

**National Association of Hispanic Journalists
Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Saturday, December 9, 2023
2:30 p.m. PST/4:30 Central/5:30 p.m. EST**

Present :

Yvette Cabrera, Arelis Hernandez, Mc Nelly Torres, Geraldine Cols Azocar, Dunia Elvir, Luis Joel Méndez González, Sarah Betancourt, Nancy Preyor-Johnson, Johnny Cordoba, Blanca Rios

Not Present:Julio Cesar Chavez, David Cordero Mercado, Melissa Macaya, Samantha Rivera, Diana Gutierrez, Cristy Fajardo

Guests: Yaneth Diaz-Guillen, Ivan Briones

I. Call to Order

President Yvette Cabrera called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Eastern.

II. Roll Call

Secretary Blanca Rios conducted roll call.

III. Welcome

- A. Yvette welcomed everyone to the last board of directors meeting of the year. She congratulated and welcomed NAHJ's new Executive Director Yaneth Diaz-Guillen.

- B. Yvette also announced the organization's efforts to raise \$250,000 in time for NAHJ's 40th anniversary. Yaneth is working hard on that goal so that NAHJ can expand training, scholarships and advocacy work. Yvette said we are looking to mark this milestone to the story of how NAHJ got here, where we are headed and to make sure we can stick around for another 40 years.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Blanca moved to approve the minutes for Nov. 11, 2023. Region 5 Director Nancy Preyer-Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed via a voice vote.

- B. Blanca moved to approve the minutes for Nov. 29, 2023. Vice President of Print Arelis Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed via a voice vote.

V. 2024 Budget approval

- A. Financial Officer Geraldine Cols Azócar reviewed the proposed \$2.629 budget for 2024.
- B. Geraldine reminded board members that the net change is at zero.
- C. She thanked Yaneth for her work on the budget
- D. Geraldine announced that the board will have quarterly reviews of the budget morning forward.
- E. The only thing not included in the budget is the potential for a documentary on NAHJ for the 40th anniversary celebration.
- F. Yvette mentioned that there is a working group in place to fundraise for those unexpected expenses that include the documentary.
- G. Geraldine moved to approve the 202 budget. Arelis seconded the motion. The vote passed via a roll call vote. Vice President of Online Mc Nelly Torres abstained.

VI. Public Question & Comments

- A. There were no members of the public present.

VII. New business

- A. Geraldine proposed increasing the NAHJ annual membership fee from \$35 to \$40 beginning January 1.
- B. The increase would only affect regular, academic and associate members -not students.
- C. Geraldine explained this coincides with our 40th anniversary. For years, NAHJ has had the lowest membership fees of all the journalism organizations. She reminded board members that the NAHJ membership fee was \$75 at one point and that this is a quick way to increase revenue and the operating budget.
- D. Geraldine moved to increase the membership fee from \$35 to \$40 for all regular, academic and associate members effective Jan. 1. Blanca seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote.
- E. Next board meeting date: January 20, 2024 board meeting at 12:30 p.m. PST/2:30 p.m. Central/3:30 p.m. EST via Zoom.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Eastern.