



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Conference Call  
August 17, 2016

President Brandon Benavides called meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members present: Rolando Arrieta, VP Broadcast; Brandon Benavides, President; Laura Castañeda, Academic At-Large; Geraldine Cols Azócar, Region 2; Nancy Flores, Secretary; Mekahlo Medina, Ex Officio; Alberto Mendoza, Executive Director; Erik Reyna, Region 3; Michelle Rindels, Financial Officer; Blanca Rios (joined call at 6:53 p.m.), Region 6; Miguel Rosa, Spanish At-Large Officer; Joe Ruiz, VP Online

Absent: Brian De Los Santos, Region 8; Rafael Mejia, Region 1; Nathan Olivarez-Giles, General At-Large; Sebastian Vega, Student Representative

Guests: Gary Cooper, Univision KWEX Anchor/Digital Journalist, Region 5 candidate; Miguel Gaytán, Telemundo Arizona News Director and Region 7 candidate; Ed O'Keefe, Washington Post reporter and VP of Print candidate; Frances Robles, New York Times reporter; Lucio Villa, San Francisco Chronicle Interactive Producer and VP of Print candidate

-Board Appointments

Joe Ruiz made a motion to discuss candidates seeking appointments after they addressed the board and left conference call. Geraldine Cols Azócar made a motion to conduct a roll call vote for the VP of Print position. Board voted to appoint Lucio Villa of the San Francisco Chronicle as VP of Print (6-3 with one abstention).

Michelle Rindels made a motion to appoint Miguel Gaytán as Region 7 Director. Motion passed unanimously. Joe Ruiz made a motion to appoint Gary Cooper as Region 5 Director. Motion passed unanimously.

-Amicus Brief

Brandon Benavides made a motion for NAHJ to sign the amicus brief in support of Frances Robles of the New York Times after she addressed board members and left the conference call. Motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Cols Azócar made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.