Minutes of the May 5, 2016, meeting of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors

Attending: President Patricia Stark, Santa Barbara City College; Northern California Faculty Rep Judy House, College of the Sequoias, Visalia; Southern California Rep Patrick Schmeidt, Citrus College, Glendora; At-large Faculty Rep Cindy McGrath, Los Medanos College, Pittsburg; Student State President Laura Tapia, Riverside City College; Student Northern California Rep Michaela Payne, City College of San Francisco; Student Southern California Rep Evan Solano, Citrus College, Glendora; Industry Rep Jorge Medina; Communications Director Alicia Edquist, Cerritos College, Norwalk; CNPA Services Inc. Administrator Joe Wirt. Absent: Four-year Rep Dave Waddell, CSU Chico.

Stark called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. House moved to approve the April 7 minutes; Solano seconded; passed unanimously.

Stark said she was finalizing plans for the summer faculty workshop June 7-9 at Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach and reminded directors of the JACC Board meeting at 4 p.m. on June 9.

Edquist confirmed that her journalism department at Cerritos College in Norwalk would host the SoCal Conference on Saturday, Oct. 29. She reminded directors that facilities would be provided at no charge to JACC.

McGrath reported that her department would host the NorCal Conference Oct. 15 at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg. She mentioned that facilities fees also would be waived and that food costs would be mitigated.

House heralded the plans for member-college conferences as a new opportunity for students and advisers to visit other community colleges.

Wirt detailed the quarterly profit-and-loss statement for the board. McGrath and Stark asked for confirmation that consumables (plaques and tote bags) were enough for fall conferences. Stark asked Wirt to follow up with detail on two line items. She also said the board eagerly awaited final numbers from the state convention so that convention planning can adjust for 2017.

The directors asked for confirmation that the contest entry site be readied right away. Wirt confirmed.

McGrath asked the student directors to reach out to student delegations regarding views on needs and concerns during regionals and at state convention. Tapia and Payne offered examples and confirmed that they would reach out to other students and obtain specific details and possible solutions.

Stark said the next meeting would be at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 9. With no further business to discuss, she ended the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted by Joe Wirt, CNPA Services Inc.