

Society of Professional Journalists
IUP Chapter
Meeting minutes
Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 6 p.m.
The Commonplace Coffeehouse
<http://www.chss.iup.edu/journalism/spj/>

Present:

Anna Goth
David Loomis
Mike Wilson
Landon Garside
Sara Lamberson

Business

- SPJ Ethics Week symposium
 - θ The April 24 ethics event in the HUB Allegheny Room was reviewed.
- Elections of SPJ officers:
 - θ The following candidates were elected for the 2008-2009 academic year by paper ballots submitted by members present and attending:
 - President:
 - Tie vote: Anna Goth and Landon Garside (write in)
 - Anna Goth suggested a co-presidency; Landon agreed, and so did members by acclamation. Both will co-serve until December 2008, when they are scheduled to graduate
 - Vice president: Mike Wilson (unopposed)
 - Secretary: Kelly Andrews (winner over Laurie Irion)
 - Treasurer: Kaitlyn Johnston (unopposed)
- CHAPTER ADVISOR'S NOTE:
 - θ A prerequisite for SPJ chapter service is paid membership in the national SPJ organization. Officers must produce a member number provided by National SPJ at the first meeting of the new academic year in September 2008.
 - θ The annual chapter report was due April 1.
 - The form for the annual report is on the SPJ Web site:
 - <http://www.spj.org/ar-campus.asp>
- Agenda for 2008-2009:
 - θ Anna Goth listed priorities for the coming academic year:
 - Membership
 - SPJ-sponsored events

- IUP SPJ-funded trips using funds raised by former IUP SPJ president Bill Harder and his band, Ray's Firecracker Grits
- Summer 2008 Recruiting in August
 - Freshman Journalism majors
 - Honors College students
- θ Landon Garside added a priority – to improve IUP SPJ brochures

- **Next Meeting**
 - TBA, September 2008

Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.