

M I N U T E S
Pennsylvania AP Managing Editors
Pennsylvania Newspaper Association
Harrisburg
March 17, 2010

ATTENDING: Ray Shaw, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal/New Era; Bob Heisse, Centre Daily Times; Cate Barron, The Patriot-News; Ced Kurtz, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Vernon Loeb, The Philadelphia Inquirer; Jim McClure, York Daily Record; Terry Rang, The Morning Call; Dave Troisi, Williamsport Sun-Gazette; Andrew Heintzleman, The News-Item; Lori Goodlin, York Dispatch; Doug Clancy, The Record and New Jersey APME; Hollis Towns, Asbury Park Press and New Jersey APME.

FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS: Sally Carpenter Hale, AP Philadelphia; Andrew Fraser, AP Philadelphia.

The minutes of the Jan 14 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: President Ray Shaw provided the treasurer's report for the absent Wendy Warren. Shaw reported that the PAPME had \$14,400 in its checking account and \$4,798.30 in its money-market account as of Jan. 13.

Wire Watch: Ced Kurtz updated the board on the 2010 AP Wire Watch. He said that he had received 23-24 responses and was trying to get to 40. Kurtz also said he was pleased with the online survey and that he next year's Wire Watch survey would be completely online. The deadline for printing the report is April 15.

Scholarship: Andy Heintzleman reported that applications for the Ralph Flamminio Scholarship were coming in slowly. He planned to drop off information about the scholarship at a Pennsylvania Newspaper Association function in the hopes that it would generate more interest. He said that had helped a few years ago.

Nominations: Bob Heisse recommended Hope Stephan, editor of The Sentinel in Carlisle, and Nick Hoffman, managing editor of The Courier-Express in DuBois, for the two upcoming vacancies on the board. Brief bios of the two were handed out at the meeting. The two would fill vacancies arising from the resignation of Bob Fryer and Ray Shaw, whose status will change to past president.

National APME: Heisse reported on the launch of the new national APME website. He said that Hollis Towns chaired the committee that looked into revamping the then-languishing website. He said the new launched site has been well received. Heisse said that the PAPME should consider linking to the site.

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Special Projects: Cate Barron discussed special projects and possibly doing something with New Jersey papers. Ideas included an audit of open records or something on infrastructure or casinos. The two NJ APME members said a joint project is a good idea and possibly could focus on separate issues that are common to members in different regions of the two states.

FOIC: The board discussed a donation for the Pennsylvania Freedom of Information Coalition. The board approved a motion by Ray Shaw, seconded by Bob Heisse, to contribute \$200. Andy Heintzelman wondered if a decision should wait until after the convention. Shaw said the board could take another vote to raise the contribution if funds were available after the convention.

AP Report: Sally Hale announced that Harrisburg photographer Carolyn Kaster was promoted to a position in Washington, DC.

Contest: Andrew Fraser reported that the contest entries had generated a preliminary total of \$11,669 in fees for prizes in the news writing and photo contest. Factoring out the scholarship award and fixed prizes for Paul Vathis and Best of Show, the money for first prizes this year would be \$100 each. The board agreed to the \$100 amount on condition that Wendy Warren approves after reviewing the finances.

The board also discussed logistics of the upcoming PAPME convention in Harrisburg on May 14 and linking the NJ APME with PAPME. The board floated the idea of New Jersey members participating in a joint news and photo contest and whether there should be NJ-only categories. Hollis Towns said a regional contest that would include NJ and PA newspapers would be more appealing. Ced Kurtz also talked about expanding the Wire Watch to New Jersey newspapers. Vernon Loeb offered to chair a working group that would report on combining the NJ and PA APME. The group also includes Bob Heisse, Ced Kurtz, Doug Clancy and Hollis Towns.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 13 at the Harrisburg Hilton. in conjunction with the PAPME Convention.

Sincerely,

Andrew Fraser