

Society of Professional Journalists

IUP Chapter

Meeting minutes

Monday, Nov. 2, 2009

8 p.m.

IUP Stapleton Library/Java City

In Attendance:

Mike Wilson, president
Ilona Globa
Alyssa Choiniere
Garritt Fleming
Prof. David Loomis, adviser

Business

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.:

- “Global Alert” radio program on WIUP-FM (90.1), sponsored by SPJ
 - Mike and Garritt reviewed the Nov. 1 program (co-hosted by Garritt and Mike). It focused on a proposed \$5 per-student-per-semester “green fee” to pay for environmentally friendly initiatives on campus.
 - Next program: Sunday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-noon, on the Marcellus shale natural-gas rush in western Pennsylvania, including Indiana County. Prospective guests include state Rep. Dave Reed, R-Indiana, a League of Women Voters representative who is studying the issue and possibly others.
 - SPJ members are encouraged to help the program by emailing or phoning in questions to Professor Loomis (email: doloomis@iup.edu). Listener or citizen questions are invited and relayed to the show’s guests for answers.
 - The final “Global Alert” program of the semester is scheduled for Dec. 6.
- SPJ Spring 2010 fundraiser
 - The third annual SPJ fundraiser is scheduled for March 2010 at The Brown Hotel in downtown Indiana, Pa. The Brown donates cover charges collected at the door to IUP SPJ. Musical guests who have committed to perform include headliner Dr. Jeff Kelley, noted Clymer chiropractor and award-winning bluesman; IUP SPJ chapter president Mike Wilson, in a return performance with fellow guitarist and singer Cole Comstock; founding IUP SPJ chapter president Bill Harder, who will play blues harp with members of his band Ray’s Firecracker Grits; Professor Loomis, who is scheduled to perform with members of the local roots group Grist for the Mill, and others. Date of the event is yet to be finalized.
- J-Jobs Boot Camps
 - Mike Wilson, Ilona Globa and Alyssa Choiniere volunteered to choose names of IUP JRNL alumni to invite to campus for informal discussions about job-hunting, career

opportunities and networking. Ilona also volunteered to help contact prospective invitees.

- IUP JRNL 2007 (?) grad Jared Stout, a reporter at the Blairsville Dispatch, was suggested as a possible speaker
- The J-Jobs Boot Camp began in spring 2009. Plans are to organize at least two per academic year for SPJ members and other Journalism students who are seeking career advice and assistance.
- Spring 2010 Journalism symposium: The New Pennsylvania Right to Know Law
 - Two rooms on campus have been reserved for the large public event:
 - Gorrell Recital Hall has been reserved for March 24, 2010, thanks to IUP treasurer Natalie Schaefer
 - The HUB/Ohio Room also has been reserved for March 31, 2010.
 - Date and venue will be finalized when we have prospective panelists committed to the event
 - Pennsylvania Newspaper Association media law counsel Melissa Melewsy has committed to attend the event
 - IUP JRNL News Reporting student Kathryn Rose has committed to attend, to describe her RTKL request for IUP President Tony Atwater's personal, travel and residential expenses since taking office.
- SPJ participation in the Oct. 27 showing in Stouffer/Beard Auditorium of "All the President's Men," the Oscar-winning film about the Pulitzer-winning Watergate reporting of Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. Woodward spoke on campus on Nov. 4. SPJ and PRSSA co-sponsored the film and the discussion that followed.
- Next meeting:
 - Nov. 16, 8 p.m., Stapleton Library near Java City on first floor

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.