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Minutes of the
New Mexico National Association of Hispanic Journalists
Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, March. 17, 2018
Breve Crepes & Coffee in Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. This is a regular Board meeting of the New Mexico National Association of Hispanic Journalists. The meeting began at approximately 10 a.m.
2. In attendance: May Ortega, May Baca, Shelby Perea, Steve Solis, Wheeler Cowperthwaite, Amanda Martinez
3. New Business
 - a. **Membership update:** Amanda will reach out to the communication/journalism program at New Mexico Highlands University
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Wheeler said we did not make any money at the Lalo Alcaraz event in Santa Fe. We still have all the money from our February homecoming event. He and May will reach out to someone from the national organization for more direction as to how we can save/use our fundraised money at the local level.
 - c. **Opaque Organization Workshop:** Amanda and Wheeler will host the workshop at the Santa Fe Library Southside Branch. We originally planned to start the workshop at 10 a.m., but the library does not open until 11 a.m. Instead, we will start the workshop at 11:30 a.m. The library does not charge to use the room, but we cannot ask for donations. We expect five to seven people to attend the workshop. Wheeler has been in contact with people from the Las Vegas Optic. Date: April 14.
 - d. **New Mexico Health:** May said New Mexico Public Health is hosting an event for health journalists and people interested in health journalism. NM NAHJ will promote the event. Shelby will tweet about it once a week leading up to the event and multiple times the week of. Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., April 10 at UNM.
 - e. **Brown Buffalo:** The three people who will be on the panel after the movie are Dr. Myra Washington (an assistant professor in the Department of Communications and Journalism at UNM), local NM activist Fernando Reyes and Gustavo Arellano. Amanda asked if everyone was aware of the allegations made against him that he made anti-black/anti-trans comments. The group discussed if we should bring it up during the event or if the moderator should ask him about it during the panel discussion. May said that she will talk to the moderator about how to handle it. We don't want this to distract the goal of the event. May will email the moderator and then send a message to the group to update us so we can make a final decision.

- f. **Event coordinator update:** No members volunteered to help with event coordination. May asked Steve if he could help out with this until someone does. He agreed.
 - i. Amanda made a motion for Steve, Shelby and May to temporarily be members of the event's committee. Shelby seconds. Unanimously passed.
- 4. New Business
 - a. **Proposed bylaw changes:** Amanda emailed three proposed changes to the bylaws to the membership on Feb. 17. These included the creation of an event coordinator position (volunteer/non-voting), when to post/pass meeting minutes and the addition of a second ad-hoc board member.
 - i. Amanda made a motion to pass the bylaws. Shelby seconds. Unanimously passed.
 - b. **Event Proposal:** May said that AP reporter Russell Contreras suggested the group hold a forum with all the governor candidates with a Latina moderator. While everyone thinks this is a good idea, there is not enough time to organize the event. In the future, NM NAHJ wants to partner with organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, to host a forum during future election cycles.
 - i. May tabled the motion.
 - c. **National Conference Delegation:** May will attend the conference in Miami. She will report back what she learns at a future meeting.
 - d. **National guidelines and bylaws:** We discussed the proposed bylaw changes and the new guidelines.
- 5. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting TBD.