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Minutes of the New Mexico National Association of Hispanic Journalists
Board meeting
Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018
Corrales, New Mexico

1. This is a regular Board meeting of the NM NAHJ Chapter.
2. Attendance: May Ortega, Marie Baca, Wheeler Cowperthwaite, Mary Hudetz
3. Absent: Shelby Perea and Steve Solis
4. Membership Update
 - a. There are 20 members as of May.
 - b. Some University of New Mexico journalism school is interested in starting a student chapter, but there are not too many students interested and we can include them in our activities. If they have more interest, we can support the in starting their own chapter.
5. Native American Journalist Association/NAHJ Mixer
 - a. May Ortega makes a motion to move this up on the agenda. Amanda Martinez seconds. Passes unanimously.
 - b. The mixer is set for 5 p.m., July 14 at a house in Corrales.
 - c. People can bring their own food and drinks
6. Brown Buffalo movie screening review
 - a. May Ortega said the movie was problematic and Russell Contreras was an OK moderator. The other panelists did a great job. The group discussed how this was a male-centered movie, and future events should focus on Native American, Black and Latinx women.
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Wheeler Cowperthwaite asked Yaneth Guillen to run a finance report for our chapter and it showed we only have \$90. Discussion on how it is unclear how the national organization is getting this number. Said they will contact her to find out more.
8. Election cycle
 - a. The national organization wants individual chapters to change their election cycle to match the national cycle. Wheeler Cowperthwaite said there is nothing in the Bylaws stating we have to have matching cycles. The group discusses that it would be better for us to maintain our original election cycle because it allows whoever is president to prepare/raise funds to go to the national convention.

- i. Wheeler makes a motion to reject the election cycle change. Marie seconds. Unanimously approved.
- 9. Cash donations from elected officials
 - a. The group discussed the pros and cons of accepting cash donations from elected officials. Amanda Martinez made a motion to not accept donations from politicians. Marie Baca seconds. Passes three votes to one. Wheeler Cowperthwaite dissenting.
- 10. Meeting minutes from April 2018
 - a. Marie Baca made a motion accept minutes. May Ortega seconds. Unanimously passed.