

**Minutes: SPJ North Central Florida
Feb. 11, 2009**

Present: Dave Snyder, Larry Savage, Dean Carlson, Ana-Klara Hering

Absent: Ted Geltner (out of town), Dave Carlson (out of town), Jeanne Carlson (prior commitment)

I. Old Business

A. Awards Banquet - Larry said all of the accounts with the trophy maker and hotel have been finalized. He is not owed any reimbursements either. A few plaques still need to be sent out to the winners. He's waiting on them to send payment for shipping.

B. New Business

1. Next Program is Feb 26th. It will be held at TV 20 from 7 - 9 pm. We will tour the new newsroom, meet local anchors, and have a program about FOI tools for journalists in honor of Sunshine Week. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to Anaklara@aol.com.

2. Free Food Festival - Board voted to contribute \$100 to support the student chapter's Free Food Festival event to be held at UF on the Reitz law on march 19th. The funds will go to help pay for travel for two members of the S. Florida chapter who will help facilitate the event.

3. SPJ in the news - Quill printed a short note about our chapter's recent programs in its most recent issue. The note mentioned the support we received from the S. Florida chapter. They called and thanked us for that recognition.

4. Regional Conference - So far we have 4, maybe 5, pro members who will be attending the conference. The chapter will reimburse them for their \$40 in registration fees. The student chapter said they will probably send 8-10 people, and the pro chapter will reimburse up to \$20 for each of their member's fees. The board also voted to fund the dinner cost for the networking event at the regional conference for all board members who attend the conference at \$30 per person.

5. Financial future - Board discussed possibilities of setting up an interest bearing account as a reserve. Dave S. said he will inquire as to what is available with our bank.

Adjourn.