

draft minutes  
Arizona Press Club  
April 14, 2007  
Tempe, AZ

In attendance: Le Templar, Alia Rau, Sarah Fenske, Rebecca Allen, Valeria Fernández, Rick Barrs, Ryan Gabrielson, Christian Richardson

Le called the meeting to order.

Sarah moved to approve the February 3, 2007 meeting minutes, with the stipulation that in future years the minutes from pack-up day include a list of all disqualified entries with the cause for their removal. Alia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Le moved to approve the March 3, 2007 minutes with one technical amendment. Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca gave the treasurer's report. The club has a balance of \$29,708.55. In the next eight months, Rebecca estimated the club's expenses to total \$22,335, leaving club with \$7,373.55 in cash on hand at year's end.

The current balance also reflects the loss of \$22 due to a bounced check for contest entry fees from the Desert Advocate. Ryan moved that the club not accept entries from the Advocate until the original entry fee is paid. Rick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah moved to accept Niki D'Andrea's resignation from the board. Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2007 Scholarships

Valeria reported that the club received 21 scholarship applications.

Rebecca moves to provide a single \$1,000 scholarship for a designer, another for a photographer and three \$1,000 scholarships for news writers. Alia seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah moved to provide four scholarships to the Investigative Reporters and Editors conference in June to the applicants that Rebecca recommended. Rick seconded. Ryan recused himself from the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The scholarships are awarded to: Joe Ferguson, Arizona Daily Sun; Mark B. Evans, Tucson Citizen; Eric Sagara, Tucson Citizen; and Ruben Hernandez, Latino Perspectives Magazine.

#### 2007 Banquet

Sarah nominated Skip Bryant, a longtime Valley sports writer, for the club's Distinguished Service Award. Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah nominated the city of Marana to receive the Brickwall Award. Rebecca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca reported that only four people have paid to register for the banquet, but added that members typically pay late and that there is no need for panic. Le said the awards magazine's design is on schedule for the May banquet.

#### Workshops

Le said he would like to continue hosting a workshop on FOI and other issues in Flagstaff. Sarah asked that the event be moved from October, when northern Arizona is becoming cold, to September. Rebecca suggested that the board empower Laura Clymer to schedule the event with Northern Arizona University.

Le adjourned the meeting.

For your review before the meeting Saturday.

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