



September 6, 2017

National Board meeting at EIJ

Anaheim, California at Gold Key Rooms I & II

11:00 a.m.

President Brandon Benavides called meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members present:

Rolando Arrieta, VP Broadcast; Brandon Benavides, President; Laura Castañeda, Academic At-Large; Geraldine Cols Azócar, Region 2; Brian De Los Santos, Region 8; Nancy Flores, Secretary; Paula Machado, Region 4; Rafael Mejia, Region 1; Alberto Mendoza, Executive Director; Ed O'Keefe, VP Print; Michelle Rindels, Financial Officer; Blanca Rios, Region 6; Joe Ruiz, VP Online; Sebastian Vega, Student Representative

Absent: Erik Reyna, Region 3 (called in for Executive Session); Miguel Rosa, Spanish At-Large Officer

Guests: BA Snyder of Veritas PR; Yunuen Bonaparte, photographer; Rachel Uranga of CCNMA LA, Robert Hernandez 2017 Convention Programming Co-Chair

O'Keefe motions to go into Executive Session at 11:02 a.m.

Ruiz motions to end Executive Session at 1:02 p.m.

#### PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Benavides reported that reincorporation process has been completed. Mendoza reported that membership as of August 30, 2017 is 2,125. Staff was assessing Hurricane Irma's impact on conference attendance.

#### CCNMA LA & NAHJ MOU

O'Keefe motions to begin a 30-day review period, as stated in the CCNMA LA & NAHJ MOU, to address the agreement's legal and financial concerns and terminate the MOU if after a good faith effort the concerns are not sorted out. Geraldine Cols Azócar seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

#### 2017 CONVENTION

Benavides appoints Robert Hernandez and Rolando Arrieta as co-chairs of programming for the 2018 conference in Miami.

#### FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Rindels' reported that so far in 2017, NAHJ drafted and approved an investment policy, moved money into two different bond accounts and added \$50,000 to the scholarship fund.

Ruiz motions to go into Executive Session at 2:46 p.m.  
Col Azócar motions to leave Executive Session at 3:16 p.m.

#### MINUTES

O'Keefe motions to approve minutes as amended. Motion passes unanimously.

#### CHAPTER GUIDELINES

Chapter presidents will receive chapter guidelines that will enforce bylaws including having an election chair and completing elections at least 30 days before July 2018 convention in Miami so that every chapter is on same election cycle.

#### BYLAWS AMENDMENTS TASK FORCE

Benavides appoints Ruiz as Chair of Bylaws Task Force Committee.

#### STUDENT CHAPTERS

De Los Santos motions to create a student chapter at CSU Long Beach. Motion passes unanimously.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW

Cols Azócar motions to adopt a formal review process of the Executive Director. Motion passes unanimously.

Ruiz motions to go into Executive Session at 4:47 p.m.  
Cols Azócar motions to leave Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. and motions to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.