

Minutes of the Journalism Education Association
General Membership Meeting

Hyatt Regency •Dallas, Texas
November 22, 2002

President H.L. Hall called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

- Past President Candace Bowen called the roll.
- Secretary Terry Nelson presented the minutes and gave a summary of actions at the JEA board meeting, Nov. 21, 2002.
- **Under New Business**, Julie Dodd presented the slate of officers for the upcoming elections. Ann Visser, president; Tony Gomez and Jack Kennedy, vice president; Merle Dieleman and Susan Tantillo, secretary; Steve Matson, Region 1 director; Ellen Kersey and Mark Newton, Region 2 director; Bob Bair and Rod Howe, Region 3 director; Linda Drake, Wayna Polk and Susan Roberts, Region 4, director; Brenda Gorsuch and Anne Whitt, Region 5 director; Carmen Mann, Region 6 director; Jane Blystone, Region 7 director; Carla Harris, Certification Commission chair; Norma Kneese, Multicultural Commission chair; John Bowen, Scholastic Press Rights Commission chair; Lori Oglesbee, Development/Curriculum Commission chair; and Mary Patrick, Junior High/Middle School Commission chair. There were no nominations from the floor. Julie announced that the candidates and 150-word statement of goals would be published in Newswire and be posted on the web by mid-December. Ballots need to be returned to the JEA office by the Feb. 15 deadline. After the winners are notified, the results would be posted on the web about the third week of February.
- Executive Director Linda Puntney presented the financial reports and gave convention updates. She reported that from July 1 until Oct. 31 that JEA had spent 27% of the budget for the year and that the group was “on track.” She also reported on the \$33,605.11 loss on the portfolio for the year, but that

they had made adjustments in their investment strategies in these tough times. As for conventions, there were 3605 total delegates in Phoenix and that convention made \$79,195.65 in profit. The spring convention will be in Portland, Oregon, April 10-13.

- In the President's Report, H.L. Hall updated members on the progress of the AP Journalism class, saying that the college board had to evaluate other AP offerings and would not consider any new courses before the Advisory Committee held its spring board meeting. H.L. Hall also apprised membership of the improvements to the "Yearbook Adviser of the Year" award with the addition of a grading rubric and money provided in the budget for both H.L. Hall and Linda Puntney to travel to the recipient's school to make the announcement and the award more meaningful before the spring convention.

- Past President Candace Perkins Bowen announced that there were 571 members on the JEA Listserv.

- Vice President Ann Visser reported that the Semiannual Report for the membership could be picked up at the meeting and that the document would be posted to the web in December or January.

- Under Convention Updates, Linda Puntney reported that there were only 13 members in Tennessee, and that membership would need to be recruited before the fall convention in Nashville in 2006.

- **Commission Reports:**

John Bowen, Scholastic Press Rights chair, reported that the Student Press Law Center board met in October at the College Media Advisers convention, and they are working on outreach programs and possible regional activities. John also announced that there are seven schools recognized at this convention as the recipients of the Let Freedom Ring award.

Mary Patrick, Junior High/Middle School chair, asked members if they have suggestions on how to better serve the middle school journalism programs to contact her. She also reported on the progress of the middle school write-off mail in contests.

Norma Kneese, Multicultural chair, introduced the two outreach participants

at the convention: Zena Whitworth from Maryland, and Nedone Brantley from Texas.

Carla Harris, Certification chair, announced that there were 639 CJE recipients and reminded members that they needed to renew their certification every five years.

• **Committee Reports:**

Jane Blystone, Scholarship chair, reported that a new rubric for Student Journalist of the Year had been developed, and any members interested in judging should see her. Rubrics will be posted to the website for the students to study.

Norma Kneese reported to the group that the first "Teacher Inspiration Award" would be made in Portland at the JEA spring convention for a teacher who inspired someone to be a journalism instructor. The award comes with \$1000 check for the recipient. Members have been mailed nomination forms.

Bradley Wilson, Technology chair, reported on the new 'Image use' policy that will be posted on the web regarding use of internet images in student publications.

• Bradley Wilson, editor of C:JET and Newswire, asked members to contact him with articles for the publications.

• Candace Perkins Bowen, past president, reported that the National Journalism Standards had been approved by the AEJMC at their national convention, and we need to get a copy of those teacher standards to the state departments of education. If any member knows of a specific contact at the state level, let Candace know. At yesterday's board meeting, a new committee was approved to write a National Student Performances Outcome document. If interested in helping with the committee, contact Candace.

Candace also recognized the work done by the local Dallas committee, and she moved to thank the members of that committee. Jane Blystone seconded the motion. The motion passed.

• H.L. Hall announced that this may have been the largest general membership

meeting ever with over 100 members in attendance. He also announced that this would be his last term as president of the group.

Norma Kneese moved to adjourn the meeting and Joe Nations seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m.

**Corrections to Board Meeting Minutes of the Journalism Education Association
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Page 1: Diane Honda, NCTE Liaison, was absent as she was attending the NCTE convention.

Page 5, last bullet point should read: Julie Dodd asked if JEA or other scholastic groups have policies regarding including in contests students who choose to be home schooled. Currently JEA has no policy. No action was taken.

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Association
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Page 1, end of third bullet point should read: Julie announced that the candidates' bios and photos and 150-word statement of goals would be published in Newswire and be posted on the web by mid-December.

Page 3: Carla Harris, Certification chair, announced that there have been 639 CJE recipients and 117 MJE recipients since the program began and reminded members that they needed to renew their certification every five years.

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