



**IUP CHAPTER  
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, 4 p.m., CHSS 408

Attendance:

Cody Minich, president  
Samantha Kahle, art director, culinary  
consultant  
Katrina Zellner, secretary, note-taker  
Dave Loomis, faculty adviser  
Barkley Rhoat  
Snezhana Shultz  
Jon Biller

Dylan Lyle  
Hannah Studlack  
Catharyn Pilch  
Samantha Pilch  
Steven Langdon  
Kaitlyn Ciancio  
Ryan Dillon

Meeting convened at 4 p.m.

**Business:**

- Cody welcomed newcomers.
- Road trip: Bloomsburg Media Summit [<http://bunow.com/2017-collegiate-media-summit/>], Nov. 4-5.  
Who's in:
  - [Snezana Stefanovska Shultz <hblw@iup.edu>](mailto:hblw@iup.edu)
  - [Cody Shane Minich <c.s.minich@iup.edu>](mailto:c.s.minich@iup.edu)
  - [S.E.Langdon@iup.edu](mailto:S.E.Langdon@iup.edu)
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Journalism department says it will cover registration and accommodations. However, transportation may be DIY. Loomis plans to drive. He can take three passengers. Stay tuned for email updates.

Dress: for professional networking possibilities, Cody says.

- Podcasts: Cody proposes to form a committee of interested members who want to create content for podcasts to be posted on The HawkEye website.
  - Interested members: Jon Biller, Steven Langdon, Dave Loomis, Cody Minich
  - Barkley Rhoat has expressed interest in multimedia
    - has Sony mirrorless digital camera
  
- Social media: Hannah will do tech for IUP SPJ Twitter and Facebook. Loomis will feed Hannah content. Contributions welcome. Feed Loomis, who will feed Hannah, who will feed Twitter, etc.
  
- Get Down @ The Brown, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual SPJ fundraiser, tentatively scheduled for March 2018 at the Brown Hotel in downtown Indiana, Pa.
  - Brown Hotel owner Sean Howard has tentatively scheduled the event
  - SPJ members invited to nominate performers
  - 2018 performers:
    - Grist for the Mill
    - Black Ridge (tentative)
  - Funds raised will go to the Jake Williams Scholarship, for D.C. interns who are impoverished by D.C. rents, and to the Bill Harder Scholarship, for JRNL students who want to attend academic and professional enrichment conferences, workshops, etc.
    - Scholarship applicants welcome
  
- Loomis suggested SPJ help organize and promote a tentatively scheduled speaker for later this academic year.
  - Alysia Steel graduated from IUP JRNL in May 1997. She got her master's from Ohio University in 2010. She is at work on a second book, "Cotton," an oral history about cotton's role in the South. She won a piece of a Pulitzer Prize for her work on Hurricane Katrina for the Dallas Morning News.
  - SPJ approved by unanimous nodding.
  
- Reporting
  - Cody is working on a story about claims by female students that they were being harassed on campus. IUP police chief Kevin Thelen said the claims were not substantiated. Cody has interviewed one female student, possibly another.
  - Snezhana proposed reporting on sports for podcast initiative
  
- See SPJ logo/slide on wall-mount flat-screen TV near entrance to the JRNL & PR Department
  - Created by Cody
  
- Next meeting:
  - Thursday, Oct. 26 (tentative)
  - Thursday, Nov. 16 (tentative)
  
- Meeting adjourned at ~ 4:20 p.m.

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