

## **Minutes of the Journalism Education Association Board Meeting**

Thursday, April 6, 2000 8:30 a.m.

Orange County I in the Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, CA

President H.L. Hall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., welcoming new Region 7 Director Jane M. Blystone to the Board. Members sang 'Happy Birthday' to her. Other welcomes included Fred Mann from Student Television Programming; K-State office staff members: Sharon Tally and Claudia Ingwersen; and Ellen Kersey, local convention chair. Hall noted the absence of Sister Rita Jeanne, reminded board members that her birthday is approximately two weeks away and suggested they may want to send her a card for the occasion.

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

H. L. Hall, MJE, President  
Rob Melton, MJE, Vice President  
Carol Dreiling, CJE, Secretary  
Candace Perkins Bowen, MJE, Past President  
Linda Puntney, MJE, Executive Director  
Connie Fulkerson, JEA Administrative Assistant/Bookstore  
Sharon Tally, JEA Office Manager  
Claudia Ingwersen, JEA Office Assistant  
Bradley Wilson, CJE, Publications Editor  
Susan Tantillo, MJE, Certification Chair  
Kathleen Zwiebel, CJE, Development/Curriculum Chair  
Norma Kneese, MJE, Multi-Cultural Chair  
Louisa Caucia, Junior/Middle School Co-Chair  
John Bowen, MJE, Scholastic Press Rights Chair  
Steve Matson, MJE, Region I Director  
Tony Gomez, MJE, Region 2 Director  
Ann Visser, MJE, Region 3 Director  
Kathy Craghead, MJE, Region 4 Director  
Sylvia Daughtry, Region 5 Director  
Carol D. Lange, CJE, Region 6 Director  
Jane M. Blystone, MJE, Region 7 Director  
Joe Nations, Assistant Multicultural Chair  
Albert Martinez, Ad Hoc Board  
L. Candy Suiso, Ad Hoc Board  
Judy Babb, MJE, Write-Off Contest Co-Chair  
Bernadette Tucker, Write-Of Contest Co-Chair  
Pat Graff, MJE, NCTE Liaison/Assembly Director  
Julie Dodd, MJE, Scholastic Press Association Liaison  
Tom Rolnicki, NSPA Executive Director  
Ellen Kersey, CJE, Anaheim Convention Chair  
Michael Dunlap, CJE, Kansas City Convention Chair

Minutes from the Board Meeting from Atlanta were corrected; a motion by Sylvia Daughtry with a second from Ann Visser to accept the minutes as amended carried unanimously. The minutes of the General Meeting from Atlanta were approved on a motion by Susan Tantillo with a second from Kathleen Zwiebel.

### **Old Business:**

√ K-State Contract

Dr. Todd Simon from Kansas State University provided a photocopy of the current JEA/KSU Five-Year Con-

tract. Although Simon was not around when this contract was drafted, he admired JEA's growth. He noted that JEA has moved beyond the contract in such areas as adding the additional office personnel, increasing Puntney's actual time on JEA activities and the moving all headquarters and storage to Kedzie Hall in about a year. His purpose in bringing the contract to the board's attention is to allow some time for a new proposal that will reflect those changes and will allow for additional considerations. He indicated both he and Puntney are aware JEA may want to look for other places to establish headquarters. Julie Dodd spoke at this point, voicing appreciation of the support of KSU. She said JEA is fortunate to have had such a strong relationship over the 10-year period; she noted strides in 10 years which reflect both Puntney's participation and Todd's support. President Hall instructed Puntney to draft a contract renewal document to be presented to the board at Kansas City.

#### √ Vision Statement

Rob Melton introduced the four-member committee that worked on the statement: Zwiebel, Steve Matson, Carol Lange and Melton. Lange read the statement twice and described the committee's intent to keep the statement broad. Members requested copies be made for possible action later in the meeting.

#### √ Profit/Loss Statement (Atlanta)

Puntney reported on the Atlanta convention, providing a written report to members. The total income for JEA was \$112,935.00; total expense for JEA was \$68,452.07. The resulting total JEA profit was \$44,482.93.

#### √ Quarterly Financial Statements

*Piper Jaffray:* Puntney reported she had visited with a representative at Piper Jaffray about our accounts. He has suggested we take a look at our accounts; we currently have money invested at 21% in growth investment and at 79% in fixed income investments. He would suggest we take a more balanced approach, putting 50% of funds into fixed, secured investments and 50% in more growth-oriented investments. This will give us a more balanced portfolio. He further suggested he be contracted to receive  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1 % of the interest earned on a quarterly basis. A question was raised about why the Scholarship Fund is kept separate; could the money be combined but listed on paper as a separate account? Concerns were raised about the tax status of money donated for scholarships. Zwiebel made a motion to accept the proposal for a 50-50 deposit on investments with signators on the account to include the executive director, the president and the treasurer emeritus; second came from Jane Blystone. They accepted a friendly amendment to include the past president as a signator.

Motion: *All monies should be combined into one account, investments should be split 50-50 in growth and secured, and signators on the account should include president, executive director, treasurer emeritus, past president.*

The motion passed unanimously.

#### *Balance Sheet as of Feb. 29, 2000*

Puntney presented a seven-page document and reported we seem to be on target as we have reached the 70% mark of the fiscal year. She pointed out specific percentages on the budget that reveal how close we have come in realizing income and paying expenses. Puntney reported we should be able to finish the fiscal year with a balanced budget and should not have to dip into savings. She indicated that we follow a policy of budgeting income low and expenses high.

#### *Audit*

The final audit will be completed at the end of June. Puntney advised that a report will be available at the fall convention, but any board member may request one upon its completion this summer.

#### √ National Language Arts Standards

Perkins Bowen reported completing the prospectus for a book to be published by the National Council of Teachers of English showing how journalism fulfills NCTE's 12 standards set for Language Arts. She received a response which indicated the prospectus had been received with enthusiasm. She contacted the editor again about the first of March; he will send an author contract. Perkins Bowen needs additional vignettes that show journalism fulfill-

ing the standards, particularly for grade school and middle school. Perkins Bowen indicated she would be glad to serve as editor, but she needs additional vignettes. She could send specific directions to board members if they would submit; the information was included in *NewsWire* two issues back. Discussion was delayed for a move off the old business to the new business subject of the Anaheim convention.

#### √ Anaheim Convention

Ellen Kersey welcomed all members to California and made a few comments about her committee and their work. She called for information regarding any problems at the convention. She reported the auction on Saturday night at the Adviser's Reception; the proceeds will benefit the Student Press Law Center. Tom Rolnicki then reported that 4,473 individuals had pre-registered. That figure is just 56 short of the Seattle mark. He expects to exceed Seattle's numbers as we average about 200 walk-ins. Puntney thanked Kersey and her committee.

#### √ return to National Language Arts Standards

Perkins Bowen reported she has set a target date for June 15 to receive vignettes and the next *NewsWire* will have a sample. Perkins Bowen made a motion to have all board members and committee chairs submit vignettes; second came from John Bowen. Passed unanimously.

Motion: All board members and committee chairs must submit to Candace by June 15 vignettes/suggested journalism projects for possible inclusion in NCTE Standards in Practice as they apply to journalism.

#### √ return to vision Statement

Lange indicated the four-member committee had discussed and drafted this statement by e-mail and repeated it was their intent to keep the statement broad. From this an action plan can be developed. Lange moved to approve the Vision Statement (no second needed since the motion came from the committee who presented the proposal). Discussion included a question if this was truly a vision statement or was it too closely related to the Mission Statement. Also concern was voiced if "Internet" was too specific. Perkins Bowen and Bowen were asked for comments on a vision statement vs. a mission statement. Discussion included adding the words "and support," striking the word Internet and adding the phrase "build diversity at the scholastic and the professional levels." Lange accepted a friendly amendment to her initial motion.

#### Statement approved in motion:

*The Journalism Education Association is a dynamic, adviser-focused organization serving a diverse media community. To develop and support effective media advisers, JEA must protect scholastic press and speech freedoms of advisers and their students; provide an environment that attracts, develops and retains the best educators in the profession; build diversity at the scholastic and professional levels; promote and demonstrate educational use of the latest technologies; and provide innovative, consistent and quality services.*

The board approved it unanimously.

#### √ National Certification Standards

Visser reported talking to a representative at the National Board for Teaching Standards. He told her when the board is finished with testing for general areas, they will go into sub-areas. Information that must be presented includes the approximate number of advisers with journalism-only teaching assignments and the number of teachers only licensed. She was sent two complimentary copies of the book that shows the Language Arts standards. Joe Nations commented that he is currently going through the process for national certification; he described how rigorous the program is. He said there is only a 23% passage rate on the test and a cost of \$300 to get information on those areas on which an applicant had low scores. Pat Graff said that money is tied in with national certification and we must start courting these people. She explained that we would have to compile a reading list. If journalism tests were available, would the national board use them? One reminder was made to utilize some of Jack Dvorak's research if possible. One suggestion was that Visser and Zwiebel create some questions for the survey. A motion regarding this issue was made by Visser with a second by Perkins Bowen.

Motion: The president will appoint a committee to explore the possibilities of adding journalism to the English Language Arts Standards of the National Board for Professional Teacher Standards.

The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall asked Visser to chair said committee. She agreed. Other members will include Perkins-Bowen, Zwiebel, Nations and Puntney.

#### √ Distance Learning

Dodd reported that finally 500 questionnaires are ready to be mailed – envelopes are addressed and stamped. To recap information, Perkins Bowen and Judy Robinson are collecting information regarding the interest in members taking graduate level journalism courses on-line. According to *US News & World Report*, one in 10 students earning a master's degree reports taking at least one graduate level course on-line. The surveys will be mailed by the end of April with a response date set at the end of May. At that time the information will be compiled with results available by July 1.

#### Ten-Minute Break

#### √ AP Journalism

Hall reported Bowen, Perkins Bowen, Puntney, Hall and a Texas adviser met with Lee Jones of the College Board in New York. The meeting was described as productive, but the diversity of high school journalism programs makes it difficult to determine exactly what the course content will be. A second concern is how colleges would accept the credit. The next step for the AP Board is to raise some questions of colleges. Prospects look encouraging although a lot of homework has to be completed yet. The AP Board is interested in pursuing it. Hall repeated that no conflict exists with the Intensive Journalism Writing Class that is already in place. Once the board gets results of their questions to the colleges, the next step is to survey high school teachers to see if they would teach such a course. Members of the committee include Bradley Wilson, Chair, Bowen, Graff, Hall, Perkins Bowen and Puntney.

#### √ First Amendment Schools

Bowen reported the first round of questions in the selection process will be mailed to all high schools at the end of this month. The set of 17 general questions will be sent to all high schools. Those questions are to be answered by student editors and advisers. Those will be returned by the deadline of June 30. A committee representing the cooperating groups (JEA, NSPA, CSPA and Quill & Scroll) will meet during the August AEJMC convention to critique answers to each category, and a second round of questionnaires will be mailed to selected schools. The second round will require more detailed responses – from student editors, advisers and administrators. The second set of questions will be returned by Oct. 15. The awards of First Amendment Schools will be presented twice, at the Newseum from Nov. 2-5 and at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Convention. The letterhead will include the following groups: The Freedom Forum, Quill & Scroll, NSPA, JEA and CSPA. Bowen reported that the original suggestion came from Tony Gomez approximately one and one-half years ago.

#### √ Semiannual Report

Melton reported that some problems occurred in dealing with technology; however, the amended report with a report from Perkins Bowen and Lange was e-mailed on Tuesday. Some people prefer the narrative style that is currently used, but we may have to deal with word length. Melton and Wilson were thanked for the new format. The report with the updates will be published on the web after the meeting in Anaheim, and a condensed version will be published in the next *NewsWire*.

#### √ ListServ

Perkins Bowen indicated that the JEAHeIp ListServ now has 254 members while JEATalk has 81 including Board members and commission/committee chairs. She offered a reminder about using the individual response

vs. responding to the whole list. The ListServ is now archived and searchable by the members. President Hall noted that we appreciate Perkins Bowen's work on this. Blystone mentioned the adviser in her area who received support from those on the ListServ was overwhelmed by the numbers who contacted her.

#### √ Alaskan Cruise

President Hall reported the cruise was cancelled as not enough people booked reservations.

#### √ Las Vegas Retreat

Tony Gomez reported the dates have been finalized for July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. Presenters include Kathy Daly, Puntney and Gomez. Gomez handed out brochures, noting that his classes produced the application form. He estimated that 60 people need to enroll for the retreat to break even. The last retreat held two years ago had 26 participants.

#### √ Scholarship for prospective J-Teachers

A scholarship proposal was passed out by committee chair Perkins Bowen with a motion to accept the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Tantillo. One question was considered about how to determine if the applicants will really go into teaching journalism.

Motion: *JEA should initiate a new scholarship to encourage college students to follow in our footsteps as secondary school journalism educators. We would follow these guidelines:*

*\*Recipient would be an upper division or master's student in a college program designed to prepare him or her for teaching journalism at the secondary school level.*

*\*Recipient would complete an application designed by the committee and including, but not limited to, information indicating his or her past and current involvement with scholastic journalism, essay explaining his or her desire to teach in the field, recommendation letters and transcript showing academic standing.*

*\*A committee of teachers, university personnel involved in the journalism teacher education field and representatives of any additional funding bodies would make the selection. The committee would report directly to the JEA president and would be appointed by him or her.*

*\*The committee would seek funding from outside sources who share JEA's interest in strong, specialized journalism teacher education. Lacking such additional support, JEA would fund the scholarship, a one-time allotment, in the initial amount of \$1,000 a year. The committee would seek continued funding in hopes of increasing the amount and number of such scholarships in the future.*

*\*The scholarship would be announced and promoted in Summer 2000 with applications due October 15, 2000. The first scholarship would be awarded at the Fall 2000 convention and annually at that convention thereafter. The motion was passed unanimously.*

#### √ Time Out for Diversity

Norma Kneese introduced the two Outreach participants: Linda Ginoza, Wai'anae Intermediate School in Wai'anae, Hawaii, and Mary Ann Bautista, Radford High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. Kneese reviewed the Time Out for Diversity project. The reports are due back at headquarters by May 15. *NewsWire* may run a reminder in the May issue. Kneese reported she has been seeking a presenter for diversity training; she sent around the resume of Peggy Nagae from Eugene, OR. Nagae will present a day-long session for \$6,000 or a four-hour session for \$5,000. The hope is that diversity training would be available for the board members in Kansas City and for the general membership in San Francisco. As expenses are a concern, Wilson suggested that perhaps the Poynter Institute might pick up the expenses for one of their presenters. Discussions included training the Board in Kansas City on Wednesday or even spreading the board meeting over Wednesday and Thursday to provide a time-frame for the training. Some board members pointed out the problems involved in bringing in students that early – both time out of class and student supervision created concerns. The questions was raised about the Board's commitment to diversity training. Sylvia Daughtry made a motion to show support; Kneese seconded it.

Motion: *I move that the JEA Board is committed to diversity training.*

The motion was passed unanimously.

President Hall directed Kneese to continue her pursuit of this diversity training by exploring other sources of financing as well as other possible trainer options.

### **New Business**

#### **√ Video Contests**

Co-Chairs Bernadette Tucker and Judy Babb handed out a three-page set of instructions they present to the Local Write-Off Committee. They proposed some changes that would give students the opportunity to interact with the judges instead of merely reading comments on a page. Copies of the proposed Addendum to Write-Off Rules Booklet were distributed. Sylvia Daughtry moved to approve the contests listed on the addendum; second by Kathy Craghead. A question was raised regarding the legal and ethical ramifications of including music video among the contests. Concerns included the journalistic merit of a music video and the legality of using music without securing copyright. Those who proposed the motion were asked to accept a friendly amendment to drop category 37. They agreed. Rolnicki pointed out that NSPA has right to play any music at the conventions. Other members pointed out that current music is used as background for newscasts, and - in fact - no limit is placed on the amount of music used in creating a time capsule in yearbook coverage. The friendly amendment was revoked. Following additional discussion, members voted by hand.

**Motion:** *We move to approve the new video contests listed on the addendum to the Write-Off contests with all contests currently listed as "drop-off" becoming "carry-in" with critiques.*

The motion passed with one no vote and two abstentions.

In additional action regarding the video contest, Daughtry moved to reduce the number of video entries at each convention to three. The second came from Perkins Bowen. Due to the space restrictions and the number of individuals needed to judge video contests compared to the number of students who have submitted entries, the Write-Off committee believed this is a necessary action. This will add face-to-face critique time for students. The question was raised whether some of these contests (#38 - humorous feature and #39 video live spots coverage) might be combined under #34 video feature story. The number would be reduced to three to be determined at each convention by the write-off committee.

**Motion:** *We move to limit the number of video carry-in Write-Off contests offered at a convention to three.*

Following additional discussion, the motion passed on a voice vote with two abstentions.

Daughtry proposed a motion to raise the fee for video Write-Off contests to \$15; the second came from Tantillo. Discussion included information that currently Channel One pays the video costs. Others questioned whether it is a finance issue or is more concern centered on the number of entries. Some board members felt this is a service we provide. The motion was amended by Daughtry and seconded by Tantillo that would raise all contests to \$12. Comments included concern about the judge's gifts. A show of hands vote was taken.

Amendment to motion failed: six yes votes, eight no votes, one abstention. The original motion of the video contest fee being raised to \$15 was defeated: three abstentions, 12 no votes, 0 yes votes.

Lunch

#### **√ By-Law Changes**

Perkins Bowen referred to the proposed bylaw change which would amend Article VI, Section 4. She suggested the board approve the change and test run it. President Hall commented that it is not always a good business practice to wait six months to take action on some issues. The board has a chance to respond back to the ListServ. Perkins-Bowen moved to pass the by-law change, Steve Matson seconded the motion. The motion passed; no abstentions.

### **Article VI.**

#### **Section 4: Emergency Votes**

Voting on concerns of an urgent nature that should not wait until the next scheduled Board meeting could be initiated by the President. He or she will first determine that a quorum of Board members has e-mail access and

is available for the vote through a special closed listserv set up for this purpose; the Board will discuss the motion for a predetermined and limited length of time and then will vote via e-mail response to the President. The motion cannot be amended if this process is used and can only be passed with a two-thirds majority, voted down or tabled until the next Board meeting.

#### √ Federal Legislation

President Hall reported that Harry Proudfoot from Massachusetts has discussed presenting to Congress for adoption a resolution opposing Hazelwood. The ultimate goal was for Congress to overrule the Hazelwood decision. However, Proudfoot has been advised that no chance existed for a bill, but Washington might support a concept stated as a resolution. JEA has been asked to support the national movement, but the organization cannot make a formal resolution and keep its nonprofit status.

#### √ Out-of-State Attendance

President Hall reported he has written letters to Texas and to Wisconsin regarding out-of-state student travel for conventions. Schools in some states are denying students the authorization to attend out-of-state functions. The question was raised about our role in educating and dialoguing with administrators in such schools. Organizations such as DECA, speech and debate groups must travel out-of-state for competitions. The concern about liability insurance was raised regarding what JEA and NSPA actually cover with regard to official events. Dodd suggested advisers become proactive in these situations and educate their administrators with facts such as our students are "in class" more hours at the convention than they are back at their schools. It was also pointed out that this is another good opportunity for a tie-in to the Region 3 informational publication about going to conventions.

#### √ Future Conventions

No action needed to be taken on any upcoming conventions. Tom Rolnicki updated statistics on the last 10 conventions. The Portland convention has been finalized for spring, 2003, plus preliminary information was presented on Chicago, St. Louis and Seattle.

#### √ Endorsements and Partnerships

The DW Reynolds Foundation at the University of Nevada has sent out eight-question forms regarding the scholastic journalism initiative. Puntney read a sample question and described JEA's response. Discussion included JEA's viewpoint of the role of the foundation. Perkins Bowen suggested that no one needed to reinvent the wheel and instead the potential of organizations such as SPJ and Quill and Scroll should be maximized. The Soros Foundation is interested in funding scholastic journalism initiatives. The Newspaper in America Association (NAA) Foundation has a Youth Services Committee.

As a committee member, Matson moved that the board approve the new policy for endorsement and partnerships; no second was required.

**Policy Approved:** *The policy states that any organization that approaches JEA for endorsement of a project must receive the majority approval of a five-member ad hoc committee. The committee will meet to review requests the evening prior to each board meeting at semi-annual conventions. Groups must submit applications by Nov. 1 for fall meetings and by April 1 for spring meetings. An organization cannot receive endorsement of a project unless there is no cost to JEA and no cost to JEA members. The group's goals must also be in line with JEA's missions and goals. An endorsement of a project would allow an organization to use JEA's name and logo, and it could link to JEA's web page. JEA also reserves the right to remove an endorsement at any time. A partnership with an organization would mean an investment of JEA's time and money. Any partnership must be approved by the board, and the board may dissolve a partnership at any time.*

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### √ SPLC

Bowen described the changes in the SPLC Board. Number of members has been reduced from 23 to 15, including Mark Goodman. The SPLC board has worked out a strategic plan with emphasis on its mission, fund-raising

and outreach to organizations. An advisory council/committee, including Beth Dickey, Ed Sullivan and Nancy Green, has been established to determine the role of a council of press organizations. The role of the organizations has changed. Current board members have been asked to resign at the next meeting in August; the organization is looking to add more professionals as members of the board. The Board will now include students to enhance the educational aspect of SPLC. President Hall noted that \$22,836 of the JEA budget represents subscriptions to *The Student Press Law Center Report*.

#### √ Web Page Materials and Web Page Updates

Zwiebel reported that materials from the curriculum commission projects have been given to KSU student Jake Palenske for posting on the web. Material is being updated regularly, but links with additional lesson plans are needed. Proposals can be sent by e-mail or on disk. Mentoring information was also presented by Zwiebel. She has received eight requests from advisers who are young, new and scared. Thirty-nine advisers have agreed to be mentors; they are matched by publications advised. The committee will do a follow-up survey with the mentees.

#### √ Scholarship Donations

The suggestion was made that the membership form have a place for advisers to mark a donation to the scholarship fund.

#### √ Budget

President Hall reported his concerns about membership numbers; the organization numbers are static, and we should be experiencing growth. He raised the question of the organization paying the first year's membership fee to JEA to new advisers. Some organizations such as NCTE offer free membership for the first year. Membership forms are mailed to every school with a broadcast program, photography, newspaper, literary magazine or yearbook. He recommended a pilot program with individual states. The Northeast region is an area that is weak in membership; since Boston is an upcoming convention site in 2001, we could promote JEA in that region. JEA headquarters would need to monitor the program to determine how many of the new members renewed their membership for the following year. Jane Blystone moved to establish such a pilot program; Melton seconded it.

*\*Motion: I move we establish a pilot program to provide free membership to new members in Region 7 and Virginia for the calendar year 2001 for both middle school and high school teachers.*

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote; no abstentions

Several changes to the budget were noted; the editor stipend will be used for equipment. The ListServ maintenance amount is only a pittance compared to the service to the organization and the hours of work needed to maintain it. The need for an increase in per diem charges for the executive director and the president were noted. A need for money to support the reprinting and distribution of the Principal's Guide to Scholastic Journalism was explained by Puntney. Some of the organizations collaborating on this project, the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, NCTE, NASSP and Quill and Scroll, have donated. For instance, NCTE has budgeted \$2,000 and Dow Jones will bring the team together in Newark to rewrite the guide. An allocation of \$2,000 in the budget was made to donate to this project. Board members discussed reprinting the special issue of *C:JET* on covering tragedies. It was noted that requests for copies continue to be made to headquarters. Board members supported the reprinting expenses.

*\*Zwiebel moved that the board accept these changes made to the budget proposal; Blystone seconded it.*

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote; no abstentions.

*Following additional discussion, Craghead moved to adopt the proposed budget; Daughtry seconded it.*

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote; no abstentions.



### √ Convention Update

Concern was raised about convention chairs for the convention in Boston. Low membership numbers may affect the numbers there, and board members may need to chair some of the committees usually held by local adviser members. Questions about convention rooming partners among board members was raised. Board members need to follow the cut-off dates included in the letter from headquarters.

### √ Regional Director Reports

Region 3: Visser noted changes in state directors in her area. Bob Hendricks is resigning as director in North Dakota. South Dakota is in flux and looking to replace the state director.

Region 6: Lange reported a state director for Kentucky, Harold L. Willoughby. She announced a series of workshops for new publications advisers at the Newseum in the education center.

### √ Commission Chair Reports

#### Junior High/Middle School

Luisa Caucia reported the positive turnout at Atlanta. They have added a computer strand for this level; they have radio sessions, video sessions and global journalism. They try to keep it hands-on. The California JEA included strong middle school involvement with local presenters.

#### Certification

Susan Tantillo reported JEA currently has 608 CJE's. Ten tests will be given at this convention.; 25 CJE renewals will be acknowledged along with five MJE renewals.

#### Curriculum

Zwiebel reported that on June 2, PBS will present a program called "Discontent: Politics, the Press and the Public." It is a Fred Friendly production, and teachers will be able to secure a Teacher's Guide for the presentation.

### √ Committees

#### Nominations - Julie Dodd

The committee will present a slate of officers at the fall convention in Kansas City; they expect to have more than one name for each position. They will be contacting board members to see if they wish to run for re-election, but she encouraged members to take the initiative and let committee members know their intentions. She reported that they will present an information session at this convention. Job descriptions for each position are posted on-line.

### √ NewsWire and C:JET

Wilson acknowledged typos in the last C:JET and indicated improvements will be made due to help of a copy editor Howard Spanogle. Wilson provided members with a copy of Day One, the project sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association, the Association of Texas Photography Instruction, the Photo Imaging Education Association and JEA. President Hall mentioned that Award Nomination forms will be printed in the publications.

### √ NCTE

Graff reported the members who will be rewriting the Principal's Guide to Scholastic Journalism. They include Mary Benedict, author; Dick Johns, Q&S; Lyn Fiscus, NASSP; John Bowen, JEA/S PLC; Linda Waller, DJNF; Charleen Delfino, NCTE; Pat Graff, JEA; and Dick Luckert.

In other matters, a question was raised about the cost of NSPA's Best of Show to non-members. At one time, the contest used to cost an additional \$4 for non-members.

Daughtry moved to adjourn; Blystone seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.