

Nebraska High School Press Association Executive Board Meeting

Friday, Sept. 9, 2022

Lincoln Southwest High School

In Attendance: Marsha Kalkowski, Jean Brown, Erica Brockmoller, Ranae Duncan, Mark Hilburn, Brandi Benson, Carol Mertl, Diane Schieffer, Kristin Harris, David Stevens

Approve Board Minutes 06.15.22 - Mark Hilburn, *NHSPA President*

- see minutes attached behind meeting agenda
 - Ranae Duncan motions to approve the minutes. Carol Mertl seconds. Approved.

Treasurer's Report - Angie Wolfe, *NHSPA Treasurer*

- Current budget: \$29,429.15
 - Angie Wolfe says she feels confident in the system that UNL used.
 - Tax ID number will be scanned and uploaded to NHSPA Drive

NHSPA Critiques - Brandi Benson, *NHSPA Critique Coordinator*

- "Doing well!" - Everything has been judged for the most part, except for a few stragglers that came in late.
- Numbers are about the same in all categories from last year.
 - 31 Yearbooks
 - 21 newspapers
 - 4 broadcast
 - 10 online
- There was general conversation about low numbers for broadcast, especially considering there are broadcast categories for NSAA
 - Maybe need to promote more for broadcast and online?

JEA Update - Marsha Kalkowski, *Nebraska JEA Liaison*

Conventions (Fall 2022 - St. Louis | Spring 2023 - San Francisco | Fall 2023 - Boston)

JEA updates

- Quill and Scroll + JEA are now connected and have combined forces.
- Medal of Merit - Emily Arnold (yearbook speaker for NHSPA Summer Camp)
- Rising Star - Kelly Lange of Ralston

JEA reminders:

- [JEA Mentor Program – JEA is still in need of mentors \(click for more info\)](#)
 - 3-ish hours to complete
- [JEA Critique Training \(click for more info\)](#)
 - 1 - 2 hours to complete

NHSPA Summer Camp - Diane Schieffer, *Camp Coordinator*

- "Camp was successful." - no problems, numbers relatively the same as previous years
- Every student who applied for a scholarship received a scholarship
- Received bill from UNL on Sept. 9

- NHSPA still needs to pay for scholarships
- **INFORMATION FOR CAMP 2023 (click for more info)**
 - Diane Schieffer will announce theme at Fall Convention

NHSPA Bylaws - Mark Hilburn, *NHSPA President* & Erica Brockmoller, *NHSPA Vice President*

- Updated Bylaws - Board clarification and corrections
 - Board read through, revised, and updated NHSPA Bylaws
 - Bylaws have not been revised since 2013
 - The Board's goal was to be more transparent/make the bylaws more transparent for the membership
- Board approval - will send to NHSPA membership ahead of Fall Convention

NHSPA Fall Convention - Michelle Hassler, *UNL Liaison & Fall Convention Coordinator*

- NHSPA Fall Convention - Monday, Oct. 17
- Awards
 - Distinguished Adviser
 - Friend of Journalism
 - Administrator of the Year
 - Hall of Fame (discussion from 06.15 meeting)

'Next Level' Publication Critiques

Cornhusker Lounge

Sessions

- Still putting schedules together
 - A lot of new faces!
 - Alex Fernando would like to take students over to Andersen Hall during a session

Lunch will be provided for Advisers

- Walsworth has agreed to help pay - \$300
- Ranae Duncan, as Communications Director, will advertise via listserv

NBA - Radio Project

- Radio Project has been delayed
- Any questions may be directed to Jim Timm, *NBA President* - jim@ne-ba.org

Grand Island Northwest - Newspaper program cut

- Another push for New Voices Legislation - need state senator to sponsor/co-sponsor
- Michelle Hassler proposes an AdHoc committee to be a support for advisers and schools facing censorship and for other issues that threaten student publications

Updates - Mark Hilburn, *NHSPA President*

- New NSAA Assistant Director - Taryn Retzlaff - Journalism
 - Invited to NHSPA Fall Convention to speak at adviser meeting
 - Brandi Benson has been communicating with her Activities Director
 - Journalism is only NSAA activity that does not provide feedback

- At least two judges in each category
- Judging transparency
 - Who are the judges?
 - What are their qualifications?
- Encourages other advisers to communicate with their Activity Director to ask for proposals and to discuss matters with NSAA
 - Remember: ALL proposals should benefit students
- NHSPA Critiques: Broadcast, Newspaper, Online, Yearbook - ALL UPDATED
 - Should there be a process to look through them and continue to revise/update them?

New Business

Adjourn

- Ranae Duncan motions to approve the minutes. David Stevens seconds. Approved.

A friendly reminder to the NHSPA membership:

[Check out UNL CoJMC's a la carte Workshops!](#)

