Journalism Education Association General Membership Meeting.  
Nov. 9, 2001, 8 a.m., Sheraton Boston

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by president H.L. Hall.

Minutes and Summary of Board Action from the meeting of Nov. 8, 2001 were presented by JEA secretary Terry Nelson. A correction was made to the minutes of the April 5 General membership Meeting in San Francisco to correct the name of the location for a workshop in Washington from Ellisburg to Ellensburg under Regional Directors' Reports

Reports and Updates
Headquarters/Financial Report - Linda Puntney
Not a final financial report because of outstanding convention delegate fees to collect. Net income is currently $187,733. After expenses, JEA’s profit is $116,321.86. Reports that JEA is on target with budget projections. Since April 1, investments are up 4.42% overall.

Linda also reported that the membership is the highest for JEA ever, due in part to the free JEA memberships offered to all teachers who took part in the six ASNE advisers workshops this summer, and that membership reports are available to all delegates at the convention.

Convention Updates - Linda Puntney/Candace Perkins Bowen
Jane Blystone reports that for the first time, 10 states have worked together to put on the national convention in Boston, not just one state. Motion made by Candace Perkins Bowen and seconded by Carla Harris, "that we officially thank the local committee for a fine convention."

Motion was carried unanimously.

Tony Gomez, co chair for the spring convention in Phoenix reported that the book, "Elements for Journalism, by Bill Kovacs and Tom Rothstein will be on sale in the JEA Bookstore and that there will be jeep trips to Sedona.

Lori Oglesbee, regarding the Fall 2002 convention in Dallas. The convention hotel in Dallas will require the first night’s deposit that is nonrefundable.

Student Press Law Center Board Report - John Bowen
The first Advisory Council meeting for the SPLC will be today at 2:30. JEA member Merle Dieleman will be the group’s representative to the Advisory Council.

President’s Report - H.L. Hall
Lee Jones will make a presentation on Journalism as an Advanced Placement class at 10 a.m. today. Teachers are urged to attend. Hall said he had received e-mails from 22 teachers who could not be at the convention who indicated they were interested in starting an AP course at their schools.
Vice President's Report - Ann Visser
The semi annual report of JEA will be up on the website. Members are urged to check the Website.

Regional Directors’ Reports
Carol Lange announced that she has copies of posters from the Newseum that display the nation’s newspapers’ front page treatment of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 on sale for $6. The proceeds will go to the Pentagon

Family Relief Fund.
Tony Gomez announced that the 4th Annual Advisers Retreat will again be held at the Las Vegas Flamingo Hilton July 7-11.

Other weeks of the Advisers Institute will be offered at Kansas State University. Advising Student Publications, July 22-26 and Desktop Publishing, July 26-31.

Commission Chairs
John Bowen reported that he has a list of schools that have successfully dealt with FERPA and are ,”FERPA-free” . Currently Sarah Ortman is fighting the provisions of FERPA at her school in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Email her at sortman@uaschools.com.

In a curriculum review, Mike Dunlap reports there are plans to team up with yearbook companies to produce teacher information on CDs.

Mary Patrick is working on Write Off contests for Jr. High/Middle Schools for the first time and is meeting on Friday to discuss this possibility for anyone interested. She would like to offer the contests at the Phoenix convention in April.

Norma Kneese introduced Outreach participant Danita Eatman of Florida and announced a meeting tomorrow at 8 a.m.

Carla Harris announced that 644 JEA members or over 25% had been awarded either the CJE or MJE designation, and that there would be a workshop on the program at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Committee Chairs
Candace Perkins Bowen reported that the NCTE Standards as they apply to Journalism book will be out in a year, and that JEA has a Journalism Standards Committee formed for the creation of national standards. Candace requests that any state that currently has journalism standards to forward a copy to Candace.

Julie Dodd, chair of the nominations committee, needs a slate of candidates to present at the fall convention in Dallas in 2002. Let the committee members know if you are interested in running for office, or if you know someone who is. Committee members include Bart Asato, John Hudnell, Vanessa Shelton and Cheryl Pell. Julie also reported that there will be a meeting on Saturday with the Scholastic Press Association Directors to discuss the safety and financial climates for state conventions.

Newswire and C;JET
Bradley Wilson was complimented on the good job he was doing with the C:JET and Newswire publications.

Liaisons

NCTE - Pat Graff, liaison, recommended that JEA build a concrete alliance with NCTE's SLATE Group, Support for the Learning and Teaching of English, which has justification and educational rationale for why any book is educationally valid.

Pat also reported that a Principal's Guide to Publications will be published in about three months. Dick Johns and Quill and Scroll is finalizing the project.

Discussion Items, Including Matters Introduced by Members

Cindy Todd noted over 1000 JEA members in Texas, an excellent representation of JEA.

A motion was made by Lori Oglesbee for adjournment with a second from Alyce Culpepper. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Nelson, JEA secretary