# **Society of Professional Journalists**

IUP Chapter
Meeting minutes
November 18, 2008
8:30 p.m.
The Commonplace

http://www.chss.iup.edu/journalism/spj/

# <u>Present</u>

Kelly Andrews Landon Garside Dr. David Loomis Natalie Schaefer Melissa Thompson Mike Wilson

### **Business**

### **Indi Week In Review**

- Next show is December 7
- Possible topic ideas: how the economy is affecting college students, i.e. availability of college loans, the overall cost of IUP compared to other colleges in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), rising prices in groceries, work-study for students, etc.
- Interview employees at Financial Aid Office and Bursar's Office in Clark Hall
- Possibly use students' reporting from Dr. Loomis' New Reporting class
- Interview IUP students and see what changes the recession has forced on them

#### Alumni Panel

- IUP Journalism alumnus Jared P. Stout is a confirmed guest to discuss his position at the Blairsville Dispatch
- Melissa Thompson will contact Michael Callahan
- More suggestions for guests needed

#### **Main Event**

 Potential guests: Michelle Fryling, to discuss the new Pennsylvania Right to Know Law in relation to IUP's campus; a politician who helped to draft the Right to Know Law

### **Fundraising**

- Bill Harder, former SPJ president, has agreed to play at The Brown sometime in late January. Preferred dates would be 1) a Saturday, 2) a Friday and, possibly, 3) a Thursday
- Harder will join Mike Wilson's band Sidewalk Talk and Dr. Loomis' band Grist for the Mill, with Natalie Schaefer on vocals

- Jeff Kelley, a local blues player, also will be invited to perform
- Tentative date is Jan. 24
- Spaghetti Dinner: tentative date of late February, possible location would be St. Thomas More Church (Mike Wilson to look into location)

#### Dues and new members

- Friendly reminder to pay dues of \$36 for annual SPJ membership to IUP SPJ chapter Treasurer Kaitlyn Johnston or Dr. Loomis
- If you need a subsidy to pay SPJ dues, see Dr. Loomis with proof of financial aid (you can print this off of URSA).
- Make sure to fill out an application from the SPJ Web site -- www.spj.org

### **Social Event**

- The informal social event of half-off wing night at The Coney is this Thursday at 8 p.m.
- SPJ will join Lasting Impressions for this event

## **Next Meeting**

• 8:30 p.m., Dec.1, at The Commonplace Coffeehouse

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.