

SPJ Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2017

Present: M. Castillo, S. Douglass, A. Evans, J. Fiorino, N. Hirshon, J. Loennecker, D. Popoloski, M. Zuniga

Absent: J. Corton, G. Jorge, C. Pierce, C. Torres

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. in Hobart Hall 143 by N. Hirshon, with a quorum present.

I. Adviser Report

- a. N. Hirshon shared copies of the minutes from the last SPJ meeting.
  - i. M. Zuniga motioned to approve the minutes, J. Fiorino seconded this motion.
- b. SPJ Meetings
  - i. Fall meetings will be held on 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8.
  - ii. N. Hirshon reminded members they are invited to attend the 9/16 meeting of the New Jersey SPJ chapter in Hobart 201 at 2 p.m.
- c. Upcoming Events
  - i. The “Reality Check” speaker series will feature veteran amNewYork reporter Lisa L. Colangelo on 10/4 and tabloid photographer Anthony DelMundo on 11/1.
- d. Online Communication
  - i. Most members have joined the Slack account.
- e. WPU SPJ Logo
  - i. Members should consider the design of our WPU SPJ logo. Members are encouraged to submit their own design ideas or draft friends with a graphic design background to submit prospective logos.
  - ii. J. Fiorino suggested the logo include “Established 2017.”
- f. Facebook
  - i. N. Hirshon is seeking volunteers to create an SPJ Facebook account.
- g. Results of Film Screening Poll
  - i. N. Hirshon said six members voted in the online poll to select films for SPJ screenings. The votes were Nightcrawler (5), Spotlight (5), In Cold Blood (3), Good Night, and Good Luck (2), The Killing Fields (2), Frost/Nixon (2), State of Play (2), All the President’s Men (2), Absence of Malice (1), Broadcast News (1), Deadline – U.S.A. (1), -30- (0), and The Underworld Story (0).
- h. WPU SPJ Application Update
  - i. Members reviewed the cover letter for the SPJ application.
    1. M. Castillo suggested the cover letter mention that J. Rhodes’s Advanced TV News class will shoot a package on WPU SPJ.
    2. M. Zuniga suggested the cover letter emphasize the chapter’s interests in online news, magazines, and photojournalism.
- i. WPU SPJ Officers
  - i. N. Hirshon reviewed the duties for the prospective WPU SPJ president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and publicity chair.
  - ii. Members interested in running for an SPJ office should submit a statement outlining their candidacies, including class year, journalism courses taken, involvement in campus media, career goals, what they would do as an SPJ officer, and whatever else they think is relevant, to N. Hirshon by 9/20.

- iii. N. Hirshon suggested that members consider running for more than one office to ensure the board is filled.
- iv. N. Hirshon will create a Survey Monkey poll so members can anonymously vote for the five positions.
- v. The five positions must be filled before the SPJ application is sent.

## II. Motions

### a. Film Screening Schedule

- i. J. Loennecker motioned to schedule the screenings at 6 p.m. Thursdays, M. Castillo seconded this motion. The motion did not pass.
- ii. M. Zuniga suggested the screenings occurring on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays during common hour.
- iii. D. Popoloski inquired whether the length of the movies would exceed the 75-minute common hour.
- iv. Members voted to table the motion.

### b. Chapter Dues

- i. Due to a lack of a quorum, members could not vote.

## III. Member Reports

- a. M. Zuniga will present on the WPU SPJ Twitter account at the 9/22 meeting.

## IV. Old Business

- a. No old business.

## V. New Business.

- a. No new business.

S. Douglass motioned to adjourn, J. Fiorino seconded this motion. Meeting was called to adjourn at 1:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted by N. Hirshon.