

Society of Professional Journalists
IUP Chapter
Meeting minutes
April 13, 2009
8:30 p.m.
The Commonplace Coffeehouse
<http://www.chss.iup.edu/journalism/spj/>

Present:

Kelly Andrews, secretary
Landon Garside, president
Dr. Loomis, faculty adviser
Mike Wilson, vice president

Business:

April 8 Alumni Panel

- Two confirmed guests: Michael Henninger (IUP JRNL '06), staff photographer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Daniel Feldbusch (IUP JRNL '03), former reporter turned public-relations practitioner in Washington D.C
- Guests to talk about how to get and keep a job in journalism
- Venue is HUB Allegheny Room, 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, April 17
- Dr. Loomis made promotional flier; pick up copies in his Journalism Department mailbox and post around campus
- Dr. Loomis to ask faculty to encourage attendance by students
- Dr. Loomis to place ad in The Penn
- Treasurer Kaityln Johnston—can you send out email to Lasting Impressions members and encourage them to attend?
- Off-campus dinner with guests afterward; open for suggestions re: dinner venue; any SPJ member who would like to attend dinner should email Dr. Loomis and confirm attendance

The HawkEye (www.indijournalism.org)

- updates on student Civic Project stories to come
- need Web-savvy student for next semester to help upload stories onto the online newspaper's Web site
- also need student to help with taking photos; Sara Lamberson, journalism student, is a possibility

In General

- April 13 is the deadline for nominations for SPJ officers (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary) for the 2009-2010 academic year
- Send nominations by email to Dr. Loomis (doloomis@iup.edu) or an officer (l.f.garside@gmail.com, M.J.Wilson3@iup.edu, K.K.Johnston@iup.edu, k.l.andrews@iup.edu) if you want to run for an SPJ office

- Last SPJ meeting of the academic year is Monday evening, April 20; SPJ election of officers will be held at the meeting
- Treasurer Kaitlyn Johnston needs to file end-of-the-year report about chapter finances; Dr. Loomis to help

Elections

- Mike Wilson nominated for president
- Melissa Thompson nominated for vice president
- Ticairra Bazemore nominated for secretary
- Still need nominations for treasurer; if you wish to be treasurer email Dr. Loomis or one of the officers
- All regular members present at the Monday, April 20 SPJ meeting are eligible to vote for 2009-2010 officers

In General/Promotions for next year

- Kelly Andrews Memorial Newseum field trip to Washington, D.C.
- Annual fundraiser
- Analysis of Pennsylvania's new Right to Know Law as a possible symposium topic for spring 2010
- SPJ National Conferences—active SPJ members can be subsidized by IUP SPJ for these trips
- Attend departmental orientations and socials at the beginning of fall semester and pitch to freshman the benefits of joining SPJ
- Need to figure out a special thank-you for Lee Vest for her work on the SPJ Web site—suggestions welcome
- List of ideas ready for Indi Week In Review radio news program on WIUP-FM for next semester. Suggestions welcome

Adjourned

- 9:07 p.m.

Next (and Last-of-the-Year) Meeting

- Monday, April 20 at 8:30 p.m. at The Commonplace Coffeehouse