understood we had the right to print his original comment, he would like to retract that and make a different statement if we would allow it. My students discussed it and said that it was their job to tell the truth... if he had changed his mind about whether or not the bracelets should be banned, for whatever reasons, they would reflect his current sentiments. What an amazing turn around.

If we can go from censorship to open communication and trust - I believe we can get there in many of our schools - but it takes a lot of work and communication on the part of the adviser and the student journalists. It must be done with the idea of including all stakeholders and in an atmosphere of honesty. We'll keep working.

Tracy Anne Sena

I worked with The Broadview editor-in-chief and Student Partners member Zoë Newcomb in giving a session at JEA/NSPA Fall Convention in Kansas City, Mo. for on Student Press Rights and the Private School.

The biggest issues seem to be coming from religious schools at which students are publishing material that contradicts tenants of their faith. The Knight Errant in Minneapolis, Minn. had a first-person coming-out story and a staff editorial criticizing their archbishop's a privately and anonymously-funded CD on "family values" that were killed online, although the print edition stayed in circulation, Archbishops have the power disallow a school to operate as a Catholic institution even through they are not generally involved the day-to-day operations.

There is suspicion the school received a directive to pull the stories. Likewise, students at a Jewish school in Southern California have been restrained in using images or run stories which contain references to unconservative dress as students have a dress code on and off-campus

as part of their religious principles. These are both extremely sensitive, given the religious nature of the schools and young people examining and redefining their beliefs. Students were advised to continue to gently push the envelope while maintaining an open relationship with their administration and the highest of journalistic standards in their work, while being sensitive to their own tendency to unnecessarily self-censor.

Gave a session of at CSPA Annual Convention Press Rights and the Private School Round Table in late March.

JEANC was able to successfully run an intervention (within 24 hours!) for an adviser and staff at a Central Valley high school threatened with prior restraint of a time-sensitive edition (paid Valentine's Day ads) because the paper was running a story on students who had chosen to come out as gay/lesbian/bisexual. The principal and superintendent now are very much aware of California Educational Code 48907 and the newly-passed Adviser Protection Act and quickly decided they did not have to run anything past the district's lawyers.

Randy Swikle

I am monitoring the situation at Joliet West High School where a non-tenured adviser fears for her job after the principal chastised her for allowing the student newspaper to publish a student's commentary critical of security guards in the cafeteria.

The student author wrote that the guards never intervene when students cut in front of others in the lunch line. I sent you a memo on Feb. 22 outlining the situation and the steps I have taken. The adviser is waiting until March 11, the date the school must notify non-tenured teachers if they will not be rehired.

I am contacting the student editor at Stevenson High School. Apparently prior review has been lifted. I plan to see if we can get stakeholders at Stevenson together to implement the McCormick protocol. It's time we get school officials on record about their attitudes and policies regarding scholastic journalism.

I have been working on the McCormick protocol for our next steps in support of free and responsible student news media. I'd like you to think about how the SPRC and the JEA can be supporting the protocol via endorsements, publicity and other engaging strategies. What do you think about creating a SPRC committee to work on protocol projects? Right now, I am the only one engaged in follow-up work, besides Shawn Healy, that is.

I hope you agree with me that the protocol can be one of our most important catalysts for bringing stakeholders in scholastic journalism together for the purpose of cultivating rather than controlling the student press. For now, this concludes my spring report. I have other First Amendment plans in the works, and I will update you as they mature.

John Tagliareni

I spoke at the CSPA Spring Convention in New York, March 16-18 2011, doing multiple sessions. I will again be a speaker at the Garden State Scholastic Press Association Conference at Rutgers University the GSSPA Spring Conference May 6, 2011. I did sessions at the CSPA Fall Conference Nov. 1, 2010, and I spoke at the Fall Conference at Rutgers Oct. 25, 2010.

I presented sessions on how to deal with controversial and sensitive issues, as well as other sessions. I always cover the legal aspects of

Tinker and Hazelwood, and state constitution rights regarding the First Amendment. I give students and advisers strategies for working with administrators. I discuss their rights and responsibilities and assist them if they are having any censorship issues. I always provide my contact information, and there have been numerous times when advisers contacted me for help.

I serve as an unofficial mentor to the new adviser of Bear Facts at Bergenfield High School. I went in to school as often as I could and kept in contact with the adviser, the students and administration to give support as much as possible. I had to speak to administrators to make sure that the usual support and field trips to conferences would be approved when there was concern, because of a new administrator, that their trips would not be approved. I attended as a chaperone on the bus to Rutgers and will do the same for the CSPA Convention.

I am still active in the Garden State Press Association as a past president and member of the executive board. I have worked to resolve our concerns in NJ regarding the "career path" obligation has caused students avoid journalism classes. Somehow, journalism does not fulfill this requirement due to a "Catch -22" and or a misunderstanding of the regulations. Since there is no certification in NJ needed, students who take the class can't fulfill career path requirements because the teachers do not have "proper certification."

I researched the NJ Department of Education code and have found nothing to restrict teachers or students in this way. Yet, somehow, the interpretation from the state has caused directives at schools where guidance counselors push freshmen into courses that will be in the areas that are taught by "certified" teachers such as industrial arts, technology and business. I am working to find the source of the directive or proper state department officials to be able to help to resolve this problem.

I think the Dreyfuss Initiative Partnership, that Randy explained, would be very helpful. It would be great if we could get a high profile national figure, if not Richard Dryfuss, to take on student press rights causes.

Fern Valentine

We are working on getting support for a state law but can't find a senator to do so. I am busy getting judges for our state write-offs. That isn't really commission related, but Kathy Schrier, who is in charge of speakers has a keynote on the TAO program and has Mike Heistand talking and answering questions. During the last year, I spent quite a bit of time with our Fight for the Right to Write group and met with a state legislator and the Puyallup Board person who is working on the law. I helped FFRTW group make a flyer for the state board convention. I also participated at the forum in Kansas City and contributed at Poynter.

Karen Flowers

This year, the S.C. Scholastic Press Association has set a new goal of fighting for the cause of the free press in scholastic journalism. For too long, scholastic publications and organizations have been on the defensive when it comes to misapplications of Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier.

In South Carolina, we believe it's time to be proactive rather than reactive.

In order to accomplish this goal, we had to find a way to further unite scholastic publications across the state even if they weren't members of SCSPA. The board created a new position, a liaison between the scholastic publications in our state and the SCSPA board members.

Should a case of censorship or other incidence of unlawful administrative control occur, student journalists would have a hotline, so to speak, in which they could contact the SCSPA First Amendment liaison. This person would then alert the SCSPA board and take steps towards alleviating the student publication's censorship plight.

Ashley Brown, the 2009 SCSPA Journalist of the Year and a current sophomore at in the University of South Carolina's J-School, is SCSPA's liaison. Ashley's position will be a one-year term, but it can be renewable.

Following the board's approval at our last meeting, the First Amendment liaison now takes on the following responsibilities:

- Distributing wallet cards with her phone number and e-mail address, setting up the "hotline" for scholastic journalists throughout the state.
- Keeping up to date with First Amendment legislation and court rulings as well as informing the SCSPA of changes nationwide.
- Maintaining communication with the Student Press Law Center if such action is required.
- Establishing relationships with law professors at the J-School for supplement advice.
- Working through several types of communication—from e-mail to Twitter, from listservs to Facebook—to inform advisers and students of their legal rights.
- Documenting cases of First Amendment abuse in South Carolina for SCSPA record.
- Communicating with administrators, if necessary, about their students' rights and offering proactive solutions for improving relationships.
- Contacting local media outlets to protect student journalists.
- Working with the SCSPA board to establish a plan of action in proposing a Student Freedom of Expression bill to the S.C. state legislature (a plan we will pursue in the next couple of years).
- Teaching an introductory First Amendment class at SCSPA conferences.

The creation of this position is a powerful first step in protecting the rights of student journalists in South Carolina and undoing the damaging effects of Hazelwood. The only way to stand up against First Amendment abuses is for student journalists to unite across the state. Ashley Brown now serves as that united voice in South Carolina.

We hope other scholastic press organizations across the country will adopt similar First Amendment liaison positions. Perhaps one day we can speak as a united voice for the free press across the entire nation.

Karen Barrett

I am in the process of initiating the McCormick Foundation Protocol. I was called into my division head's office on Friday to discuss a story about students passing drugs through notes and a sexual

behavior/attitudes survey. I spoke with my division head for about 2 hours. It comes down to the admin not liking the perception the drug article gives of Wheeling and that the sexual behavior survey is not appropriate for high school.

I'm completely frustrated, and borderline angry. They brought out the letter they put in my file two years ago which states that if they do not have confidence in the way I do my duties as adviser, then they will remove me. That doesn't do much for my confidence as an adviser.

So now I am meeting with my union rep. I will have a follow-up meeting with my division head, and I think the principal at some point. I'm going to ask my union rep to help me initiate the protocol.

I do have a couple of things going for me. For one, our school board president was part of the team that developed the protocol and is quoted in the book, as is another principal in the district.

So I guess my report for the commission is that I am getting first-hand information on how the protocol works in Illinois.



Linda Barrington



Julie Dodd

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, Mary Anne McCloud and Judy Robinson

HAPPENINGS

- The JEA Board voted at the November board meeting to make the JEA Mentoring Committee a standing committee, moving it from being a special committee. The committee members and the mentors are delighted that the program has become an on-going part of JEA.
- In an effort to reduce program costs, the Mentor Committee in Kansas City last fall made these decisions: (1) Move the yearly summer Mentor Training to the spring convention, starting in Anaheim, rather than holding the training at Kansas State during the summer. (2) Starting in the fall of 2012, states will receive no more than \$1,000 per year from the Stipend Scholarship Fund. Each participating state has been notified, and we are working with the state SPAs to secure additional funding for them by 2012.
- For 2011-2012, JEA mentors will be working in 17 states. Four new mentors will be trained at the Anaheim convention on Thursday, just

down the hall from the Mentor Forum. For part of the day the new and experienced mentors will be working together. The new mentors are Nancy Freeman (Missouri), Cornelia Harris (North Carolina), Nancy Hartley (Oregon), and Kay Windsor (North Carolina).

- More than 20 mentors will be attending the Anaheim convention and presenting sessions and judging. An emphasis for the mentor sessions is offering help for new advisers. A new session will be "Help for New Advisers" at 10 a.m. Saturday, where mentees discuss how the Mentor Program has affected their teaching and their journalism programs. We will also have a table in the Adviser Reception area to talk with individuals who want to know more about the program.
- To provide as many new mentees as possible the benefit of the free JEA membership offer, Linda updated the Excel database she has of mentees and provided that information to JEA headquarters.
- The Mentoring Program has received funding for mentor stipends from the Newspaper Association of America Foundation for three years. Sandy Woodcock alerted us that NAAF has decided to reduce its support to scholastic journalism programs, including the Mentoring Program. So we will no longer be receiving stipend support from them.
- In addition to the Yellow Chair Foundation and the NAAF, we want to commend the organizations across the country that support the Mentor Program financially by contributing to mentor stipends:

- o Alabama Scholastic Press Assn.
- o Arizona Interscholastic Press Assn.
- o Colorado High School Press Assn.
- o Garden State Scholastic Press Assn.
- o Illinois Journalism Education Assn.
- o Iowa Newspaper Foundation
- o Iowa Scholastic Press Assn.
- o Kansas Scholastic Press
- o McCormick Foundation
- o New Mexico Scholastic Press Assn.
- o North Carolina Scholastic Media Assn.
- o Ohio Newspaper Assn.
- o Oregon Newspaper Publishers Foundation
- o Pennsylvania School Press Assn.
- o South Carolina Scholastic Press Assn.
- o Southern Interscholastic Press Assn.
- o Washington Journalism Education Assn.
- o Wisconsin Newspaper Assn. Foundation

- The Mentoring Committee continues to explore technology uses to help us improve communication within the committee, with the mentors, with the mentees and as an outreach to others. The mentors and committee use a listserv. The committee also has a blog and a series of podcasts (Mentor Radio). The committee used Go-to-Meeting for planning and to determine the feasibility of using this program for mentor training.
- The spring edition of JEA Mentoring Matters will be posted online and with copies for distribution at the JEA/NSPA convention in Anaheim. The newsletter highlights the activities and people involved in the mentoring program.
- The Mentoring Committee welcomes Mary Anne McCloud as a committee member. She was one of the first cohort of mentors and assisted with the training of new mentors last summer at Kansas State.
- Nick Ferentinos has decided to step off the committee but will continue to help with mentor programming. We appreciate all that Nick has contributed to starting and building the Mentor Program.

FOR THE BOARD

- The JEA bylaws need to be amended (Article VII, Section 1) to include

the Mentoring Committee as one of the standing committees.

- Thank you for supporting the JEA Mentoring Program, with special thanks to Kelly and Connie for all their help – scheduling the mentor sessions at conventions, making hotel and Thursday meal arrangements for the mentors, writing mentor stipend checks, etc.



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SPA Roundtables held at each JEA/NSPA convention:

Anaheim – The Roundtable will have two major topics.

Aaron Manfull, Mark Newton and Steve O'Donoghue will discuss think-SJI.org, a group developed to promote and protect scholastic journalism programs.

How technology is affecting scholastic journalism contests and judging will be our second topic, with scholastic press association directors sharing their experiences and advice. Vanessa Shelton will discuss how Quill & Scroll has created an online evaluation booklet and moved a contest to online assessment.

The Roundtable will be Saturday, from 9 to 10:50 a.m. in the San Diego room of the Marriott.

Kansas City (November 2010) – The major discussion topic at the SPA Roundtable was how scholastic press organizations are using technology to expand outreach, save money, and/or be more contemporary. The speakers were:

- Judy Robinson - Using Wordpress to create a website for your SPA or for student media.
- Candace Bowen - Creating interest in your organization's activities through your website.
- Jack Kennedy - Using www.StudentNewspapersOnline.com for your SPA website.
- David Schwartz - Using Twitter to build your SPA brand and introduce students to social media as a journalistic tool.

FOR THE BOARD

Change of focus for foundations has impact on scholastic journalism:

Two of our great supporters for scholastic journalism initiatives at the national level have been Carol Knopes, with the RTDNA Foundation, and Sandy Woodcock, with the NAA Foundation. Both of their jobs/mis-sions are changing, which is having an impact on scholastic journalism.

Carol's job with the RTDNA Foundation has changed dramatically in the last year. She has moved from working on pre-college journalism education to college-level journalism education. This spring, she will move from being on staff with RTDNA to being a consultant.

Sandy reports that the NAA Foundation is in the process of developing a new strategic plan. As a result, there are likely to be changes to its target audience and elimination of some previous programming focus and funding levels.



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As of March 9, 2011, the JEAHELP list, open to all members, had 1,226, as it continues grow, 100 more than last fall and 180 ahead of last spring. The JEATALK list, for officers, commission and committee chairs and regional and state directors has 85, one up from last spring and fall.

Listserv update and trivia:

- The range of topics is, once again, intriguing. Since November 2010, we dealt with such topics as senior portraits (15 posts), prior review (76) and Anaheim (159), though we also answered each other's questions about CSPA (104) and Quill & Scroll (42). We got a little contentious about politics – the word “union” appeared in our messages 705 times since the Kansas City convention! Yet we also praised and congratulated each other – Sarah Nichols as Yearbook Adviser of the Year and Distinguished Advisers Mary Patrick, Mitch Ziegler and Charla Harris plus Special Recognition Advisers Michelle Dunaway, Brenda Field and Meghan Percival, Renee Burke as Orange County Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

- Wayne Brasler was busy providing us with insight, historical perspective and humor – 255 posts between the JEA/NSPA fall convention and March 9, 2011. He showed us he knew everyone from Glenn Morehouse Olson's father (a professor emeritus of veterinary pathologist from Miz-zou who passed away in February) to Ted Tajima, a scholastic journalism giant from the '60s and '70s. All that and he still had time to cook for the Wisconsin and Indiana state congressmen, escaping to avoid votes on collective bargaining!

- No one posted anything on Christmas Day, nor were there any posts between Dec. 23 and Dec. 28 – listservians must have taken a break. But the troops were busy Jan. 1, mainly with questions about hotels for CSPA.

- I increased the number of posts needed to freeze the list from 50 to 100. So far, no crises. Thank goodness because this means no one accidentally spammed the list, and no day saw more than 100 posts.

- And, finally, though I have published this before, this could be a teachable moment for someone. So...to answer a couple of often-asked questions:

- 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 post-ings, 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. JEAHELP has taught me patience. Thank you all for that ... I think.



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HAPPENINGS

I have tendered my resignation from this position, effective June 2011. Brian Wilson from Michigan has been appointed the new liaison. Thank you to President Jack Kennedy for allowing Brian to come to the 2010 Orlando convention last November to get a hands-on transition to the position.

At the November convention Frank LoMonte of the SPLC spent a day with us in the JEA booth. He sees our relationship with NCTE as vital and significant. He wants SPLC to develop a strong relationship with them as well. Either he or another representative of SPLC will join Brian in the booth every year from now on. The SPLC also provides materials to give away at the booth, as does ASNE.

The 2012 NCTE convention will be held in Chicago, Nov. 17-22, overlapping the JEA/NSPA convention in Minneapolis. For that convention Brian and I have applied for him to chair a number of events:

- Concurrent session called "Growing a Strong Literary/Art Magazine" will be presented by Mary Kay Downes, Kathy Zwiebel and Tom Feigelson, NCTE's Literary Magazine program coordinator.
- Concurrent session called "I'm the New Adviser to What???" will be presented by Frank LoMonte and Brian Wilson.
- All-day Workshop: Mary Kay Downes and Kathy Zwiebel will present "Putting It Together: 12 Steps to Creating a Literary/Art Magazine."
- 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.
- A meeting of the Assembly for Advisors of Student Publications will include a roundtable discussion of questions and concerns of advisers, facilitated by Brian Wilson, who will also give away copies of Tim Harrower's "Inside Reporting" to a handful of lucky advisers.

I want to thank Ann Visser who was JEA President back in 2004 who offered me this position for which I am so grateful. I have enjoyed representing JEA and being able to help hundreds of needy advisers over the past seven years. Pat Graff was a wonderful mentor to me in this position, supporting my decision to have a JEA booth in the exhibit hall at each convention; she continues to inspire me. I am confident that Brian Wilson will continue this tradition and maintain a strong relationship with the people at NCTE.



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JEADigitalMedia.org completed two years 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 our two years, we had 270 post published (roughly 3 per week), 36,046 visits, and nearly 97,762 pageviews. Including myself, there are more than 25 members of the committee who are on an email list. Nine committee members are considered contributors for posting at least three times over the past 6 months or because they work with other parts of the site.

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 8.5 percent last fall to more than 11 percent now.

We also have a presence on Twitter and Facebook (links below). With the efforts focused on creating posts and content for the site, 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 10-15 emails a week from people wanting anything from their school added to the site to technical support with their Web site. Committee members have been great about posting this year. I think the move to Wordpress helped this and I think many people are just feeling more comfortable talking about digital media topics. We've also been getting requests for online judges from state and regional organizations and we have been working to accommodate all of those.

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>
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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.

AWARDS & HONORS

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

- Derek Smith, who advises the Arrow Literary Magazine, a Magazine Pacemaker finalist
- Barbara Page, who advises the Quinalt, a Digital Yearbook Pacemaker finalist



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From Idaho State Director Courtney Morgan

This year's State Fall Conference will be held in mid-October on the campus of Idaho State University, in Pocatello, Idaho. Keynote speaker will be David R. Stoecklein, "Photographer of the American West." Dave Stoecklein is one of the master photographers in Canon's "Explorers of Light" education and inspiration program and for four years. He has been recognized by the editors of True West magazine as the "Best Living Photographer of the West." The distinguished award is given each year as part of the magazine's "Best of the West" issue.

This year's recipient for the Idaho Journalist of the Year is Danny J. Ciaccio from Meridian High School's "Patriot Ledger." Marla Allen is his adviser.

At the December Board Meeting, members decided to change the format of selecting the Idaho Journalism Teacher of the Year. Rather than being nominated by principals and students, the Idaho Teacher of the Year will be nominated by his/her peers. Criteria includes: professionalism, leadership qualities, achievements, awards, experience, additional responsibilities, participation in state, national and other professional organizations, a member of the ISJA and an adviser for at least five years. At the Saturday luncheon, the members will vote on the list of nominees. A \$100 for classroom supplies/needs will be awarded the winner.

The ISJA also sponsors five \$100 student scholarships, named for long-time advisor Ron Hayes, that may be used by students the fall conference or for summer institutes. Deadline for the Ron Hayes scholarships is in May.

Each year, the ISJA acknowledges a person or entity that has a history of supporting and participating in high school journalism in the state of Idaho. The recipient honored at the last year's conference was Virginia Cotter, a longtime representative for Jostens and a vigorous supporter of student journalism in Idaho.



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From Montana State Director Linda Ballew

MEMBERSHIP

Free memberships from JEA were mailed to potential members with a letter encouraging membership because of the resources and value found in belonging to a professional journalism organization. We will wait and see if there is a response.

A survey from the JAC will be emailed to MT journalism advisers in two weeks to assess the condition of journalism programs throughout the state. Results will be available this spring.

The High School Initiative Committee, chaired by Anne Medley saw their challenges as: no money, no staff, getting people to staff high school initiative activities.

- We will survey high schools in Montana:
 - What technology do they have?
 - What do they need to continue?
 - Repackage idea of journalism (online, multimedia, print).
 - Outreach training with high school teachers, particularly in multimedia.
 - Journalism camp (a 2 day camp during Winter session 2012 – training for students and teachers).
- Initiatives: how to get money; start small, don't wait for big grant; cross-train with newspapers.
- Linda Ballew said that high school journalism education needs to have state standards. Currently, there's no journalism standard through Montana's Office of Public Instruction. It's very rare to have an "accredited" journalism teacher. They need endorsements from J-School, professors.
- Journalism as a career field that is viable and has a future career or high education path for students.

HAPPENINGS

Chosen as JEA's Montana's Journalist of the Year, Brooke Hansen has served as the editor in chief of the Great Falls High School "Roundup." Hansen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Judges in the state contest indicated her respect for her readers, her sources and staff. Beyond her own talents as a photographer and designer, she is a problem solver and leader. She has worked as a mentor whose example rallies the staff to consistently great work. Brooke will soon make a decision to either attend art school in California at the Brookings Institute or the Hollywood School of Art, or she will remain in MT, working toward an art degree at Montana State University.

MJEA will participate in the 2011 Educators' Conference Oct. 20-21, 2011, in Missoula, MT. The organization will be allowed to join other

curricular groups at the convention and will be supported by MEA-MFT. Retired adviser Judie Woodhouse, Linda Ballew and Dean Peggy Kuhr from the University of Montana's School of Journalism are working to schedule workshop sessions for the convention. Advisers, teachers and professional journalists will present a variety of workshops. The deadline for applications to present at the 2011 MEA-MFT Educators' Conference is May 6, 2011. The application is on line at <http://www.mea-mft.org>.

FOR THE BOARD

Please consider moving the deadline of the state report. The value of updating two times per year has been noted, but March is really an awkward time frame as few events occur until April or later in the year.



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership for 2010-2011 is at 45 members. As we wait for NWSP to reorganize Fall Press Day, the OJEA board has been making contingency plans for membership recruitment. Most teachers join OJEA on a yearly basis when they register for Fall Press Day. With that event in question for 2011, the OJEA will have to devise another method to promote membership. Online options are being explored.

HAPPENINGS

The Oregon board has held two meetings to address the withdrawal of support by Oregon State University for our sister association Northwest Scholastic Press. Since many of the yearly events were run through OSU and NWSP, these events are now on hiatus until NWSP can regroup.

One of the unfortunate byproducts of the NWSP reorganization has been the cancellation of the 2011 Publication Olympics, the state's annual high school journalism awards. The OJEA explored the possibility of taking on these awards but by the time NWSP had reached their final decision about them it was decided that we would not have enough time left in the school year to collect, judge and make awards.

AWARDS & HONORS

Trisha Farver, the yearbook and newspaper adviser at South Albany High School, was chosen as the Oregon Rookie Adviser of the Year. The award is open to advisers in their first or second year of advising. This is Farver's second year as SAHS publications adviser and she has gone to great lengths to improve her facilities and the journalism experience for her students.

Sarah Moreau, a senior at South Albany High School, was chosen as the Oregon High School Journalist of the Year. Moreau is co-Editor-in-Chief

of The Sentry, the SAHS student newspaper. Her work samples included an impressive writing portfolio on a variety of topics. Moreau also served as a student delegate to the Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University and has been published in her hometown paper, the Albany Democrat-Herald. As winner of the Oregon JOY award, Moreau receives the \$1,000 Alyce Sheetz scholarship which she will use to enter a college journalism program in the fall.

Charles Kidd, a senior at Lakeridge High School, was chosen as first runner-up for the Oregon High School Journalist of the Year. Kidd has served in a variety of positions on the Newspaper, the LHS student newspaper, but his most notable work has been as a regular opinion columnist for the publication. Kidd is hoping to pursue a career in public radio and will receive a \$500 scholarship to launch his pursuit of that career.



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MEMBERSHIP

The Washington Journalism Education Association continues to attract new members and re-enlist former members. We published our annual membership directory and have been continuing to work on ways to attract and retain even more members. One of our approaches includes offering reduced fees to WJEA events when people become members at the time of registration.

HAPPENINGS

WJEA held its first ever Mini-Workshop for advisers and student editors in early March. The workshop focused on useful InDesign techniques and tips, as well as state-of-the-art online publication management tools. The event was highly successful with 30+ attendees, and WJEA was able to offer advisers professional development clock hours.

We are currently collecting feedback from the workshop and plan to use this first event as the blueprint for future workshops. 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.

We had hoped that scholastic press rights legislation would again be introduced in the current legislative session. However, our legislators are exceedingly preoccupied with the fiscal crisis facing the state and there appears to be little interest in revisiting this press rights proposal in the

near term. However, WJEA is committed to seeing that such legislation is introduced and eventually passed.

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 former adviser 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!

Members of our local organizing committee met with JEA and NSPA officials in January in order to confirm plans and put into place "year-out" processes to ensure a successful convention.



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MEMBERSHIP

Wyoming's JEA membership consists of 17 schools.

HAPPENINGS

Board members have been meeting regularly to plan for next years fall conference. We have found that using Skype has greatly improved our ability to meet as a board on a more regular basis. The board is currently looking at possible presenters and judges to contact for the conference in October. President, Katherine Patrick of Torrington, has initiated board meetings via Skype. Secretary, Polly Burkett has been contacting advisers over the e-mail about current issues and the conference information. Treasurer Greg Rohrer has applied for non-profit status. The paperwork is done, and now we are waiting to hear from the government on our status.

AWARDS & HONORS

The Student Journalist of the Year Award for Wyoming went to Jessica Neary of Cody.



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Southwest Region 2 Director

More bright spots have emerged in this region over the past six months, including several outreach initiatives and ongoing projects which have gained momentum. These gains are tempered, however, by continuing and concerning challenges to student press freedoms which have led to headlines in our region.

First, the region is hosting another convention in Anaheim, with strong projections for attendance. Convention co-chairs Konnie Krislock and Jolene Combs have done incredible work in helming this huge endeavor, with their local committee.

The Los Angeles Youth Media Collaborative is meeting every three months to coordinate student media efforts. They showcased LA Youth work in December at USC's Annenberg School.

Several regional colleagues and schools will receive national recognition for their ongoing journalism excellence in Anaheim:

Sarah Nichols (California) was named 2010 Yearbook Adviser of the Year. Mitch Ziegler (California) was named Distinguished Yearbook Adviser.

Michelle Balmeo (California), Mark Novom (California), Tamra McCarthy (California), Kathy Gustad, (Colorado), Anastasia Harrison (Colorado), Karen Wagner (Colorado) were named national JEA Rising Stars.

Palo Alto High School was named as one of three high schools in the country honored with the First Amendment Press Freedom Award.

Press freedom challenges took the headlines regionally this spring with the Overland Scout in Colorado. Adviser Laura Sudik was threatened with removal and the paper's ability to continue publication was threatened, as well. Carrie Faust was an active advocate for the students and their adviser, and SPLC and ACLU actions caused the district's administration to walk back from their ultimatums.

The "panic button" on the JEANC website proved its usefulness when an adviser who was being challenged with censorship "hit the button." Her administrator had called a meeting with her which was to take place that day. Within an hour, she had gotten advice and specific steps to take from JEANC's Ellen Austin, Tracy Sena, and Sarah Nichols. Armed with background on California's 48907 and with specific rejoinders to use, she walked out of her meeting without censorship or retaliation.

Of concern in New Mexico: April van Buren reports that, in Carol Singletary's old district, they are once again censoring the scholastic press. A staff writer was told he couldn't write about the school's LG-BTQ group. Further help and action will be needed there.

The Hawaii outreach initiative took place in December 2010 in Honolulu, coordinated by Hawaii state director Karin Swanson and funded by JEA and a grant from RTNDF. Multicultural chair Norma Kneese, JEA board member Ellen Austin, and advisers Paul Kandell and Tracy Sena presented an adviser-only workshop on site. (More on that from Karin Swanson's state report, p. 10)

Hawaii Public Television is sponsoring the nation's first high school broadcast news network, called "Hiki No" ["Can do"]. More than 60 middle and high school journalism programs are participating. Summer plans for journalism workshops abound in the region this year, with a robust pool of options for students and advisers.

A newly re-tooled workshop is also being piloted this year at Stanford University ("News Room by the Bay"), with an emphasis on multi-platform reporting and storytelling skills.

In regional concerns, a new state director has been appointed in New Mexico. April van Buren, who also serves as Vice President on the NM Scholastic Press Association Board, is succeeding Albert Martinez in that position.

Northern California's state director, Sarah Nichols, will be taking on new duties as the JEA Vice President. There will be an announcement shortly regarding the transition in the Northern California position.

Utah's state director, April Squires, will retire in June. A new state director will be appointed there by June, in consultation with April.

Finally, this will be my last report submitted as the JEA Southwest Region Director. Carrie Faust will be taking over this position, effective July 1, 2011.

I would like to thank the board for the opportunity to serve my region in this position, and to thank those individuals on the board who have guided and mentored me over the past two years. Our JEA leadership comprises an astonishingly talented and passionate group of individuals. It has been an honor to serve.



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From Arizona State Director Carmen Wendt, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

State membership has waned since the Phoenix convention. The Anaheim convention is expected to boost membership. School districts are restricting travel out of state and the economy continues to limit student travel.

HAPPENINGS

The Spring Reception will be in April to recognize the contest winners and state winners of the Student Journalist of the Year, Forest Martin Award (Outstanding Adviser) and the Freeman Hover Award (Outstanding New Adviser). The Reception will be at the ASU Walter Cronkite School of Communication in Phoenix with advisers, principals, and up to two students being invited at no charge.

The Summer Journalism Workshop registration material is being distributed. Named the new Workshop director is Sheri Siwek of Thunderbird High School. Again the Workshop is a commuter workshop with classes at the ASU Walter Cronkite School of Communications. The one-day adviser class will be July 7 and taught by Konnie Krislock. In Design, Photo Shop, Writing, Web Design and Multi Media sessions will be taught July 8-9. Catherine Anaya, a Phoenix Emmy winning news anchor, will be a keynote speaker.

AWARDS & HONORS

Vaughn Hillyard and Sophia Curran, members of the 2009 Thunderbird High School Challenge Newspaper staff were awarded the Sunshine Award, sponsored by the Arizona Society of Professional Journalists. Recognized with them were their adviser Sheri Siwek and David Bodney and Aaron Lockwood of Steptoe & Johnson LLP. The students persisted against censorship in their paper and published the article 10 months later.

FOR THE BOARD

Increasingly, districts are moving the publication classes into CTE. We are seeing more advisers who have no background in journalism being given publications to teach. No state university offers a journalism education sequence, and journalism is not certificated area.



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From Colorado State Director Kristi Rathbun

MEMBERSHIP

State membership is up to approximately 164 as a result of the Each One, Reach One campaign in Colorado; the state organization is continuing to boost the number of dual CHSPA/JEA memberships. Membership forms go out to schools this month with places for schools to join both

JEA and CHSPA. Schools can join as they enter sweepstakes and other contests as well.

HAPPENINGS

The annual Capitol Hill Press Conference was Feb. 18. The event included a press conference and on-site competition for writers and broadcasters.

CHSPA is mixing things up this year by reworking individual and school contests. Individual awards will be given to students for their writing, photography, design and coverage this spring. The deadline for entries is March 31. School publications will then compete for All-Colorado status by submitting their publications over the summer. Winners will be announced at fall J-Day.

Colorado is excited about the announcement of Mark Newton's (Mountain Vista HS) election to JEA President. Additionally, Carrie Faust will be the JEA Region 2 Director. Colorado journalism is proud to be represented on a national level with our awesome advisers in leadership positions!

Summer workshops are also on the horizon. CHSPA offers a workshop for both new and experienced advisers July 7-9 on the Colorado State University Campus.

INITIATIVES & VISION

Our executive leadership along with advisers from around the state has been working on aligning journalism skills with state Grade Level Expectations. Outcomes include establishing English curriculum with a journalism focus in schools.

CHSPA is also continuing to work with school districts whose publications policies contradict or do not align with the state's Student Freedom of Expression law. Additionally, discussions are underway regarding establishing legal protection for publications advisers in tandem with the student law.

AWARDS & HONORS

Scholarships have been awarded to three Colorado student journalists this year. Tess Halac from the Highlighter newspaper at Rocky Mountain High School in Ft. Collins was awarded the Dorothy Greer Scholarship as the top journalist in the state Madison Mansheim from the Tenderfoot Times newspaper at Salida High School and Ryan Winter from the Eagle Eye News Magazine at Mountain Vista High School are co-runners-up for the Greer Scholarship.

Two Colorado yearbooks have been named to the JEA/NSPA Pacemaker Finalist list. The Eagle Eye View, Sierra MS, Parker; Brandon Abell, Morgan Brosius, editors; Jed Palmer, adviser; and The Prowl, Powell MS, Littleton; Anna White, Grace Marlowe, editors; Yvette Manculich, adviser.



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From Hawaii State Director Karin Swanson

MEMBERSHIP

17 members -- 6 were added through the membership drive associated with the Internet Youth Journalism Advising workshop in December 2010.

HAPPENINGS

Fall Journalism Day at the University of Hawaii - Manoa. This high school journalism gathering was held in October and had a smaller attendance than in recent years due to the SATs and rescheduling after the UH journalism program faced a relocation. Nevertheless, area professionals donated time to run mock news conferences and writing workshops for the student journalists.

Internet Youth Advising Workshop, December 17-20: Ellen Austin first contacted me in the fall of 2009 with an idea for the workshop. Due to her vision and persistence, the Hawaii workshop became a reality more than a year later.

Led by Ellen and facilitators Tracy Anne Sena and Paul Kandell, eight advisers participated. Four were from schools on Oahu, and four were from neighbor islands. Six advise publications at public schools in Hawaii, one advises at a private parochial school, and one advises at the Maui branch of Kamehameha Schools, the private independent school chartered in the 1800s to educate orphans and children of Hawaiian ancestry.

The workshop was free of charge for all attendees. Flights to Oahu for neighbor island advisers were funded through a grant from the Radio and Television Digital News Foundation. Meals were covered by RTDNF, the JEA Multicultural Committee, and 'Iolani School. Housing for the facilitators and the neighbor island advisers was provided by Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama, where the workshop was held. Kamehameha adviser Lionel Barona, a former recipient of a JEA Multicultural scholarship, arranged for the housing and workshop facilities in the Midkiff Learning Center.

Tracy, Paul, and Ellen alternately challenged, consoled, and ultimately empowered the participants. Thanks to the SNO platform, every attendee left with a working site that incorporated news, photos and video. The participants were great about sharing their own strengths and asking questions of each other. As such, the workshop helped to build a community of advisers in a state where that's been lacking.

One adviser attended the workshop accompanied by her school's assistant principal. The administrator, a former educational technology

specialist, had been one of several people at the school encouraging the adviser to take the plunge into online publishing. She wrote to me the week after the workshop:

"I had been approached by my principal for an online paper for the past year, and knew sooner or later the time would come when I would have to rise to the challenge," she wrote, noting that the workshop's timing was perfect for her. "Thanks to you and those generous speakers who shared their knowledge and materials so willingly, the distance between me and an online paper is closer now. What I got from the experience will prepare me for what comes next."

INITIATIVES AND VISION

The IYJA workshop facilitated increased collaboration between public and private school advisers, much needed in this state where education is highly stratified.

Hawaii Public Television is sponsoring and facilitating the nation's first high school broadcast news network called "Hiki No," meaning "Can do." More than 60 middle and high school journalism programs are participating.

AWARDS & HONORS

St. Francis School, Karly McClain, adviser: Clarence T.C. Ching "Inspired in Hawaii" Video Contest, first prize

Maui Waena Middle School, Jennifer Suzuki, adviser, Student Television Network's Fall Challenge, first place

FIRST AMENDMENT CHALLENGES/RELATED CONCERNS

While Hawaii has seen two daily newspapers consolidate into one this year, the state is not seeing a loss of viable journalism. The online news site civilbeat.com, founded by eBay creator Pierre Omidyar, is filling a void and providing a model for students seeking a vision for journalism in the 21st century. Editor John Temple has been generous with his time, speaking to the IYJA workshop and to the fall student Journalism Day at the University of Hawaii.

In addition, more than half of the staff of the Honolulu Advertiser found themselves unemployed following the paper's acquisition by the smaller Star-Bulletin. Several of the reporters launched independent journalism websites that are gaining a following and market. One is scoringlive.com, a site that covers high school and college sports.



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MEMBERSHIP

As part of the special membership initiative, I gave away 25 membership vouchers and included postage-paid envelopes and personal reminder notes. So far, only one of those 15 people was deemed ineligible (previous JEA member).

HAPPENINGS

Winter/spring one-day workshops: “Boldfaced Journalism” at San Francisco State University sponsored by Center for Improvement and Integration of Journalism (Feb. 26, 2011) with roughly 100 participants and “Extreme Makeover” at Chico State University sponsored by Dave Waddell and The Orion (Feb. 26, 2011).

Upcoming workshop: “digital RENOVation” (summer workshop for digital media, convergence) from June 19-23, 2011. Year two of this digital workshop for students and advisers will take place at University of Nevada-Reno at the Reynolds School of Journalism. Participants will gain 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. Info and registration at <http://jeanc.org>.

Upcoming workshop: Paul Kandell, of Palo Alto High School, will be co-directing a journalism workshop with Beatrice Motamedi (Urban High School, San Francisco) at Stanford University this summer. The workshop, “News Room by the Bay”, will take place June 26-July 1. Info and registration at <http://newsroombythebay.com>

Upcoming convention: OMG! Our Media Generation, Oct. 14-15, 2011 at Sacramento Convention Center, sponsored by JEANC. Schedule to include keynote address, breakout sessions, on-site contests, critiques, convergence activities and Best of the West. Information and registration at <http://jeanc.org>.

INITIATIVES, VISION, CONCERNS

We wanted to add to the prestige of the Journalist of the Year competition, so JEANC voted to add a \$500 travel stipend to the scholarship for our state winner so the recipient can attend the spring national convention. We added a personal award presentation at the winner’s school and would like to see JEA do more to recognize the students who are state winners. Our ideas include a special ribbon on their convention name badges, listing the convention program, a special reception for state winners or other small but meaningful forms of recognition. We hope the JEA leadership will consider these suggestions.

With the ongoing state budget crisis, 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. A recent lawsuit in Southern California will likely prevent all field trips because the ruling determined that any co-curricular trip must be made possible for all students who are interested in attending regardless of cost or funds available.

We have a new Student Partner in the 45words group from our region. Jennifer Lin from Palo Alto H.S. was selected to work with JEA’s Scholastic Press Rights Commission and will be co-presenting a press rights session in Kansas City. She helped with activities during Scholastic Journalism Week and is part of other First Amendment awareness efforts for students. Sarah Nichols, MJE is one of two adult liaisons for this group.

AWARDS & HONORS

George Brown of Palo Alto High School (Ellen Austin, CJE, adviser) was named 2011 California High School Journalist of the Year and First Place for the Arnetta Garcin Memorial Scholarship.

Second Place: Alison Sale (Granite Bay H.S.; Karl Grubaugh, CJE, adviser).

Third Place: Ben Breuner (Redwood H.S.; Tom Sivertsen, adviser).

First Amendment Press Freedom Award
Palo Alto High School (Advisers: Paul Kandell, Esther Wojcicki, Ellen Austin, Ron McNulty, Margo Wixsom, and Kevin Sharp) received this award, which is given to high school in which the school actively supports and honors the First Amendment through its student media. The award, which is co-sponsored by JEA, NSPA, CSPA, and Quill and Scroll, will be presented in Anaheim.

NSPA awards: Yearbook Pacemaker Finalists
Titanium, Antelope H.S.
Nugget, Cupertino H.S.
Decamhian, Del Campo H.S.
Rampages, Casa Roble H.S.
Tonitrus, Rocklin H.S.
Details, Whitney H.S.
Wingspan, James C. Enochs H.S.
Shield, Thomas Downey H.S.
Valhalla, Lynbrook H.S.

CSPA awards: Crown Finalists
Newspaper
Campanile, Palo Alto H.S.
The Gazette, Granite H.S.

Online

Berkeley High Jacket Online, Berkeley H.S.
The Feather Online; Fresno Christian H.S.
Grizzly Gazette; Granite H.S.
The Paly Voice; Palo Alto H.S.
Winged Post & Talon; The Harker Upper School

Yearbook

Decamhian, Del Campo H.S.
Details, Whitney H.S.
Rampages, Casa Roble H.S.
Titanium, Antelope H.S.
Tonitrus, Rocklin H.S.
Wingspan, James Enochs H.S.

JEA awards: Sarah Nichols, MJE (Whitney H.S.) was named National Yearbook Adviser of the Year. Michelle Balmeo, CJE (Monta Vista H.S.) and Tamra McCarthy, CJE (James Enochs H.S.) were named Rising Stars.

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 meets with his mentors via e-mail, online chat and phone on a near-weekly basis and has invited both of them to attend the Anaheim convention.

FIRST AMENDMENT CHALLENGES/RELATED CONCERNS

We can celebrate the success of Amy Wilkinson of Avenal H.S. and a quick and complete outpouring of support from our regional director Ellen Austin, CJE, JEANC president Tracy Anne Sena, CJE with back-up from members Michelle Balmeo, CJE and Sarah Nichols, MJE. Wilkinson was facing administrative censorship and contacted us for help via a new feature on our JEANC website. Armed with California Ed Code and a bunch of information and resources, she was able to support her students and the paper was printed and distributed on time.



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From Southern California Director Mitch Ziegler

HAPPENINGS

SCJEA's main focus has been the Spring National Convention in Anaheim.

After questions were raised about the solvency and legal standing of SCJEA, the Board of Directors confirmed the organization's standing with regard to Federal tax laws and the organization's 501(c)(3) status. The organization's checking account in addition, was modified to reflect changes in the Board of Directors and to ensure stronger accountability.

SCJEA will conduct regional write-off May 14 at Walnut High School.

MENTORS

Through JEA's support, along with the Yellow Chair Foundation in California, two former advisers and SCJEA officers are mentoring new high school advisers in Southern California. Jolene Combs and Konnie Krislock attend one national convention each school year and spend a day in training with other mentors from across the country.

In addition, they lead at least one convention workshop and help the mentoring leadership with outreach. They are required to meet with advisers once a month and to turn in a progress report to JEA mentoring directors, updating their progress as they help new advisers work with students.

Combs is on her "second round" of advisers, and works with Adriana Chavira at Daniel Pearl Journalism Magnet High School in Van Nuys; Alexandra Veins Lau at Ambassador School for Global Leadership in Los Angeles; Katherine Dunlap at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School; and John Rodriguez at Banning High School in Harbor City.

Combs and Krislock also are involved with is the McCormick Foundation, which has provided grants to support inner-city journalism

programs in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Steve O'Donoghue is the coordinator for the foundation grants and sought 10 school administrators willing to work with their journalism programs to support student efforts. O'Donoghue and Combs also represent the foundation at the Los Angeles Youth Media Collaborative, a group that meets every three months to coordinate youth media projects throughout the city. In December, LA Youth showcased its many projects at USC Annenberg; the McCormick students gave a report and showed some of the work they do each month.

Hosted by Rhonda Guess at L.A. City College, the students and their advisers meet after school each month for discussions, guest speakers, writing competitions and pizza at meetings led by O'Donoghue, Krislock and Combs.

Advisers receive training each August at the newspapers2 workshop at California State University, Long Beach, and plans are to assist them take one or two classes at California State University, Northridge as well.

Each adviser will be bringing two students to the national convention in Anaheim due to the foundation's generosity, and LAUSD will charter a bus to pick the delegates up from various L.A. locations and to bring them to the convention in Orange County each day. Many will participate in the JEA Outreach Academy daylong seminar at the convention. O'Donoghue continues to seek grants to expand the program; McCormick extended part of its funding so that O'Donoghue may find 10 more teachers to be funded with McCormick support for the 2011-12 school year.

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.

AWARDS & HONORS

NSPA Fall Convention awards: Two publications received the NSPA Pacemaker for the newspaper and newsmagazine awards: The Chronicle, Harvard-Westlake School (Kathleen Neumeyer, adviser); The Falconer, Torrey Pines High School (Mia Boardman Smith, adviser).

CSPA awards: Four publications received Gold Crowns: The Chronicle, Harvard-Westlake School newspaper (Kathleen Neumeyer, adviser); The Surfer, Coronado Middle School yearbook (Amanda Casares, adviser); Hoofprint, San Dieguito Academy yearbook (Carrie Land, adviser); Wings, Arrowhead Christian Academy yearbook (Crystal Kazmierski, adviser).

Seven publications received Silver Crowns: Making Waves, Palisades Charter High School magazine; Crossfire: The Students' Voice, Crossroads School (Susan Turner-Jones, adviser); The Nexus, Westview High School (Jeff Wenger, adviser); [Now], Mirman School middle school yearbook; Prowler, Pioneer Middle School yearbook; The Pilot, Redondo Union High School yearbook (Mitch Ziegler, adviser); Tusitala, Bishop Amat Memorial High School.

NSPA Spring Convention Yearbook Pacemaker Finalists: Aerie, Brentwood School (Mark Novom, adviser); Vox Populi, Harvard-Westlake School (Jen Bladen, adviser), Cardinal and Gold, Oxnard High School (Kristina Roberts, adviser); Wings, Arrowhead Christian Academy

(Crystal Kazmierski, adviser); Volsung, Downey High School (Michelle Napoli, adviser); The Pilot, Redondo Union High School (Mitch Ziegler, adviser), Currents, Westview High School (Jeff Wenger, adviser).

In Anaheim, Mitch Ziegler, CJE, will receive JEA's Distinguished Yearbook Adviser, and Mark Novom will receive JEA's Rising Star Award. La Costa Canyon High School will receive JEA's First Amendment Press Freedom Award.



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From Nevada State Director Susan Thornton

No Report Submitted.

Please see regional overview on the first page of this report for a brief mention of the RENOVation workshop 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.

This year's RENOVation workshop will take place June 19-23 at the University of Nevada (Reno) campus.

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From New Mexico State Director April Van Buren, MJE

April van Buren has been appointed as the new state director for New Mexico, as of April 2011. She currently also serves as the New Mexico Scholastic Press Association Vice President. She succeeds Bert Martinez.

MEMBERSHIP

Our focus for the past two school years has been to restart and maintain the fall conference and spring competition, as well as to grow our membership of advisers and schools. Pat Graff developed a partnership with

the NM Activities Association, I have been working with the NM Press Association, and our president Rebecca Zimmermann has been the main person heading the events for NMSPA in Albuquerque.

HAPPENINGS

We held our Fall Conference on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 at Highland High School with a panel of journalists (web, design, reporting) from the Albuquerque Journal: "Covering 9/11: What was it like for the media?" Our panel on 9/11 included ABQ Journal managing editor Karen Moses; Karolyn Cannata-Wenge, who was advising the Missourian (at Mizzou's School of Journalism) at the time, and John Fleck of the Journal, as well as Donn. Donn dug up some of the Journal's raw video from when they arrived in NYC and photos, and John talked about how the conspiracy theory surrounding 9/11 got started.

We offered two 45-minute sessions for students and advisers, including sessions on advertising, Sunshine requests/ Open Government, the editorial section, scholastic press law, design, sportswriting, photography, "getting the story right," editorial leadership/ teambuilding, video and an adviser session for NMSPA membership.

We had about 14 advisers (from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Ojo Caliente, Clovis, and Tucumcari). About 70 students attend.

Our spring competition was also pretty successful, considering that this was the first competition of our start-up organization. It was held on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Volcano Vista High School. You can view our winners online at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/nmspaonline/home/contest-results> <<https://sites.google.com/site/nmspaonline/home/contest-results>>

We have yet to set a date for an April meeting in which we will:

- elect/re-elect NMSPA leadership for the 2010-2011 school year, and
- discuss plans for the summer mail-in contests for Yearbook and Literary Magazine

I am waiting on the NMSPA president, Rebecca Zimmerman, to set the meeting date. She will host the meeting in Albuquerque and I will likely Skype in from the Taos area (about 3 hours north of 'Burque).

FIRST AMENDMENT CHALLENGES AND OTHER CONCERNS

I've been keeping in touch with my students from the NM Press Associations' Summer Journalism Camp 2010. One student contacted me about a month ago after his adviser told him he couldn't write about a gay-straight alliance/ LGBTQ group at his school in Clovis, NM.

He couldn't send me a copy of the story without getting his adviser upset, so I do not know the content of his story, but he met with the superintendent recently and knows I am here to help him with the SPLC and contacting local media if it comes to that. Of course, I wouldn't do anything without contacting his adviser, getting more info., a copy of the story, etc., but I'm happy to support a reliable, energetic student reporter and at least offer him the morale to continue working within his school system.

I believe this is also the district where Carol Singletary was eventually removed as adviser, as well, so there's a history of conservatism and censorship in this area/district of New Mexico.



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From Utah State Director April Squires

STATE DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

April continues to encourage advisers to attend the ASNE two-week fellowship. Now there have been three more who have attended.

HAPPENINGS

Statewide conference and carry-in contest, University of Utah/JEA with The Deseret News and The Salt Lake Tribune staff giving workshops.

Sunshine Week Speakers, Riverton High School, March 16.

There is one more conference, located so that schools in the south of the state can attend, Utah Valley University with Brigham Young University, carry-in competition.

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.

AWARDS & HONORS

Utah Press Association Better High School Journalism Awards: Newspaper and Super Journalist. Cash prizes.
 (The Silver Scribe took two first places last year.)



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MEMBERSHIP

The state directors in the region worked very hard to identify candidates for our new member outreach effort, and as a result of their efforts, 66 new members were enrolled. Special accommodation goes to Randy Swikle for 28 new members in Illinois, Sandy Jacoby for 17 new members in Wisconsin and Marsha Kalkowski for 10 new members in Nebraska.

HAPPENINGS

I attended two excellent regional events this winter. ISHPA's Winter Thaw in Pella, Iowa, was organized by Ann Viser and David Schwartz, IHSPA Executive Director. The event offered some great information for advisers to become more comfortable with web journalism and its tools, and it featured presentations by Logan Aimone of Executive Director of NSPA area media professionals. In addition to myself, JEA was represented by vice president Bob Bair and past president Ann Visser.

I also attended the KEMPA Winter Seminar in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The Grand Geneva Lodge was the venue where keynote speaker Aaron Manful JEA's digital media guru presented and a number of topics. In addition to the terrific program, the winter seminar provides advisers time for socializing and networking in a spectacular setting.



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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. I offered 10 JEA membership vouchers in Illinois as part of JEA's "new member" initiative.

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 venue 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>

On March 10-11 Randy Swikle attended the annual two-day convening of the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition. We believe journalism and student news media is an ideal tool for advancing democratic education and civic engagement, and a partnership with the ICMC seems only natural.

The state director has spent time working with journalism teachers who have been threatened by autocratic administrators for allowing controversial content in the student press. We are using concepts from the McCormick protocol to help resolve conflicts.

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. It has sponsored programs that offer grants to new journalism programs and to schools who are implementing First Amendment education strategies.

IJEA has been an exhibitor at Teacher Resource Fairs sponsored by the Illinois Press Foundation and the McCormick Freedom Foundation. Awards & Honors

- 2011 Illinois High School Journalist of the Year: Our IJEA Student Journalist of the Year is Alexandria Johnson of Rolling Meadows High School (Stan Zoller, adviser). First runner-up was Faiaz Khan of the University of Chicago Lab School (Wayne Brasler, adviser). Honorable mention went to Jake Hamilton, O'Fallon High School (Kristin Strubhart, 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 Borrowdale, 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), Johnsborg High School, McHenry.

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

FOR THE BOARD

The IJEA appreciates the work you do, and we congratulate the current JEA board of directors for its successful new membership initiative and its many other significant achievements in advancing the causes of scholastic journalism. We salute our outstanding colleagues who ran for JEA offices. We welcome all our new and returning JEA officials to the next JEA board of directors.



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From Iowa State Director Leslie Shipp, MJE

MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership

43 advisers are currently JEA members.

56 schools in Iowa are currently IHSPA members.

Recruiting Members

A list of 12 Iowa advisers was obtained from a local yearbook rep. David Schwartz, IHSPA Executive Director, provided a list of IHSPA members. That list was compared to a current list of JEA members to determine who should be contacted about the free membership offer.

HAPPENINGS

Winter Thaw

Pella High School, home of the illustrious Ann Visser, was the site of the annual Advisers' Winter Thaw for the first time. NSPA Executive Director Logan Aimone was a feature speaker. Discussion topics at the retreat included writing for the Internet, publication websites, and video yearbooks. Sixteen attended.

Johnston HS Student Expression Board Policy rescinded

The Johnston HS Board of Education voted to take out wording from policy 502.2 that helped protect employees from being retaliated against because of student expression and thus, attempting to alleviate student self-censorship. The original policy, much like the California Protection law, was added in 2008.

AWARDS & HONORS

The following yearbooks were named IHSPA Neubert award winners:

Iowa City West

Johnston

Pella

S.E. Polk

Censorship Situations:

None that are known of since October

deadline to submit a review of the play. The Star Tribune chose four winning reviews which were posted to the Star Tribune website.

The local committee has been meeting on a monthly basis since the Kansas City convention in preparation for the upcoming 2011 national convention. Key discussions have been in the areas of featured speakers, break with a pro speakers and issue seminars.

All local committee items are on track for completion on given due dates.

This item from the fall worth a second mention: The Minnesota State High School Journalism Convention was October 12 on the University of Minnesota Campus. We had 531 attendees representing 30 media from 23 schools at the convention. The keynote speaker this year was WCCO-TV reporter Liz Collin. Gold Medallion, Best of Show and JEM All-State awards are presented at the closing ceremony.

HONORS & AWARDS

Minnesota JOY winner is Elena Potek of St. Louis Park High School. She is the news editor for our state's Journalism educator of the year—Lori Keekley. The SLPHS team seems unstoppable this year as Keekley and her staff also received the Echo's first-ever NSPA Pacemaker award. In addition to being proud of their work and thankful for Lori's friendship, I am also honored to work with Lori as co-chair for the national convention in Minneapolis.

The Minnesota High School Press Association honored Lori Keekley of St. Louis Park High School in St. Louis Park as the 2010 Journalism Educator of the Year. Keekley is adviser to The Echo newspaper program. The Echo has been among the most recognized student newspapers in Minnesota and the nation. Their many awards include Pacemaker, Gold Crown and both state and National Best of Show honors.

MEMBERSHIP

After an email canvassing of area advisers, one new adviser took up the offer for a free membership. I was working on getting the new Stillwater newspaper adviser to join, but the job is in limbo right now. The old adviser, Rachel Steil, left mid-November to fill in an interim principal's position at our high school, but Rachel is considering coming back to the publications world. The new teacher had no journalism background, and I think advising both print and online editions have been more to handle than she expected. The job may be available in the coming months.



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From Minnesota State Director Laurie Hansen, CJE

HAPPENINGS

On Jan. 26, print, photo and broadcast student journalists attended a Minnesota Wild team practice at the Xcel Energy Center. Students met with the MN Wild staff, local professional journalists, such as Dawn Mitchell from Fox 9. They also interviewed retired Wild Center Darby Henrickson. Students produced photos, stories and broadcasts and competed for the top spot in each category.

Seventeen students attended the Journalism Day at the Guthrie on Feb. 16. Students viewed the matinee of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, received a tour of the theater and tips on writing reviews from Graydon Royce, theater critic for the Star Tribune. Students were then given a



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From Nebraska State Director Marsha Kalkowski, MJE

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Nebraska continues to be strong.

15 JEA members paid their dues through combined membership with NHSPA in the fall.

10 new members were invited to join between Jan and March 1, in the free membership initiative drive. WELCOME!

53 total voting JEA members for Nebraska are now on record.

87 high schools in Nebraska are currently registered for journalism through the NSAA, making them eligible to compete in our spring state journalism contest.

Happenings:

JEA Nebraska 2011 Winter Contest: 16 schools submitted more than 350 entries to a winter contest that generous JEA advisers and board members judged for us. The final results can be found online at <http://www.omahamarian.org/nhspa/2011/jeafinal11.htm>

2011 NSAA/NHSPA Contest: preliminary entries are being judged right now for the May 9 final contest at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. This was the second year that we went electronic for all entry submissions. Thanks to the generous folks at UNL, on the NHSPA Board and "digital commons" for their work. If you have questions about how this worked, contact me.

NHSPA/UNL Summer Journalism Camp: July 25-28, 2011. Scholarships are possible and tracks have been updated for truly motivating and inspiring high school journalists in newspaper production, yearbook production, journalistic writing, photography, broadcasting, and editorial leadership. For more information, contact camp directors, Courtney Archer and Kim Bultsma at nhspaworkshop@gmail.com.

NHSPA Fall Convention: The 2011 NHSPA Fall Convention will be held in Lincoln on Oct. 17. Neighboring states are encouraged to attend. The 2011 Cornhusker awards for publications will be part of the day's agenda. Contact NHSPA Executive Director, Mary Kay Quinlan at mquinlan2@unl.edu for more information.

AWARDS & HONORS

Rod Henkel of Yutan High School was named Nebraska's Distinguished Adviser for 2011.

Named Nebraska's 2011 Friend of Journalism is Laura Schaub, independent creative consultant, formerly with CSPA, OSPA, Jostens and now working within Balfour's yearbook division.

Six incredible portfolios were submitted for Nebraska's journalist of the year competition. As of March 8, the winner hasn't been chosen. We'll name the winner and runner up in our fall report.

FOR THE BOARD

Thanks for supporting the membership initiative drive. I'm discouraged that more didn't take advantage of the opportunity. Kudos to all who ran in the recent election – no matter what happens, Bob, we're proud of you!

CENSORSHIP ISSUES

LB582 – the Student Expression Act – is in committee in the Nebraska Unicameral. When more information is available, I'll share. Wish us luck!



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From North Dakota State Director Susan Skalicky, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

North Dakota has two new JEA members through the free membership initiative. Mike Chausee is a communications professor at the University of Mary in Bismarck and Kelly Larson is a high school English teacher at Ft. Yates High School on the reservation and is working to start a newspaper at her school. I will be bringing JEA materials to NIPA spring competition April 3 in Grand Forks and visiting with the following advisers and others.

Current North Dakota JEA members:

- Sue Skalicky, Century High School
- Annie McKenzie, Bismarck High School
- Karen Bauer, Bismarck State College
- Meghan Brown, New Rockford-Sheyenne High School
- Mike Chausee, University of Mary (promotional membership)
- Keith Henderson, Bismarck High School
- Kelly Larson, Fort Yates High School (promotional membership)
- Jeremy Murphy, West Fargo High School
- Andrew Pritchard, North Dakota State University
- University of North Dakota
- Brenda Werner, Bismarck High School

Recent membership expirations:

- Toni Nelson, West Fargo High School - 3/31/09
- Elizabeth Anderson, New Town High School 8/29/2009
- Becky Mohr, Marion School District - 9/1/2009



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MEMBERSHIP

The state director presented information about JEA membership and the national conventions at the South Dakota High School Press Convention. Several members took application forms.

HAPPENINGS

The South Dakota High School Press Association conducted its Spring Writing Contest with the entries due March 5. Results will be announced in April.

The South Dakota High School Press Association is surveying advisers about their interest in its 2011 Summer Journalism Institute at South Dakota State University. The yearbook, newspaper and moviemaking sessions will be offered in June. Advisers may earn graduate credit. For more information, contact Jessica Jensen, the coordinator, at jensen@sdstate.edu.

Chuck Baldwin of South Dakota State University's Journalism Department surveyed publication advisers about their high school journalism programs.

AWARDS & HONORS

State JEA director Debra Rothenberger, MJE, received the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association February 5. She has been a high school newspaper adviser for 32 years and a yearbook adviser for five years.



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From Wisconsin State Director Sandy Jacoby

MEMBERSHIP

Advisers Winter Seminar held at Grand Geneva March 4-5 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. Region 2 Director Gary Lindsay attended and signed up three new advisers via the free membership promotional program. With KEMPA membership at 117, less than 40 percent of those are JEA-WI members; however, membership has increased to 45 currently compared to 33 in 2010. Winter Seminar and Fall Scholastic Journalism Conference offer time with 36 and 80 advisers respectively to talk about advantages of dual membership.

HAPPENINGS

Winter Retreat held at Grand Geneva, conveniently located at Hwy 50 and 12 and offering family amenities like a water park, drew 36 advisers

and featured Pioneer winner Aaron Manfull March 4-5. He focused on web technology, publicity for publications and editorial leadership. Other sessions expanded on camera/photography skills led by photojournalist Rick Wood of Milwaukee JournalSentinel and legal issues faced by print and online publications led by attorney Jim Peterson of Madison's Godfrey & Kahn. Silent Auction earned money to support scholarships while donations for treats went to Student Press Law Center. Advisers' roundtable, Friday social hour and dinner encouraged adviser connections.

Fall Scholastic Journalism Conference Oct. 15 at held University of Wisconsin-Whitewater attracted 1,269. Students and 80 advisers attended three sessions from 55 professional presenters representing newspapers, broadcast media, photography, communications and advertising as well as journalism educators. Keynote speaker John Tinker discussed students press rights, the First Amendment and Tinker vs. DesMoines Independent School District; hundreds of student journalists asked questions and lingered for photos with Tinker.

In the journalism evaluation/competition, six newspapers and ten yearbooks achieved All-KEMPA rank. The advisers' luncheon/annual meeting promoted JEA through brochures lining tables and from the podium. In spite of ever-increasing transportation costs and tightened school budgets, KEMPA Fall Conference remains hugely successful.

Summer Workshop 2010 continued to reflect innovative programming as Director Linda Barrington and the KEMPA Board again adapted programming to yearbook, photography, newspaper and editors strands. Both summer workshops and traveling day camp programs recognized the challenges of committing teens for four-day workshops. Traveling workshops will again take KEMPA instructors to Illinois and Wisconsin locations where KEMPA focuses journalism instruction to target specific skills in one-day time limits. Not only do we reach more students, but also both KEMPA and sponsoring schools/companies benefit financially to continue to serve schools, advisers and students. KEMPA now recognizes that we must continue to adapt and reinvent our workshop presence to evolve yearly.

AWARDS & HONORS

- JEA Lifetime Achievement-Mike Gordy, retired Antioch High School
- NSPA Pioneer Award-Linda Barrington, Mount Mary College
- Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Special Recognition Adviser-Stan Zoller, Rolling Meadows High School
- KEMPA Adviser of the Year---Kathleen Burke, Regina Dominican High School
- Outstanding Administrator Award-Richard Kirchner, Belvidere North High High School
- Friend of KEMPA Award-Mike James WPC, Pat Rand JPC, Maureen Olafsson HJC
- Media Award-Ken Miller, Wisconsin State Journal
- Hall of Fame Award-Carl Sigler, retired Wisconsin Academy
- KEMPA Gebhardt summer workshop writing winner-Alexandria Johnson, Rolling Meadows High School



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Scholastic Press Rights Commission

The commission has selected 12 students as partners who will serve to promote First Amendment awareness and help students fight censorship battles through the 45words initiative. Three of the students are from our region:

- Kelci Davis and Alison Dunaway of Francis Howell Central H.S. [St. Charles, MO]
- Joe Weber from Kirkwood H.S. [Kirkwood, MO]

We are so proud of these students and their advisers on this outstanding accomplishment.

CSPA Crown Winners

The following schools are Crown Winners from Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Gold and Silver distinctions were announced at the Awards Ceremony during the spring convention in New York City.

Middle School Yearbook

- Hawk, Pleasant Grove Middle School, Texarkana, TX;
- Stampede, Maize South Middle School, Wichita, KS;

High School Magazine

- Connotations, Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, AR;
- Itinerary, Episcopal School of Dallas, Dallas, TX;
- Riverbend Review, Benjamin Franklin High School, New Orleans, LA;
- Vibrato, The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX.

High School Newspaper

- Eagle Edition, Episcopal School of Dallas, Dallas, TX;
- Farmers' Harvest, Lewisville High School, Lewisville, TX;
- Lion's Roar, Goddard High School, Goddard, KS;
- North Star, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles, MO;
- Panther Pride, Midlothian High School, Midlothian, TX;
- Stampede, Burges High School, El Paso, TX
- The Bagpipe, Highland Park High School, Dallas, TX;
- The Connection, John B. Connally High School, Austin, TX;
- The Edge, Pleasant Grove High School, Texarkana, TX;
- The Featherduster, Westlake High School, Austin, TX;
- The Harbinger, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, KS;
- The Liberator, Liberal Arts & Science Academy High School, Austin, TX;
- The Marquee, Marcus High School, Flower Mound, TX
- The Northwest Passage, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee, KS;

- The ReMarker, St. Mark's School of Texas, Dallas, TX

High School Online Newspaper Crown Finalists

- FHCtoday.com, Francis Howell Central High School, St. Charles, MO
- FHHS Today, Francis Howell High School, St. Charles, MO
- The Harbinger Online, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, KS
- The Pride, Claudia Taylor Johnson High School, San Antonio, TX
- The Rider Online, Legacy High School, Mansfield, TX
- Tiger Times Online, Texas High School, Texarkana, TX

High School Yearbook

- Carillon, Bellaire High School, Bellaire, TX
- El Paisano, Westlake High School, Austin, TX
- Falcon, Glendale High School, Springfield, MO
- Governor, John B. Connally High School, Austin, TX
- Hauberk, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, KS
- Hoofbeats, Burges High School, El Paso, TX
- Indian, Shawnee Mission North High School, Overland Park, KS
- Marksmen, St. Mark's School of Texas, Dallas, TX
- Panther Tale, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, TX
- Pride, Franklin High School El Paso, TX
- The Hawk, Pleasant Grove High School, Texarkana, TX
- The Lair, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee, KS
- The Lion, McKinney High School, McKinney, TX
- Tiger, Texas High School, Texarkana, TX
- Triune, Trinity High School, Euless, TX

CSPA Gold Key Awards

The following advisers from our region were recognized by CSPA as Gold Key recipients:

- Michelle Dunaway – St. Charles, MO
- Wayna C. Polk – Abilene, TX

NSPA Pacemaker Nominees

These publications were named as nominees for the prestigious Pace-maker Awards. The honors will be presented at the JEA/NSPA spring convention in Anaheim. Congratulations to:

Newspaper [Fall 2010]

- Lion's Roar, Goddard HS, Goddard, KS [Matt Deabler – adviser]
- The Connection, John B. Connally HS, Austin, TX [Kelly Lemons – adviser]
- Stampede, Burges HS, El Paso, TX [Pat Monroe – adviser]
- Panther Pride, Midlothian HS, Midlothian, TX [Carol Richtsmeier- adviser]
- The Chronicle, Tom C. Clark HS, San Antonio, TX [Michelle Elizondo – adviser]
- The Tiger Times, Texas HS, Texarkana, TX [Rebecca Potter – adviser]
- The Spotlight, Blue Valley West HS, Overland Park, KS [Michael Dunlap – adviser]
- The Harbinger, Shawnee Mission East HS, Prairie Village, KS [C. Dow Tate – adviser]
- Lion's Roar, Goddard HS, Goddard, KS [Matt Deabler – adviser]
- Budget, Lawrence HS, Lawrence, KS [Heather Lawrenz – adviser]
- Irish Eyes, Grace King HS, Metairie, LA [Thomas Curran – adviser]
- Prep News, Rockhurst HS, Kansas City, MO [Mike Dierks – adviser]
- The Tiger Print, Blue Valley HS, Stilwell, KS [Jill Chittum – adviser]
- The Fourcast, Hockaday School, Dallas, TX [Ana Rosenthal – adviser]
- The ReMarker, St. Mark's School of Texas, Dallas, TX [Ray Westbrook – adviser]

Newsmagazine [Fall 2010]

- Quill, Glendale HS, Springfield, Mo., Will Marrs, editor; Beth Eggleston, adviser
- North Star, Francis Howell North HS, St. Charles, MO [Aaron Manfull – adviser]
- Quill, Glendale HS, Springfield, Mo., Will Marrs, editor; Lisa Wingo/Judy Wilson, advisers

Yearbook – High School

- Leopard, Lovejoy HS, Lucas, TX [Brett Hankey – adviser]
- Teresian, St. Teresa's Academy, Kansas City, MO [Eric Thomas – adviser]
- Triune, Trinity HS, Euless, TX [Christine Davis – adviser]
- The Lion, McKinney HS, McKinney, TX [Lori Oglesbee-Petter – adviser]
- The Hawk, Pleasant Grove HS, Texarkana, TX [Charla Harris – adviser]
- Indian, Shawnee Mission North HS, Overland Park, KS [Becky Tate – adviser]
- The Spectator, Liberty HS, Liberty, MO [Ronna Sparks-Woodward – adviser]
- Falcon, Glendale HS, Springfield, MO [Beth Eggleston – adviser]
- Elk, Burleson HS, Burleson, TX [Rachel Dearing – adviser]
- Hornet, Bryant HS, Bryant, AR [Margaret Sorrows – adviser]
- Hauberk, Shawnee Mission East HS, Prairie Village, KS [Dow Tate – adviser]
- Lair, Shawnee Mission Northwest HS, Shawnee, KS [Susan Massy – adviser]
- Carillon, Bellaire HS, Bellaire, TX [Patti Simon & Roberta Wallace – advisers]
- Marksmen, St. Mark's School of Texas, Dallas, TX [Ray Westbrook – adviser]
- Pride, Franklin HS, El Paso, TX [Jai Tanner – adviser]

Yearbook – Junior/Middle School

- Stampede, Maize South MS, Wichita, KS [Mary Patrick – adviser]

Yearbook Adviser of the Year

- Named as Distinguished Advisers from the South Central Region were Mary Patrick of Wichita, KS and Charla Harris of Texarkana, TX.
- Michelle Dunaway of St. Charles, MO was honored as a Special Recognition Adviser.
- Named as the 2009 Yearbook Adviser of the Year was Lori Oglesbee-Petter of McKinney, TX.

We are proud of each of these advisers and their outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism.



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From Arkansas State Director Stephanie Emerson, MJE

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.arkansas-scholasticpress.org Several links are there for additional information.

We have a new e-mail address: arkansas-scholasticpress@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

Congratulations to Bryant High School's yearbook, Hornet, for placing as a finalist in the NSPA Pacemaker Contest.



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From Missouri State Director Nancy Freeman, MJE

Since Missouri has no state JEA, I have gathered information from Missouri Interscholastic Press Association as well as regional adviser groups.

MEMBERSHIP

JEA Membership—124 voting members as of March 6, 2011, with 7 recently recruited from “Each one, reach one.”
Missouri Interscholastic Press Association—During the 2010-2011 school, we received memberships from 53 schools with 77 advisers.
JEMKC-- For the 2010-2011 membership year, JEMKC has 30 teachers as members representing 57 publications (newspaper, yearbook and broadcast) at 24 area high schools. There are also four professional memberships representing four supporting organizations.

Sponsors of School Publications of Greater St. Louis— In 2010-11, we have 41 schools, 43 advisers.

SEMPSPA (Southeast Missouri Scholastic Press Association)—Two advisers are trying to get this group restarted and are planning a fall workshop to try to get advisers reconnected. I am working with them to give out some of our regional JEA memberships to advisers in the area who have been uninvolved. No membership numbers yet.

OPA (Ozark Press Association)—No response yet.

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SSP

<http://www.ssp-stl.org>
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 will be held April 5, 2011. There are 16 breakout sessions, plus J-School Tours and the General Write-Off. Keynote speaker is: Alex Rozier.

Awards will be presented to those designated as: Student Journalist of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Taft Award and Knight Award. Awards will also be given to those entering the Write-Offs and those who submitted contest materials earlier.

Summer Media Workshop:

Summer Media Workshop 2011 will be July 18-21, 2011. Seven sessions were offered. Sections offered include: Editorial Leadership, Broadcast Journalism, Writing for Media (Convergence Writing), Sports Reporting New Media Convergence, Digital Photography and Photo Editing, From Flat to Phat (Design and Layout), or Teaching Scholastic Publications (Advisers only). See <http://muconf.missouri.edu/smw/> for more information.

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 will be held July 9-17. They can click go to MUJW on the MIPA website and click on the workshop for application form. Application deadline is April 11.

JEMKC

Journalism Educators of Metropolitan Kansas City hosted the JEA/NSPA national journalism convention, Nov. 11-14 at the Kansas City convention center. We were proud to organize two great keynote speakers, host the Friday adviser luncheon and bring together speakers, judges and critiquers from across the metro area to make the convention a success.

JEMKC is once again sponsoring its annual contest, with entries due Friday, March 4 and the awards ceremony in April. We will also award a new scholarship in honor of Michael Dunlap, Blue Valley West adviser who died suddenly in August. The Michael Dunlap Excellence in Journalism Scholarship will be awarded to three deserving seniors who have demonstrated excellence in their high school journalism careers. Thanks to donations in honor of Dunlap, the scholarship amount will be increased to \$500 for each winner.

The group plans to host a three-day summer workshop for advisers in the area. Adviser Eric Thomas from St. Teresa's Academy will organize the event, designed to bring in speakers and have professional development in software and hardware needs of the advisers. Tentative dates are June 14-16.

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. ON MARCH 7 we hosted our conference at Webster University and we had 48 breakout sessions featuring local area professionals and experts in the field. Nearly 600 area students attended from 28 high schools. We also awarded a \$1000 leadership scholarship to a local journalism senior.

We will be giving out scholarships for both students and advisers to attend summer workshops in April.

AWARDS & HONORS

NSPA 2010 Pacemakers

Newsmagazines

Quill, Glendale HS, Springfield, Mo.

Will Marrs, editor

Beth Eggleston, adviser

Newspapers 9-16

Prep News, Rockhurst HS, Kansas City, Mo.

Evan Lang, Bret Raybould, editors

Mike Dierks, adviser

2010 NSPA Digital Yearbook Pacemaker Finalists

The Legend, Lafayette HS, Wildwood, Mo.

Sean Alexander, editor

Nancy Smith, adviser

2011 NSPA Online Pacemaker Finalists

1500 or fewer enrollment

PHSview.com, Park Hill South HS, Riverside, Mo.

<http://phsview.com>

Tiernan Eiberger, editor

Megan Hughes, adviser

FHNtoday.com, Francis Howell North HS, St. Charles, Mo.

<http://www.FHNtoday.com>

Dan Spak and Jared Tompkin, editors

Aaron Manfull/Beth Phillips, advisers

1500 or greater enrollment

The Kirkwood Call, Kirkwood HS, Kirkwood, Mo.

<http://thekirkwoodcall.com>

Devan Coggan, Maggie Hallam, editors

Mitch Eden, adviser

FHctoday.com, Francis Howell Central HS, St. Charles, Mo.

<http://www.fhctoday.com>

Ted Noelker, editor

Matthew Schott, adviser

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Newspaper 8 or Fewer Pages

5. Spotlight, Francis Howell HS, St. Charles, Mo.

Sam Gibson, editor

Michele Dunaway, adviser

Newspaper 13-16 Pages

Red and Black, Jefferson City HS, Jefferson City, Mo.

Julie Blankenship, editor

Karen Ray, adviser

Newspaper 17+ Pages

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

Morgan Said, editor

Eric Thomas, adviser

7. The Rock, Rock Bridge Sr. HS, Columbia, Mo.

Omar Taranissi, Craig Chval, editors

Robin F Stover, adviser

8. The Kirkwood Call, Kirkwood HS, Kirkwood, Mo.

Devan Coggan, Maggie Hallam, editors

Mitch Eden, adviser

9. The Globe, Clayton HS, Clayton, Mo.

Dawn Androphy, Noah Eby, editors

Nancy Freeman, adviser

Newspaper Special Edition

2. The Rock, Rock Bridge Sr. HS, Columbia, Mo.

Omar Taranissi, Craig Chval, Missy Wheeler, editors

Robin F Stover, adviser

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

Sam Dulaney, editor

Aaron Manfull, adviser

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

Morgan Said, editor

Eric Thomas, adviser

Newsmagazine

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

Sam Dulaney, editor

Aaron Manfull, adviser

Yearbook 275-324 Pages

1. Excalibur, Francis Howell North HS, St. Charles, Mo.

Stevie Johnson, editor

Aaron Manfull, adviser

3. Howelltonian, Francis Howell HS, St. Charles, Mo.

Katy Carrom, editor

Michele Dunaway, adviser

Yearbook 325+ Pages

10. The Legend, Lafayette HS, Wildwood, Mo.

Kelly Lacey, editor

Nancy Smith, adviser

Broadcast Program

3. Blue Jay Journal, Washington HS, Washington, Mo.

Jackie Kleekamp, Elizabeth Knight, David Mann, editors

Michelle Hoch, adviser

6. Central Intelligence, Central HS, Springfield, Mo.

Brittany Donnellan, editor

Nichole Lemmon, adviser

7. Channel 97 News, Oakville Sr. HS, St. Louis, Mo.

Eric Lehr, editor

Jeff Kuchno, adviser

Publication Website Small School

10. Dart News Online, St. Teresa's Academy, Kansas City, Mo.

<http://www2.dartnewsonline.com>

Morgan Said, editor

Eric Thomas, adviser

Publication Website Large School

3. FHNtoday.com, Francis Howell North HS, St. Charles, Mo.

<http://fhntoday.com>

Jared Tompkin, editor
Aaron Manfull/Beth Phillips, advisers

5. Central Focus, Francis Howell Central HS, St. Charles, Mo.
<http://www.fhctoday.com>
Ted Noelker, editor
Matthew Schott, adviser

9. The Kirkwood Call, Kirkwood HS, Kirkwood, Mo.
<http://www.thekirkwoodcall.com>
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From Oklahoma State Director Margie Watters

MEMBERSHIP

Both the FMM and SMM (Fall and Spring Media Mondays) continue to be times when the state organization OSM/OIPA (Oklahoma Scholastic Media / Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association) works to increase membership from both middle and high school publications. At these state events, held at the University of Oklahoma (Norman, Oklahoma) membership enrollment in JEA is encouraged as well as maintaining membership in the state organization.

- The OSM/OIPA is housed on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. While OSM/OIPA Executive Director Kathryn Jensen-White is on sabbatical, staff member Sarah Cavanah is covering duties for both FMM and SMM.
- The organization's website is: <http://jmc.ou.edu/osm-oipa/>

HAPPENINGS

- The Spring Media Monday (State Convention) will be held at the University of Oklahoma, Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Oklahoma Memorial Union and the Gaylord Journalism School.
- The day will be dedicated to sessions covering various journalism aspects as well as a morning of write-off competitions for journalism students. The afternoon will be highlighted with an awards assembly where winners from the morning write-offs will be announced along with ratings and awards for publications including newspapers, newsmagazines and online publications that were submitted in March.
- The SMM will be the last day of duties for the 2010-2011 OSM officers including:

President Hana McGinis (Charles Page), First Vice President Nicole Biddinger (Bartlesville Mid-High), Second Vice President Rachel Manyen (Westmoore) and Secretary Christina Hansen (Edmond Memorial)

New officers will be elected April 4, 2011.

-Summer Plans:

- Plans are underway for the Oklahoma Institute for Diversity in Journalism Annual Summer Journalism Workshop which will be offered in June.
- The OIDJ offers an annual workshop for promising high school students and is funded by several organizations including the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation, the Daily Oklahoman, and the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at OU. Its goal is to expose youth to careers in the world of daily journalism. OIDJ's mission is to provide opportunities for students who would otherwise lack access to journalism training or who face other barriers to pursuing careers in journalism.
- Students are selected by application and participate on scholarship. During their time on campus, they have the opportunity to work one-on-one with professional journalists. The culmination of their work is presented in their edition of the Red Dirt Journal, the OIDJ newspaper, and its companion website and newscast.

AWARDS & HONORS

- During the FMM in November 2010, adviser Eric Jackson, Yukon High School, was named Yearbook Adviser of the Year for 2010.
- The recipient of the Lois A. Thomas Distinguished Service in Journalism Award will be announced at the SMM April 4. Lois Thomas was the former adviser of the Pirate Publications at Putnam City High School in Oklahoma City.



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From Texas State Director Lisa Van Etta

MEMBERSHIP

TAJE currently has 235 members; 231 Texas advisers are members of JEA. Following the state convention. The Fall Fiesta, TAJE's executive director Rhonda Moore will execute a follow-up, contacting members from last year who have not rejoined.

HAPPENINGS

TAJE held an executive board meeting Jan. 15 in Austin at the UIL offices.

I gave a report on the national convention at in Kansas City-- promoted and talked about the Spring convention to be held in Anaheim.

The national JEA/NSPA convention was a major topic of discussion.. Pat Gathright and Rhonda Moore are co-chairmen for the event to be held in San Antonio 1212. Discussion about finding additional revenue for the convention and lining up local tours both media and city were held. Another topic discussed was coming up with some form of entertainment other than a dance for the students. At the business meeting to be held in April during the ILPC convention -- recruiting for sub chairmen committees will be actively pursued.

Other topics discussed concerning 2012 convention:

Logo - Mark's suggestions: the word 'hot' should be red, and no black drop shadows, pepper looking less like the Chili's logo, maybe green jalapeno pepper, add San Antonio 2012 to it.

Issue seminars - Sandy Hall-Chiles did the issue seminars in Dallas; we need to find someone locally in SAT to oversee the issues seminars. Mark Suggested pairing a local person with someone elsewhere in the state to work on specific convention projects such as issue seminars. We'll have a session time at ILPC where we'll ask interested parties to come and discuss helping with nationals, and hopefully we can issue jobs and discuss duties at that time. Friesens will again publish a Best of Texas Photography 10X13 coffee table book for San Antonio convention.

A discussion of having a night-time photography contest/session for nationals was also talked about.

TAJE Membership- suggesting we offer free membership 'certificates' to new members for free first-year membership.

Currently, the state's educational budget tops the list of concerns for journalism teachers. The board voted to hire a lobbyist to address the concerns and be a watch concerning journalism credits, funding, etc. Elimination of journalism jobs or salary reductions are already being seen around the state as school districts try to balance budgets.

Seven portfolios were submitted for the Texas High School Journalist of the Year. Bianca Gomez from Cypress Falls High School was chosen at the winner. This makes Cypress Falls fourth winner, setting a record for the most Journalists of the Year from one school.

TAJE operates its own Web site and listserv. 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.

Recent elections were held for officers for TAJE

New officers:

Cindy Berry -- president elect

Secretary --Christine Davis

Treasurer-Mikyela Tedder

State Director -- Alyssa Armentrout

AWARDS & HONORS

The following schools from Texas have been recognized at Pacemaker finalist:

Online Newspapers

The Rider

Legacy HS

Uproar

Mansfield HS

Digital Yearbooks

The Lion

McKinney HS

The Bronco

McKinney Boyd HS

The Legend

Flower Mound HS

Yearbooks

Govenor

John B. Connally HS

Bobcat

Hallsville HS

Leopard

Lovejoy HS

SHS Yearbook

Saginaw HS

Triune

Trinity HS

The Lion

McKinney HS

Reflections

McKinney North HS

The Hawk

Pleasant Grove HS

The Arena

Legacy HS

The Bronco

McKinney Boyd HS

El Paisano

Westlake HS

Marksman

St. Mark's School of Texas

Pride

Franklin HS

The following schools were recognized as Crown Winners:

Magazine Gold

Vibrato

Hockaday School

Magazine Silver

Itinery

Episcopal School of Dallas

Newspapers – Gold
 Farmers' Harvest
 Lewisville HS
 Stampede
 Burgess HS
 The Liberator
 Liberal Arts & Science Academy HS
 The Remarker
 St. Mark's School of Texas
 The Bagpipe
 Highland Park HS
 The Marquee
 Marcus HS

Newspapers – Silver
 Eagle Edition
 Episcopal School of Dallas
 Panther Pride
 Midlothian HS
 The Connection
 John B Connally HS
 The Edge
 Pleasant Grove HS
 The Featherduster
 Westlake HS

Online Newspapers – Gold
 The Rider Online
 Legacy HS

Online Newspapers – Silver
 The Pride
 Claudia Taylor Johnson HS
 Tiger Times Online
 Texas HS

Yearbooks - Gold
 Hoofbeats
 Burgess HS
 Marksmen
 St. Mark's School of Texas

Yearbooks - Silver
 Carillon
 Bellaire HS
 El Paisano
 Westlake HS
 Tiger
 Texas HS
 Tribune
 Trinity HS
 The Lion
 McKinney HS
 Govenor
 John B. Connally HS
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From November until late February, the state directors and I focused our attention on awarding the free memberships the JEA board allotted for our region. I am very pleased that all 100 of my allotment were awarded. I am also excited that we added almost 200 members from Region 5. I have asked new JEA president Mark Newton to challenge the board to find more ways to add new members. I plan to introduce a motion at the Anaheim meeting that will increase the free memberships we can award in the future.

Scholastic journalism remains strong in the Southeast. More than 500 students and advisers attended the Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention in early March. Participants traveled from as far away as Texas and southern Florida. Dow Jones News Fund National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year Valerie Kibler from Harrisonburg, Va., addressed the advisers at the convention and taught a number of sessions.

At the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in March, JEA state director Renee Burke from Florida received a Gold Key award.

SIPA continues to help fund JEA mentors in Region 5 states. We currently have mentors in North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama.

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., as DJNF Distinguished Advisers.

We are also very pleased that two North Carolina advisers, Melanie Hyunh-Duc, newspaper adviser at Northwest Guilford (Greensboro) High, and Michael Moon, newspaper adviser at Kinston High, will be recognized in Anaheim as JEA Rising Stars.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the JEA members in Region 5 for giving me the opportunity to serve as your director for the next three years.



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MEMBERSHIP

Florida is working to maintain our current JEA memberships, as well as to increase membership and certification. FSPA agreed to offer the JEA Certification Exams for free to any member wishing to pursue certification.

HAPPENINGS

- Record number of entries — 20 — for Emerging Young Journalist representing outstanding 9th/10th grade students.
- Early registration has topped 900 for state convention April 28-30, the best numbers we've had in some time as we've returned to Orlando.
- Revamps to individual mail-in contest categories resulted in a 45 percent hike in entries.
- We're relying more on social media -- Facebook especially -- to drive our message home.

AWARDS & HONORS

Congratulations to the finalists for the Todd C. Smith Student Journalist of the Year award. The winner will be announced on Friday, April 29 during the 2011 FSPA Convention.

They are listed in alpha order below with judge's comments.

Carson Bailey, Oviedo High School

"Carson is clearly a quality designer and photographer, writer and reporter. Carson definitely has a future in mass media."

David Ballard, Boone High School (Orlando)

"David showed some amazing examples of design not only in the presentation but in his work. The contemporary magazine look was entertaining and youthful."

Zack Peterson, Hillsborough High School (Tampa)

"Zack showed probably the best reporting we've seen in a while. His portfolio not only included news reporting with investigative work but also commentary."

Columbia Scholastic Press Association award recipients (announced March 18, 2011)

High School Magazine Gold Crowns - The Literati, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, Miami, FL;

High School Magazine Silver Crowns - Artifex, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, FL;

High School Newspaper Silver Crowns - The Lion's Tale, Oviedo High School, Oviedo, FL; The Muse, Dreyfoos School of the Arts, West Palm Beach, FL;

High School Yearbook Silver Crowns - Legend, Boone High School, Orlando, FL; Palm Echo, Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Miami, FL; The Stampede, J.W. Mitchell High School, New Port Richey, FL

National Scholastic Press Association --winners will be announced April 16, 2011 at Anaheim, CA convention.

2010 NSPA Magazine Pacemaker Finalists - Mirage, Seminole Ridge HS, Loxahatchee, FL.

2011 NSPA Online Pacemaker Finalists - The Lariat, Cooper City HS, Cooper City, FL.

2010 NSPA Yearbook Pacemaker Finalists - Fusion, Hagerty HS, Oviedo, FL; Legend, William R. Boone HS, Orlando, FL.

Currently the board is preparing for the state convention.



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We are very thankful to our regional director, Brenda Gorsuch, for providing free membership vouchers for 15 of our state members who have never joined JEA. With those 15, plus some of the vouchers from current JEA members and some who joined through SCSPA, our membership increased from 25 to 43! Thank you, Brenda, and the JEA membership initiative.

I also want to thank headquarters for sending member lists to us with membership expiration dates. That helps me e-mail and remind members

to rejoin, and putting JEA membership on our SCSPA membership forms helps, too.

HAPPENINGS

CELEBRATIONS: The SCSPA 75th anniversary committees are hard at work planning the celebration Oct. 16, 2011. The next day will be our annual state conference and we hope at least our regional JEA director will be able to attend both celebration and conference.

FIRST AMENDMENT LIAISON: SCSPA set a goal for the 75th anniversary year to promote the First Amendment rights of all student media in the state. To help facilitate this goal, the executive board established a non-member liaison at the Jan. 29, 2011 board meeting. This liaison will monitor cases of First Amendment abuse in high schools and serve as a communicator among advisers, students, administrators, and the SCSPA board.

We will work closely with the JEA Press Rights Commission in this endeavor.

CONFERENCES: Although we were concerned about numbers because of the recession, the SCSPA fall conference was a success.

COMMUNICATION: Getting the word out about our services, activities, deadlines, etc. continues to be a challenge. We use our website, e-mail, snail mail, a printed calendar and Facebook, but advisers continue to miss deadlines and don't follow directions. I think it all boils down to they are just overwhelmed.

EVALUATIONS AND CONTESTS: Our numbers remain about the same in both evaluations and competitions – we lose some but new ones come in.

AWARDS & HONORS

These will be announced at our spring conference May 2 and results will be in the October 2011 report.



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MEMBERSHIP

Journalism Education Association membership renewal reminder letters were distributed in October from the N.C. Scholastic Media Association offices to N.C. advisers whose JEA memberships were expiring.

NCSMA continues to include JEA membership as an option on all membership forms.

Because of the JEA Membership Initiative, membership numbers in North Carolina have increased by 81 since last year. Thank you to everyone in JEA who supported the initiative. And a special thank you to Sharon Tally and Pam Boller of JEA Headquarters and to Brenda Gorsuch, the Southeast regional director, for working with our North Carolina approach to implementing this membership plan.

When the JEA Membership Initiative was announced, we were fortunate to work with the current JEA members in the state, securing their permission to donate their free memberships to advisers who accompanied students to NCSMA's six fall regional workshops around the state. Those N.C. memberships, along with the North Carolina allotment from Gorsuch, generated enough to offer free membership to every adviser who attended our fall regional workshops throughout the state.

HAPPENINGS

The summer N.C. Scholastic Media Institute will again provide four days of instruction in yearbook, newspaper, broadcast, literary magazine, design, online news, advising and photography for students and teachers from across the state. Sessions are taught in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-Chapel Hill; instructors include faculty from across the state and several from out of state as well. Dates for summer 2011 are June 13-16. Registration fee remains only \$200 per person. That fee covers overnight lodging, instruction, pizza party and awards brunch. Results from the statewide media contests are announced during the closing awards brunch.

North Carolina continues to participate in the JEA Mentor Program. Kay Windsor and Cornelia Harris will join Martha Rothwell as mentors. Windsor and Harris will complete Mentor Training during the National High School Journalism Convention in Anaheim.

NCSMA houses the N.C. College Media Association, serving college media advisers and staffs. The association is entering its fifth year. The recent conference at Appalachian State welcomed some 110 students and advisers from campuses across the state. The NCSMA office coordinates this annual one-day conference in February on a different campus each year. Winston-Salem State will host the 2012 event. The association also offers an annual statewide media contest with a Dec. 1 deadline each year. Student media advisers from across the state judge the contest and serve as conference workshop instructors.

NCSMA continues to offer summer graduate-level courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-Chapel Hill. The two 2011 courses offered on campus will be "Teaching Online News in the Secondary School" and "Desktop Publishing and Design in the Secondary School." Both courses will be offered July 5-15 at UNC-Chapel Hill. The design class offers instruction in Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign, plus design principles and teaching methods. Instructors include Bradley Wilson of N.C. State University, Harlen Makemson of Elon University and Monica Hill of NCSMA. The online news course returns this summer for just the second time. Professor Ryan Thornburg, online news assistant professor at UNC-CH, will teach the course.

He will cover online publishing technologies, search engine optimization, writing for the Web, writing a FAQ using Dreamweaver, creating a blog in WordPress, using social media for news, designing and hosting a site, video and audio basics and much more. North Carolina scholastic journalism teachers and student media advisers are invited to apply

for this Journalism Teaching Fellowship course. Fellowships covering tuition, lodging and books are valued at \$1,230 each.

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.

The UNC-Chapel Hill School of Journalism and Mass Communication will sponsor the fifth annual Chuck Stone Program for Diversity in Education and Media July 10-16 on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Rising high school seniors may apply online at jomc.unc.edu/stoneprogram. The one-week program covers airfare, lodging, meals and more. Twelve students will be selected to participate.

NCSMA again this year supported the Minority High School Journalism Program sponsored by Carolina Association for Black Journalists. Students registered at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. By 5 p.m. that day each participant had edited audios and photos for a SoundSlides presentation they shared with their journalism teachers and parents who attended a wrap-up dinner that evening.

Elon University's Sunshine Center, part of the N.C. Open Government Coalition, continues to invite and involve high school teachers and students in its activities. Sunshine Day 2011 will be March 17 at the Salisbury Train Depot. Sessions will focus on FERPA and personnel records.

NCSMA's fall regional workshops concluded Nov. 9 in Charlotte. These co-hosted workshops were offered in six cities across the state. They continue to represent the true outreach mission of the scholastic media association. Registration fees are only \$10 per person, and that fee includes lunch. These October and November events were scheduled in the following locations: Asheville at University of North Carolina at Asheville; Boone at Appalachian State; Chapel Hill at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Greenville at East Carolina University; Charlotte in The Charlotte Observer building and Greensboro at North Carolina A&T State University. Some 1,150 attended the workshops.

AWARDS & HONORS

Brenda Gorsuch, adviser at West Henderson (Hendersonville) High, was re-elected to the JEA Board.

Charles D. Owen (Black Mountain) High's newspaper editor was named the Rachel Rivers-Coffey North Carolina High School Journalist of the Year. Janie Sircey, who also serves as current president of N.C. Scholastic Media Association, will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the N.C. Press Foundation.

Alternates were Catherine E. "Katie" King of West Henderson (Hendersonville) and Elizabeth "Liz" Crampton of Northwest Guilford (Greensboro) School. The N. C. Press Foundation established the annual scholarship award and named it in honor of professional journalist and former NCPA president Rachel Rivers-Coffey, who was killed in a horseback riding accident.

NCPF will award \$500 to each alternate at the Summer Institute's annual Awards Brunch. Each student's journalism teacher will receive funds for use in his or her journalism classrooms.

National Scholastic Press Association in November awarded a Pacemaker to Wingspan newspaper at West Henderson (Hendersonville) High. First Flight High's newspaper Nighthawk News was a Pacemaker finalist.

Providence Senior (Charlotte) High's literary magazine, Roars & Whispers, has been named a Pacemaker Finalist, along with the Westwind yearbook at West Henderson High. Results will be announced in April at the National High School Journalism Convention in Anaheim.

Roars & Whispers magazine and Westwind yearbook were also named Crown finalists by Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Pegasus, the literary magazine at Myers Park (Charlotte) High was also named a Crown finalist. Results will be announced March 18.

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. Larry Rogers, principal of Statesville High, was named the Administrator of the Year

Allie Eisen of T.C. Roberson High in Asheville won the 2010 Don Curtis scholarship in electronic communication. These competitive \$625 cash scholarships annually recognize up to two students in the TV News sequence of the N.C. Summer Institute.

Alex Nelson of Clayton High won the 2010 Daily Tar Heel scholarship in newspaper journalism. These competitive \$625 cash scholarships annually recognize up to two students in the newspaper sequence of the N.C. Summer Institute.

Melanie Hyunh-Duc, newspaper adviser at Northwest Guilford (Greensboro) High, and Michael Moon, newspaper adviser at Kinston High, were named JEA Rising Stars for 2011.

Martha Rothwell, current JEA mentor and former N.C. Scholastic Media Association board member, received the 2010 Pioneer Award from National Scholastic Press Association.

Robin Sawyer continues to serve on the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Board.



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HAPPENINGS

Alabama Scholastic Press Association's (ASPA) director Meredith Cummings (since 2008) has drawn on local and national journalism talent to bring quality instruction to high school and middle school journalism students through fall workshops that travel throughout the state and a spring convention that convenes at the University of Alabama (U of A) in Tuscaloosa. ASPA also holds a summer workshop called The Long Weekend at the U of A and supports the U of A's award winning Multi-

cultural Journalism Program and summer workshop (MJW). This year The Long Weekend will be June 17-19 and MJW will be June 17-26. Applications for MJW are due April 1.

Check the ASPA Web site <http://www.aspa.ua.edu/> to find out when the fall workshop and spring conventions will be held next school year. Jennifer Greer, journalism department chairwoman at the U. of A., is very supportive of ASPA. ASPA has a small office in Reese Phifer Hall where journalism classes are held at the U. of A.

Become active in your state, regional and national scholastic press associations to help you build a stronger program at your school.

"I began advising over 27 years ago. I owe the Alabama Scholastic Press Association. Almost everything I have learned about advising school newspapers and yearbooks comes from attending their events. It is now time for me to help educate younger advisors and their students. I encourage advisers from Alabama to become active in their state (ASPA), regional (SIPA) and national organizations (JEA/NSPA & CSPA). In this way students can best be prepared for college and the world of work and your school can publish quality publications," Susan G. Newell, adviser The Northridge Reporter and blueprints yearbook at Northridge High School, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Newell is on the advisory board for the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA). Information about SIPA events can be found online at <http://www.sc.edu/cmcis/so/sipa/> SIPA's summer workshop is from June 8-12.



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MEMBERSHIP

The Mississippi Scholastic Press Association continues to offer JEA with its MSPA membership application, encouraging advisers to become a part of this adviser-help group. This promotion and the new free membership initiative of JEA have helped to double membership in Mississippi JEA over the last two years.

HAPPENINGS

MSPA hosts the adviser workshop sponsored by the Mississippi Press Association. In that environment, advisers are introduced to JEA and learn the importance of a strong adviser base. Along with learning staff management, desktop publishing skills, design, writing and advertising information, the group forms a partnership with MPA and MSPA that will help them in their schools. MPA pays all expenses for these advisers

to attend, especially seeking out new advisers who may lack knowledge and experience in the field of journalism.

With the JEA list-serve help, the convention training, and the adviser help, JEA has added much experience into our adviser base. This JEA/MPA/MSPA partnership is one of the top strengths of Mississippi scholastic journalism. It is a constant source of encouragement to me, as the director, to know that we have such a strong alliance in our state.

MSPA sponsors two fall regional workshops that allow students and advisers to learn skills that will help their current publications. One workshop is in Oxford at The University of Mississippi. Students and advisers there are able to take a number of lab classes to strengthen their skills in photo editing and in desktop publishing/design. Of course, other classes in writing, advertising, design, broadcast, and editing are offered as well. The southern workshop was in or near Hattiesburg, Miss. near the coast. This year more than 520 students and advisers attended both events.

Competition and the spring convention bring participation from about 500 as we finish out the year with classes and labs to prepare students for the coming year, to offer leadership information to seniors attending college next fall, and to present awards for competition. MSPA has added carry-in competitions to the normal award base. Seven general categories for entries are offered with multiple contests in each category. This type of competition should give yearbook and magazine staffs a chance to receive acclaim for their current publication, and extends newspapers, broadcast and on-line staff another month of editions past the normal Feb. 15 competition deadline.

INVOLVEMENT

As JEA state director, I attended JEA sessions, critiqued, judged and presented sessions at the fall convention and will also attend the spring convention. I also attended, taught, judges and helped at the Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention in Columbia, SC.



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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

As of this writing, GSPA has 99 paid memberships, down from 121 memberships the previous year. This includes four broadcast news

programs (decrease of four from last year), 16 literary magazines (decrease of four), 47 newspapers/newsmagazines (decrease of 12) and 30 yearbooks (decrease of three).

HAPPENINGS

GSPA is currently in the process of accepting entries for its 2010-11 General Excellence Competition. It is expected that we will receive more than 1,000 entries in 41 individual categories, as well as staff entries for broadcast, newspaper, literary magazine and yearbook. Awards will be distributed on April 28 at the GSPA Awards Ceremony, a luncheon banquet that last year was attended by roughly 450 students and teachers. The keynote speaker will be Perry Parks, a regional editor for Patch.com.

JEA/National Involvement

Due to budget constraints, I was unable to attend the fall convention. However, I did attend the Southern Interscholastic Press Association Conference in Columbia, S.C. and conducted a session on judging, served as an on-the-spot judge and moderated the Newspaper Writing, Editing and Design competition.

We conducted the Georgia Champion Journalist Competition and received a record 14 entries. We will forward the top entry to JEA for the National Journalist of the Year Competition.

A colleague and I co-authored, *Millenials and the Media*, and presented it at the AEJMC Conference in Denver in the Scholastic Media Division.

Tom Gayda, CJE

Ch-ch-changes... Change continues to be the word around Region 6 as we welcome a new West Virginia director and seek a new Maryland and Delaware director. Never a dull moment.

Region 6 would gladly welcome another convention in our area as soon as possible. Lots of great locations and great journalism going on in this region, we are always ready to show-off!

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MEMBERSHIP

The JEA initiative to introduce its resources, programs and support to a new group of journalism teachers and media advisers was well received in the District of Columbia. Teachers and curriculum supervisors in seven D.C. public schools, three charter schools, one university and three organizations accepted the promotional memberships for a total of 16 new JEA members in Washington, D.C.

As of March 20, 2011, D.C. JEA has 15 teacher members in public schools, five at charter schools, individuals at three organizations and two universities, and four other members for a total of 29 members.

HAPPENINGS

Since November 2010, the following activities and meetings have taken place:

- In the process of contacting most D.C. public, private and charter



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schools about the JEA promotional membership, Carol Lange has created a profile of the journalism and media classes and after-school programs, if any, for every DCPS and most D.C. charter and private schools. She received assistance in this endeavor from the directors of Prime Movers, ASNE High School initiative and the DCPS CTE program supervisor.

- Met with Jaye Linnen, Interim Director, The Washington Post Young Journalist Development Program. Lange introduced JEA and its programs to Ms. Linnen. Lange is assisting her in planning new approaches to educate and serve journalism classes and programs in D.C. schools and The Post's circulation area.
- Lange assisted in conveying information about the Urban Journalism Workshop (co-sponsored by The Washington Post and The Washington Association of Black Journalists) to all D.C. JEA members and D.C.-area 2009 Outreach Academy participants.
- Organized meetings to bring together individuals from the following organizations to share program information and goals: The Washington Post YJDP, Prime Movers, DCPS CTE, and the National Press Club library outreach. We discussed ways in which we could coordinate activities, support endeavors and work together toward common goals.
- Organized a workshop and lunch held on January 15 at the Newseum. Lead by Kirsti Kenneth, we piloted the Newseum's new professional development workshop, "Judging Fact, Fiction and Everything Between: Teaching Media Literacy to Digital Natives." In addition, Mike Spikes, a D.C. JEA member and broadcast journalism teacher at Roosevelt Senior H.S., shared insights into news literacy gained from his Stony Brook University Center for News Literacy summer experience. The 27 participants from D.C. public and charter schools (15), Virginia (11) and Maryland (1) public schools received teaching materials including a CD of news literacy lesson plans and resources. The event was co-sponsored by the Newseum, D.C. JEA and the Maryland-D.C. Scholastic Press Association. All area teachers who attended the JEA Outreach Academy at the D.C. JEA-NSPA National High School Journalism Convention were invited.
- With Dorothy Gilliam, Prime Movers Media director, Lange visited Coolidge Senior High School twice — for a meeting with the principal and with the assistant principal and new journalism teacher to see how we might collaborate to train the journalism teacher and her students and support the work she has begun. All three expressed their earnest desire to see the journalism program succeed at Coolidge.
- On February 23, 2011, Lange met at Coolidge to make more detailed plans for the semester. Alan Weintraut attended the meeting to offer his assistance, including inviting Coolidge journalism students to meet with his Annandale (Va.) High School students for peer-to-peer training. Prime Movers has secured the commitment of Coolidge Senior High School graduate Ron Nessen to work with the journalism program. Nessen was White House Press Secretary for Gerald Ford, 1974-77, and is Vice President of Communications at the Brookings Institution.
- Met with teachers at SEED School of D.C. to share resources and discuss ways to introduce journalism instruction into existing English classes.
- Met with the principal and two administrators at the new Richard Wright Public Charter School for Journalism and Media Arts. Lange is assisting these new JEA members with establishing the journalism/media curriculum. Additional meetings are planned to introduce Becky Sipos (journalism program, print and online publishing, and establishing a First Amendment School) and Carol Knopes (broadcast journalism and writing coach approach) to the administrators. It is very exciting to be part of forming the curriculum of this new school that will open in August 2011 to primarily serve students in Wards 7 and 8.
- Shared the invitations to the College Planning Workshop sponsored by Prime Movers on February 12 at GWU and the Maryland-DC Scholastic Press Association-sponsored photography workshop organized by Peter

Daddone (Maryland JEA) and hosted by D.C. JEA member Marni Leikin at School Without Walls (D.C.) on February 26.

- Invited D.C. JEA members and media advisers at all D.C. schools to attend the spring jDay to be held April 29-30 at Harrisonburg (Va.) High School. Staff members will also be welcome to attend.

•Members Sharing Their Experience

On March 16-18, 2011, Stonybrook University hosted its 2nd National News Literacy Conference. As a past Stonybrook News Literacy Fellow, Mike Spikes, D.C. JEA member, was asked to give a short presentation that explained some of the ways that he had been using the News Literacy curriculum that he received in summer 2010. Along with explaining its uses in his classroom, Mike detailed some of his efforts to distribute the curriculum to other teachers within the D.C. area, including presenting and distributing the curriculum to members of the Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. chapters of the Journalism Education Association; discussing the merits of the News Literacy curriculum with the members of the Newseum's Educational Advisory Team and the board of the Maryland-D.C. Scholastic Press Association. In addition, Mike shared the curriculum with other teachers in Washington, D.C., and Prince George's County, including crucial elements of the News Literacy curriculum into the DC Public School's Mass Media and Communication curriculum, discussing the addition of elements of the curriculum with the head of the Mass Media department at the University of the District of Columbia, the Prime Movers Media program at George Washington University, the National Association of Black Journalists/Washington Post Urban Journalism Workshop, and the School of Communications at American University.

AWARDS & HONORS

At the 2011 Columbia Scholastic Press Association spring convention, Maret Literary and Visual Arts magazine received a Gold Crown.



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From Indiana State Director Nancy Hastings, MJE

MEMBERSHIP

Membership remains the same, with two new members as a result of the membership initiative, despite numerous certificates distributed to non-member advisers.

HAPPENINGS

While union workers and educators packed the Indiana statehouse voicing concerns over impending legislation during late winter, almost 400 students, advisers and parents turned out to celebrate the First Amendment at the 5th First Amendment Symposium in the Statehouse in Indianapolis in early March, sponsored and organized by Indiana High School Press Association.

Explaining the realities of each of the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment, IHSPA student officers Jon Ferguson, from Floyd Central HS, Beatriz Costa Lime from Munster High School HS, Claire Gallman, from Greenwood Community HS, Katie Kutsko, from Columbus North HS, Michael Majchrowicz from Lake Central HS and Rachel Santo, from Portage HS shared their experiences with the audience.

Highlighting the Symposium, Indiana's journalism All Stars, the finalists for the Student Journalist of the Year Honors were recognized. Sharing the spotlight with Student Journalist of the Year Victoria Ison of Bloomington North High School, were first runner-up Lauren Cain of Crown Point HS, Lauren Chapman and Hannah Isikawa of Ben Davis HS in Indianapolis, Carmen Huff of Floyd Central HS, Michael Majchrowicz from Lake Central HS, Daniel Morgan of North Central HS in Indianapolis, and Jade Washburn of Lafayette Jefferson HS. All finalists were editors of at least one publication in their schools.

Several students earned recognition in the David Adams First Amendment Project competition for their poster designs and essay entries. The award was established to recognize Indiana University's David Adams and his involvement with fighting for First Amendment issues. Also honored at the Symposium, Meredith Bledsoe, of Hamilton Southeastern High School, in Fishers, IN, was recognized as the Ella Sengenberger Indiana Journalism Teacher of the Year. Bledsoe, CJE, has taught journalism, photojournalism and darkroom photography and advises the Hamilton Southeastern High School Sceptre yearbook.

Louie Jensen, of Floyd Central High School was also recognized as Indiana's Administrator of the Year for his support of student journalists and the First Amendment's ideals.

AWARDS & HONORS

Highlighting the spring honors list is Student Journalist of the Victoria Ison of Bloomington North High School. Along with serving as editor the Fused, Bloomington North's student newspaper, Ison also writes for the Bloomington Herald Times. Her portfolio has advanced to the Journalist of the Year competition.

Nicole Wilson of Carmel HS will be recognized as a Rising Star in Anaheim in April. Wilson serves as journalism teacher and yearbook adviser, as well as Vice President of the IHSPA.



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From Michigan State Director Brian Wilson

MEMBERSHIP

JEA membership numbers in the state have benefited from the recent free-membership drive. I sent out approximately 15 membership forms

to advisers across the state who have never before been members of JEA. According to the most recent membership report from Connie, nine of those have been used.

Submissions to the statewide individual award competitions held steady in most categories and actually increased in a few; there were more yearbook entries than ever before. MIPA's recent one-day design workshops were again well-attended and successful.

HAPPENINGS

An adviser committee has formed to align journalism standards to the new Common Core Curriculum. We met once thus far, and spent time looking at lesson plans that teachers can use in journalism courses that would constitute possible English credit. We intend to meet several more times to look at how to align Newspaper, Yearbook, and Broadcast classes.

As part of Professor Nancy Costello's law class at Michigan State University, eight law students have spent the last six weeks working with high school students in four schools. The students set a journalism law curriculum for an 8 week program. Two law students visit each of the four high schools (Grosse Pointe South, Dexter, L'anse Creuse North, and Waterford Kettering) and teach lessons to high school journalism students. Topics have ranged from libel to copyright to court cases. Students will be learning more about filing FOIA requests and the legal ramifications of dealing with social media. As an adviser who has participated in this, the inaugural year of the program, I can say that the advisers and students alike have found it to be a great success. It is likely that the program will expand in future years.

AWARDS & HONORS

Sara Beth O'Connor (Grand Ledge High School) was named a JEA Rising Star.

Jayna Salk (Michigan State student) was announced as a JEA Future Teacher Scholarship recipient.

Dexter High School Principal Kit Moran was given the Courage in Journalism Award, for supporting the student newspaper, The Squall, in the face of some fairly harsh criticism coming from members of the community.

Two Michigan yearbooks were named Pacemaker finalists: Fenton and Troy

Several Michigan schools are in the running for Gold Crowns:
Cranbrook Kingswood (magazine)
Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy (magazine)
Grosse Pointe North (Newspaper)
Grosse Pointe South (Newspaper)
North Farmington (Online)
Eisenhower (Yearbook)
Troy (Yearbook)

Michigan again has a finalist for the digital Pacemaker, Community High School in Ann Arbor. Congratulations to adviser Tracy Rosewarne and her staff!



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Georgia Dunn

From Georgia State Director Georgia Dunn

MEMBERSHIP

Last year at this time, we had 59 members. Currently we are at 66 with a few more new memberships to be forwarded from OSMA, our state affiliate organization.

We have distributed six free memberships to advisers around the state. We hope they will find JEA helpful to them so that they will continue

their memberships and become active in the organization at the local, state, and national level. We still struggle with finding a system to identify new advisers at schools in Ohio.

HAPPENINGS

Ohio Scholastic Media Association (OSMA)

The group will hold its third state conference at Kent on Apr. 8 and 9, 2011. We will be announcing our state Journalist of the Year as well as the many overall and individual award winners for the year in newspaper, newsmagazine, yearbook, and broadcast. We will also be conducting day-of contests and awarding those prizes at the banquet on Friday evening. Tim Harrower will be the featured speaker and workshop presenter.

PARTNERSHIP

OSMA continues a partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association. We are working to improve the accessibility of high school journalists to area and state-wide tournaments. 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.

For the second consecutive year, the Greater Columbus Sports Commission is sponsoring a Be a Sports Journalist program for the OHSAA Boys Basketball Championships during March 25 – 27, 2010. High school students have the opportunity to be a member of the working media during the OHSAA Boys Basketball Championships. This program provides an opportunity for students to be involved with the OHSAA Boys Basketball Championships in a new way giving real journalism experience for high school students that are interested in this as a career.

The Ohio Scholastic Media Association holds an annual contest, which includes a sports news category. The top ten students who receive a superior ranking in this category are chosen as the program participants.

The high school reporters file a story by a deadline. All of the stories are published on The Columbus Dispatch Web site. A representative from the OHSAA and The Columbus Dispatch select the best story which is published in the print version of The Columbus Dispatch.

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. The next year, they added one more in the Columbus area. Last year they had four in Southwest Ohio and three in the Columbus area. This year, they have one in the Columbus area, one in Central Ohio, and five in Southwest Ohio.

AWARDS & HONORS

Congratulations to these two schools from Ohio who won in the National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker Awards.

Yearbook Finalist (to be announced in Anaheim)
 Elkonian, Centerville HS, Centerville, Ohio

Newsmagazine
 The Spark, Lakota East High School, Liberty Twp., OH

CENSORSHIP ISSUES

As in all states it seems (even those with laws protecting student

speech!), we deal with censorship issues in Ohio. Currently, we are not aware of any high-profile cases, but we continue to monitor situations as they are brought to our attention. The Scholastic Media group at the Kent State University school of Journalism and Mass Communication keeps an interactive map of all reported censorship issues not only in Ohio but also throughout the country.

FOR THE BOARD

The requirement that state directors be working toward their MJE status seems very reasonable for those who are still actively engaged in the teaching profession. For those of us who are retired, it seems more difficult to attain. Perhaps the board could revisit this requirement.



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From Virginia State Director Val Kibler, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has remained fairly consistent with 75 VAJTA members, 95 JEA members from Virginia. 60 members are members in both organizations, so again we're trying to get everyone to be involved in both groups. We were able to give away our five allotted free JEA memberships and then an additional 7 free memberships when more interest was expressed from around the state.

HAPPENINGS

Our partnership with Educational Media Services at Virginia Tech allows us to offer jCamp for the fifth year, July 24-28 in Blacksburg.

We are holding a spring J-Day 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 Virginia advisers who have been recognized nationally since our last report. Bretton Zinger from Chantilly High School and Valerie Kibler of Harrisonburg High School will be receiving Gold Keys from Columbia Scholastic Press Association at their annual convention in March in New York City. We're also extremely proud of Meghan Percival of McLean High School who is running for JEA regional director.



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From West Virginia State Director Heather Gates-Rusher, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has increased by one. I sent out my One Reach One (the new member), and received regional membership form 10 days before the deadline. My newspaper staffers called for adviser names and addresses for 14 other high schools, and the brochures went out with a short letter nine days before the deadline. Unless they are in the later reports for Connie, I don't believe anyone responded. For the first time (to my knowledge), JEA information will be distributed to advisers at the West Virginia University High School Journalism competition. WVU's professors are very open to helping.

HAPPENINGS

I am new to this position, and to be completely honest, JEA does not have a presence in WV. I knew about JEA because my adviser was a member when I was a student. She took us to NSPA/JEA conventions, and always shared ideas from the written materials and books.

Other than the two events at the major universities, there are no activities for middle and high school journalists. I would love to see this change. One thing we are planning for Wood County is at least two continuing education days for advisers; this will mean teachers will miss their own school's continuing ed, but that is not necessarily a loss. In six years, I have yet to have a CE day be worthwhile for me, as all I teach is journalism and publications. I think it would be extremely useful to get together with other advisers, especially those at the middle schools that feed my school & my best friend's high school. I am open to advice on implementing a CE program for advisers.

AWARDS & HONORS

United High School Media was hosted at Marshall University March 11. I have not received a report of the results to date. WVU's Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism hosts their competition April 1. Emily Backus, editor-in-Chief of the Braxton County HS newspaper, is WV Journalist of the Year, and her entry package was forwarded to JEA for JOY judging.

FOR THE BOARD

Nothing to add at this time.



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MEMBERSHIP

According to preliminary reports from JEA headquarters, the Northeast Region has increased membership by 53. This is the direct result of 6 great state directors who were reaching out to new advisers with our membership initiative. Since we do not have any state directors in three states in our region, I distributed the free memberships to each of our current state directors.

HAPPENINGS

In December, I took the job of president PA School Press Association as our president stepped down for medical treatments. Our state convention on November was the largest since 2006. We salute the student board members for their great work and are especially pleased that we were able to host Lori Oglesbee-Petter, 2010 national Yearbook Adviser of the Year who challenged our students to be "Journalism" in their own schools.

I also serve JEA on the Certification Commission, where I have given 2 MJE exams at SIPA, March 5, and will give three CJE exams at St. Bonaventure University in New York on April 2. The School of Journalism there opened their computer lab for us with open arms. We are working to make more partnerships with schools of journalism in the region.

Additionally, I had the great opportunity in my work with the JEA Scholastic Press Rights Commission to participate in the Poynter Project. We worked on national journalism standards and are in the process of preparing the Making a Difference publication of scholastic journalism that has made a difference in schools and in communities. Advisers and students wishing to submit can contact me by April 15 with more entries. Sent to jane.blystone@gmail.com This is your chance to present your work – UNCENSORED in a national publication.

I also post updates on school law cases to the JEASPRC.org blog to keep members abreast of the National School Board Association's interpretation of First Amendment cases being tried in courts across the country.

AWARDS & HONORS

Two students from our region were selected to participate in the national 45 Words Partners team for the upcoming year, following Meghan Morris' lead. They are Mary Turocy and Laura Weiss from Conestoga High School in Berwyn, Pa.

Four schools in our region are vying for NSPA Pacemakers Awards for online media, which will be announced at the Anaheim convention.

From Connecticut State Director Stacey Wilkins, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

The Connecticut chapter has grown to 18 members up from 10 in the fall of 2010. We are also hopeful for further growth with the free membership offer that was made available to approximately 13 schools. I sent out the membership applications to advisers in our state in December. The people I selected to receive this offer are advisers who have shown interest in growing their school's journalism program. I learned about their interest through a mass mailing I did in December of 2009. This mailing included an introductory letter accompanied by JEA handouts that outlined some of the many services the JEA can provide. I also found interested advisers at two Connecticut journalism symposiums in 2010.

HAPPENINGS

We will host an adviser's get together in the spring. This event will be an informal gathering that gives advisers a chance to touch base, trade ideas and garner support for the work they do to support scholastic journalism.

AWARDS & HONORS

The Connecticut chapter is excited to award Darien High School student McKinley Stauffer the Connecticut Student Journalist of the Year award. McKinley was selected for her excellent work in investigative journalism. McKinley won the Outstanding Investigative Reporting Award from the American Scholastic Press Association in 2010. The award was for her story, "Keep Trying" in which McKinley worked with the Darien police to investigate false tip line reports targeting junior and senior girls.

Darien High School also received an award for photography from the New England Scholastic Press Association in January.

The JEA Connecticut members are working with the Connecticut Academic Press Association on the Courage in Journalism contest. Entries are due April 15.

Maine State Director

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From Massachusetts State Director Colleen Gacic, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

I sent out a few Free Memberships and it looks like 1 person applied for JEA membership.

I also sent out a mass e-mail to MA advisors for the ASNE Reynolds Institute, with the official information and my own testimony on my 2006 attendance. I went through the ASNE news release files and made a list of all MA advisers who had attended an ASNE institute since it's beginning. I know at least one MA advisor who replied and applied.

The Boston Globe/UMASS Boston Media Matters conference continues to grow each fall with a day in the first week of November for high school students and the next day for middle school students. This conference is not exclusive to journalism students and many teachers from different disciplines from around New England attend. Having just accepted the position of MA State Director at the time of the conference in Nov. 2010 I made sure to speak there with former state director Brian Baron and Carol Lange at their presentations on making more local connections and again on bringing the IJWI model to the classroom.

We all made connections with several New England advisors. Several English teachers also expressed an interest in the IJWI model for their AP Language classrooms.

HAPPENINGS

The Greater Boston High School Newspaper Competition Banquet was held March 10, at Suffolk University sponsored by the Communications Department. Guest speaker for the evening was Boston Celtics beat writer Mark Murphy from the Boston Herald.

The New England Scholastic Press Association annual conference will be held May 6 at Boston University. Schools can enter the NESPA special achievement contests by April 1st, more information can be found at <http://blogs.bu.edu/nepa/>

The New England Scholastic Press Association invites news publication advisers to a workshop, How to Advise a Scholastic News Publication, the week of June 27-July 1 at Boston University in the College of Communication.

AWARDS & HONORS

Congratulations to the Wayland Student Press Network and advisers Janet Karmen and Mary Barber at Wayland High School in Wayland, Mass as they were nominated for a 2011 NSPA Online Pacemaker Finalist

New Hampshire State Director

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From New Jersey State Director Susan Everett, MJE

MEMBERSHIP

Promotional membership forms were distributed by using the GSSPA membership list, and through members of the GSSPA board. Additionally, advisers were contacted whose students had applied for the Bernard Kilgore / NJ JOY Scholarship. Sixteen forms were distributed, and 10 were returned.

The Garden State Scholastic Press Association includes JEA membership on its registration form. GSSPA's membership year runs from October - September, beginning with the Fall Press Day. 24 members were added/renewed this way in October.

HAPPENINGS

JEA membership information was distributed to the members of GSSPA at the Fall Press Day, 10 / 25 / 10, and will be distributed at the Spring Adviser Conference on May 6, and at a possible summer workshop in August.

Additionally, state director Sue Everett will address the attendees at the spring conference on the benefits of JEA membership and certification.

GSSPA has purchased "45 words" buttons to distribute to all attendees at the Adviser Conference. Door prizes will be books purchased from the JEA bookstore.

AWARDS & HONORS

New JEA member William Allen was presented with the 2010 GSSPA Golden Quill Award at the GSSPA Fall Press Day, Oct. 26, 2010. Golden Quill is GSSPA's award for outstanding service to high school journalism in New Jersey and has been presented since 1981.

The NJPF and the Kilgore family present a \$5,000 scholarship (called the Bernard Kilgore Memorial Scholarship) annually to the NJ JOY winner. NJPF handles the judging of portfolios for the JEA / GSSPA state contest.



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From New York State Director Starr Sackstein, MJE

MEMBERSHIP

As a part of the free membership initiative I was able to give away 21 free memberships to people all over the state. I have made connections with people in the Northwestern part of the state through the membership list that was provided to me. In addition, I set up a Facebook group to attract other NY State journalism educators to establish a forum for sharing ideas and challenges that exist in our state. I've attracted people from New York Press Association (NYPA) which I'm hoping will foster more involvement in the future.

HAPPENINGS

Since becoming state director in October, I have been reaching out to advisers and journalism teachers to see what their needs are and to find out what is going on. Baruch College has set up a collaborative with NY City public schools to help advisers and editors in scholastic journalism.

Empire State Scholastic Press (ESSPA) had their fall conference on October 22, 2010 at Syracuse University.

Columbia held their Fall conference November 8, 2010.

Baruch College - Winter Conference - December 3, 2010 - First ever Newsies presented (awards for NYC public schools) - with the help of Katina Peron - a new member <http://blsciblogs.baruch.cuny.edu/hsjournalism/awards-the-newsies/>. The winners of this competition were featured on the Daily News' website. http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/high_school_awards/index.html

NYCSPA (NY City Scholastic Press Association) has recently reconvened and with renewed interest, had elections where Rob Schimenz was elected President. I am on the committee of this association. For more information go to: <http://www.nychsj.com/>. One major initiative this association is working on is obtaining First Amendment Rights to overturn Hazelwood in our state.

Baruch College - Adviser professional development day on 1/31/2011 - centering around learning to use Flip Cameras and basics in broadcast. There was a highlight on using NewsU.org in the classroom and I was able to discuss the benefits of JEA membership. There was also an editors' workshop on 2/8.

CSPA will have their spring Conference on March 16-18, 2011.

AWARDS & HONORS

ESSPA list of awards - <http://esspaspi.files.wordpress.com/2010/10/2010-overallwinnerslist1.pdf>

From Courtney Weisman at Ward Melville High School in Setauket, NY :

"I just got a package in the mail and found out that the 2010 Yearbook (SPACE) has earned SIX Gold Circle Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association!!!! This is the largest amount of Gold Circles that our yearbook has earned in Invictus history. The Gold Circles are a really big deal because they are a national contest with more than 13,000 entries. The Gold Circle Awards honor the best work completed by student reporters, editors, designers, photographers, artists and other staff members of all types. These awards are given to the best of the best and it is an amazing honor to be placed in the same category as some of these award-winning nationally recognized books from around the country.

FIRST PLACE Division Page Design: Invictus Staff

FIRST PLACE Photo Illustration: Andrew Visconti

THIRD PLACE Photo Portfolio: Andrew Visconti

THIRD PLACE Organization Writing: Kristina Greguski & Lucy Qin

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Organization Writing: Kristina Greguski & Lucy Qin

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Index: Invictus Staff

In addition to the Gold Circle Awards the 2010 yearbook has also received:

FIRST CLASS honor ranking from the NSPA with Marks of Distinction in Coverage, Writing/Editing & Photography

GOLD MEDALIST ranking from the CSPA

HONORABLE MENTION Picture of the Year (environmental portrait):

Andrew Visconti

JEA WRITEOFFS (from our trip to Kansas City: the only HS in the state of New York to place):

HONORABLE MENTION Academics yearbook copy/captions: Michelle Clarkson

SUPERIOR Clubs yearbook copy/captions: Lucy Qin

HONORABLE MENTION Student Life Photography: Gabi Cossens

SUPERIOR On-Air Reporter: Alexis Fallon

HONORABLE MENTION Videography: Sam Halleen

From the ESSPA: (Empire State School Press Association) 13 Golds, 6 Silvers, 4 Bronze & 3

Honorable Mentions

Gold/All New York for CD/DVD Presentation

Gold/All New York for Entire Yearbook

SILVER Academics Spread: Michelle Clarkson

GOLD Advertising Spread: Kelly Caputo & Greg Casino

GOLD Index Spread: Alexis Fallon

SILVER Club/Organization Writing: Kristina Greguski & Lucy Qin

GOLD Cover/Endsheet Design: Justin Suazo & Andrew Visconti

GOLD Divider Pages

GOLD People Spread: Stephanie Shay & Genna Goldstein

BRONZE Sports Spread: Alexis Fallon & Teresa Caputo

HM Student Life Spread: Camryn Baum

GOLD Theme Presentation

GOLD Academic Photo: Andrew Visconti

SILVER, Feature Photograph: Andrew Visconti

GOLD Sports Photograph: Andrew Visconti

GOLD Copy Portfolio, Nimali Weerasooriya

GOLD Copy Portfolio, Lucy Qin

SILVER Copy Portfolio, Megan Dolan

SILVER Copy Portfolio, Alexis Fallon

SILVER, Copy Portfolio, Teresa Caputo

BRONZE Copy Portfolio, Jaimie Kaplan

BRONZE Copy Portfolio, Kristina Smithy

BRONZE Copy Portfolio, Michelle Clarkson

HM Copy Portfolio, Camryn Baum

HM Copy Portfolio, Stephanie Shay
GOLD Photographer Portfolio, Andrew Visconti”

LISPA (Long Island School Press Advisers) is sponsoring their 2nd annual “Best of the Press” contest. With categories in Reporting, Design and Digital Reporting, students from across the island can submit their work for recognition. LISPA is working with Hofstra University on this contest.

Adviser Christina Semple, Commack High School is being honored by the Harvard Club of Long Island as one of 12 ‘Distinguished teachers.’ I was nominated by one of my former Editor in Chiefs regarding her work in journalism.

Crossroads Yearbook was recognized with their first Gold Circle Award from CSPA: First Place: Design Essentials.



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From Pennsylvania State Director Wanda Pletcher, CJE

MEMBERSHIP

The major focus for this half of the year has been the free membership promotion program. Jane Blystone provided each rep with 15 free memberships. I promoted this program through PSPA’s bulk email and a separate email to PA JEA members. There were three emails sent to the state’s advisers. Jacqueline Ludka, Sheryl Kilby, Dawn Begor, Mike Baker, Andrea Marterella, Bonnie Breese, Andrew Shumway, Christine Johnston, Christina Moresi, and Terri Jones responded to the promotion and I completed membership forms for them and sent them in. I sent each new member an email welcoming them to JEA. I also helped some members answer other JEA questions when they responded to the membership email. The remaining free memberships were transferred to New York for Starr Sackstein to use.

HAPPENINGS

PSPA held their annual convention in November. The Holiday Inn Harrisburg East hosted the convention on November 4 and 5.

I attended the Kansas City convention but will be unable to attend the California convention due to budget concerns in my district. Budget cuts are a huge concern in my district and in Pennsylvania in general as federal and state governments make huge education cuts.

AWARDS & HONORS

Pennsylvania had four students submit portfolios for SJOY. I organized the judging process and forwarded the winning portfolio to JEA. I created certificates for all state students and returned portfolios for those

that wanted them returned. I also corresponded with all winners and their advisers. I created a press release that was emailed to all state PSPA advisers and PA JEA advisers. Attached to this report is the press release. This information was also posted to the PSPA website.

Courtney Sabo – Bloomsburg High School - Winner of \$500 PSPA scholarship

Meghan Morris – Conestoga High School – Second place

Sharon Chien – Emmaus High School – Third Place

Honorable mention - Tori Vallana – Greater Latrobe Senior High School

Two students have been selected to serve as 45 Words Student Partners –

CENSORSHIP ISSUES

No issues have been brought to my attention.

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From Vermont State Director Nancy Olson

MEMBERSHIP

Four people in Brattleboro took advantage of the introductory free year of membership: the television production adviser; the teacher who does newspaper page design and is also co-television production adviser; the adviser of the literary magazine; and the middle school journalism teacher. The rest of the applications I mailed to teachers in different regions of the state. I did receive an email from the newspaper adviser at Champlain Valley Union High School, who was excited to receive the invitation. I don’t know yet how many of the others signed up.

HAPPENINGS

None--most Vermont schools are on February break during Scholastic Journalism Week.

AWARDS & HONORS

None

FOR THE BOARD

None