



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
July 1, 2017

President Brandon Benavides called meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. CST

Members present:

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; Paula Machado, Region 4; Rafael Mejia, Region 1; Ed O' Keefe, VP Print; Nathan Olivarez-Giles, General At-large Officer; Erik Reyna, Region 3; Michelle Rindels, Financial Officer; Blanca Rios, Region 6; Miguel Rosa, Spanish At-Large Officer; Joe Ruiz, VP Online; Sebastian Vega, Student Representative

Absent:

Rolando Arrieta, VP Broadcast; Mekahlo Medina, Ex Officio; Alberto Mendoza, Executive Director

Machado motions to go into Executive Session 11:18 a.m.

Cols Azócar motions to end Executive Session at 12:31 p.m.

NAHJ Hall of Fame Inductees:

Rios motions to induct five NAHJ Hall of Famers (Andres Cediell, Nancy Rivera Brooks, Jodi Hernandez, Eraldo Dino Chicchi, Federico Subervi) at EIJ national convention. Motion passes unanimously.

Resignations:

Nathan Olivarez-Giles resigned as NAHJ's General At-Large officer after accepting a full-time position where he will no longer be a journalist.

Gary Cooper resigned as NAHJ's Region 5 Director after accepting a job at ABC News Raleigh that requires him to move outside of Region 5.

Machado motions to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Motion passes.