



## Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Conference Call

February 11, 2017

10:00 am PST, 11:00 am Mountain, Noon Central, and 1:00 pm EST

President Brandon Benavides called meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. CST

### Members present:

Rolando Arrieta, VP Broadcast; Brandon Benavides, President; Laura Castañeda, Academic At-Large; Gary Cooper, Region 5; Geraldine Cols Azócar, Region 2; Brian De Los Santos, Region 8; Nancy Flores, Secretary; Mike Gaytán, Region 7; Mekahlo Medina, Ex Officio; Rafael Mejia, Region 1; Alberto Mendoza, Executive Director; Nathan Olivarez-Giles, General At-large Officer; Erik Reyna, Region 3; Michelle Rindels, Financial Officer; Blanca Rios, Region 6; Joe Ruiz, VP Online; Sebastian Vega, Student Representative

Absent: Miguel Rosa, Spanish At-Large Officer

### -2018 Convention

Nathan Olivarez-Giles, chair of the 2018 convention committee, presented top three partnership options for the 2018 NAHJ convention in Miami based on research done by the committee.

Geraldine Cols Azócar made a motion for a roll call vote after committee chair presented pitches. Board voted 15-2 to hold a stand alone (NAHJ only) conference with the support of the Knight Foundation.

### -Board Appointment

Nathan Olivarez-Giles made a motion to vote for VP of Print appointment. Board voted unanimously for Ed O'Keefe, of the Washington Post, to serve as VP of Print. He's replacing Lucio Villa who resigned due to a family emergency.

### -2017 Convention Committee Appointments

President Brandon Benavides appointed Victoria Sanchez de Alba and Noemi Lujan Perez as co-chairs of the Hall of Fame Gala and Gran Baile. Daniel Morales will serve as committee member.

Maryhelen Campa was appointed to chair the 2017 Journalism Awards luncheon. Rolando Arrieta will serve as board liaison.

Joe Ruiz made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m. CST

