Call to order and rules of the meeting were given by President Candace Perkins at 3:43 p.m.

In attendance were:
- Candace Perkins, President
- Linda Puntney, Executive Director
- H.L. Hall, Vice President
- Judy Babb, Secretary/Newswire editor
- Ken Siver, Past President
- Sister Rita Jeanne, Treasurer Emeritus
- Molly Clemons, C-JET editor
- Susan Hathaway Tantillo, Certification Commission
- Jack Kennedy, Development/Curriculum Commission
- Steve O'Donoghue, Multicultural Commission
- John Bowen, Scholastic Press Rights Commission
- Rob Melton, NW Regional Director
- Vicki Scorsone, SW Regional Director
- Judy Knudson, NC Regional Director
- Kathy Craghead, SC Regional Director
- Betty Morton, NE Regional Director
- Rik McNeill, SE Regional Director
- Tony Gomez, ad hoc board member
- Diane Honda, ad hoc board member/Scholarship Committee
- Willie Wooten, ad hoc board member
- Connie Fulkerson, Publications Committee
- Julie Dodd, SPA liaison
- Hilda Walker, Write-off Committee
- John Hudnall, Awards Committee
- Mary Lu Foreman, Nominations Committee

Babb read motions passed at board meeting.

Reports:
Siver said he continues networking and monitoring JEA's finances. He explained how the Kalos Kagothos Foundation will underwrite the Student Impact Award. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.) Prize is no longer $300 but rather $1,000. He encouraged members to publicize Scholastic Journalism Week. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.)

Perkins reminded everyone that the directory would contain the semi-annual reports.

Sister Rita Jeanne summarized the current investments. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.)

Linda Puntney summarized the report given at the Board Meeting. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.)
H. L. Hall said good ideas had come out of the regional and state director's meetings. One is to have directors hold regional meetings at future National Convention. He said there are many grass roots efforts to get the first-time members to feel a part of the organization.

Bowen spoke about the *C:JET* issue and things that are going on around the country.

Kennedy said the video curriculum is now in final draft. Multicultural Commission is now developing a curriculum. The first, on new writing is in final draft and the second, (See Board Minutes) feature writing, is in the works. In response to a specific member request, the Commission will be developing a packet of promotional materials to help get administrators to support advisers coming to conventions.

Tantillo reported that 225 members are now certified. Thirty-four of those have earned Master Journalism Educator. She reported on meetings here and on growth in certification.

O'Donoghue reported that the commission had brought in four advisers as new outreach members. At the end of the convention, the Commission will go through the process again for selecting four new people for Portland. He attempted to work with the Department of Education for recruiting people of color and making equipment available to schools. He got a polite rejection but plans to continue pursuing that. He described a National Association of Black Journalists meeting in Cleveland. John Bowen, who represented JEA, found out members would be willing to help us.

Hudnall reported 11 awards were presented in Washington, DC. Nomination forms will be updated before the next nominations are sought. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.)

Leah Jaffee and Sharon Deibel have been local Write-off co-chairs. There were 31 contests, 1192 students, 252 schools from 37 states. She said there will be new guidelines. Dena Minato will be the Portland Write-off person, Judy Babb would be the chair in Dallas with Steve Wilkes handling video contests.

Perkins said the new junior high committee chair is Kem Brossman. She also found additional advisers who volunteered to be on the committee.

Honda said they are trying for a smooth transition between committee chairs. One major change in the JOY contest is state directors can not carry in portfolios; they must be mailed to JEA Headquarters by March 15.

Liaison Pat Graff sent a report. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.) Perkins said we are getting more sessions on NCTE programs.

Mary Lu Foreman said she has two new volunteers and is looking for two others for her committee.

Records for sales in convention bookstore were broken with about $9,000 in sales Friday and about $3,000 more Saturday. This is the first time book signings were tried with the authors. There was good response. Fulkerson continues to look for new ideas for the bookstore, especially in video.

Babb said all is OK.
Molly Clemons reported on upcoming issues. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.) She requested articles or topic suggestions.

Julie Dodd reported on meetings and seminars. She talked about conventions and budgets and how it was affecting attendance and how budget concerns are affecting journalism programs. *Journalism Kids Do Better* by Jack Dvorak, Larry Lain and Tom Dickson is a book coming out in February and will be available in JEA Bookstore.

Headquarters receives about 50 phone calls per week. Puntney said headquarters had produced Newswire and C:JET and the directory of certified members. Her biggest concern is decreased membership. Fall is traditionally the time for high membership, but we are down 302 members from this time last year. We are getting some new members but about 500 have not renewed. There are plans to revive membership brochure which is now only a part of the catalog. (See minutes from the Board Meeting.)

**Long Beach:** (See minutes from the Board Meeting.)

**Washington, DC:** 3,300 registered, which is the largest number ever. There were 16 breakout sessions per hour, issue seminars, the hospitality room had steady flow, Coaching Clinic involved more than 400 students.

Hall moved the organization thank Carol Lange and Bob Atwood and rest of local committee who made this convention so successful. Seconded and passed.

**Portland:** Carla Harris said the local committee has been meeting for about a year and is looking forward to everyone coming to Portland. Puntney said the convention would be in two hotels with refinements from Long Beach. Hilton would be the yearbook hotel and the Marriott the newspaper hotel. There will be buses but distance is walkable. Registration will be modified to allow advisers to register at the hotel they prefer. Bill Hilliard, editor of the Oregonian, is one of the keynote speakers.

**Dallas:** Local chair Randy Vonderheid said Down Home Texas Style is the theme and the committee is coming up with things for students and advisers to do. They are working to get interviews set up with athletes and to get into the Reunion Arena. Local chair Susan Komandosky said they are considering a seminar about the Kennedy assassination. They are also looking at one on sports as a religion.

**Future conventions:**
- Spring ’95: San Diego, Hyatt. Run by a national committee again without much local support.
- Fall ’95: Kansas City, Hyatt and Regency. Puntney will head committee. The hotel connects to Westin Crown Center.
- Spring ’96: San Francisco, Embarcadero Hyatt.
- Fall ’96: Chicago, Hyatt.
- Fall ’97: Phoenix, Hyatt.

(See minutes from the Board Meeting.)

Advisers Institute was held in July in three sequences. Rob Melton and Bob Esler taught Desktop Publishing, Bowen and Perkins taught the second one, the third portion Bowen taught. JEA will hold institute again but titles will be spiffed up and newly packaged.
Hilda Walker gave a synopsis of Write-off changes. (See Board minutes.) One change is the elimination of typewriters and computers. Volunteer board members will re-do Write-off Contest. Judging forms will be tabulated numerically but students will receive a comment sheet with no numbers. The board also decided delegates who judge and speak or who are both JEA/NSPA members and judge or speak will have registration waived.

State Free Expression Seminar
John Bowen

Motion: To provide JEA membership lists and endorsement for possible non-profit organization health clearinghouse that would provide funds and information for health related information to be included in school newspapers. Motion passed.

Matters Introduced by members
David Aaronson and Carolyn Jones Howard want to add a health page in every school newspaper, and they are looking for funding to help pay for it. Center for Disease Control thought they could get a federal grant. What they wanted from JEA was access to membership lists. Motion to form a non-profit organization health clearinghouse that JEA would endorse and provide membership list for if possible. Motion seconded by Rik McNeill. Howard Spanogle asked what would be provided to each school paper. They said a column by surgeon general and statistics. No commitment would be required. Schools would be reimbursed by sending in the health page. The material could be used in any form, it doesn't have to be an actual health page. It would be supported by various corporations. Schools would get $250 for each issue that contained health issues. This already exists on small scale in D.C. schools.

Hall called the question. Motion passed.

Robert Greenman commended these two instructors for their work to increase the number of newspapers in D.C. schools

Motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Babb
JEA Secretary