

Minutes
 American Society of Newspaper Editors Board of Directors Meeting
 November 8-9, 1991 -- Mayfair House, Miami, Fla.

Mr. Lawrence called the meeting to order. The following were present, with absences noted.

Board members attending:

David Lawrence Jr., Miami Herald, president
 Seymour Topping, New York Times Co., vice president
 William Hilliard, Portland Oregonian, secretary
 Gregory Favre, Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, treasurer
 Larry Allison, Long Beach (Calif.) Press-Telegram
 N. Christian Anderson, Orange County Register, Santa Ana, Calif.
 Linda Grist Cunningham, Rockford (Ill.) Register Star
 John Driscoll, Boston Globe
 Albert E. Fitzpatrick, Knight-Ridder, Inc.
 Robert H. Giles, Detroit News
 Jane Healy, Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel
 William B. Ketter, Quincy (Mass.) Patriot Ledger
 Ron Martin, Atlanta Journal and Constitution
 Acel Moore, Philadelphia Inquirer
 Irene Nolan, Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal
 Geneva Overholser, Des Moines (Iowa) Register
 Edward Seaton, Manhattan (Kan.) Mercury

Committee leaders attending:

C. Shelby Coffey Jr., Los Angeles Times
 Frank Denton, Wisconsin State Journal, Madison
 Loren F. Ghiglione, The News, Southbridge, Mass.
 Robert Haiman, The Poynter Institute, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 David V. Hawpe, Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal
 Louis Heldman, Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat
 Alan M. Horton, Naples (Fla.) Daily News
 C.W. Johnson, Nashville Tennessean
 Craig Klugman, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Journal-Gazette
 Diane McFarlin, Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune
 Tim J. McGuire, Minneapolis (Minn.) Star Tribune
 Marcia A. McQuern, Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise
 Ted M. Natt, Longview (Wash.) Daily News
 John Seigenthaler, Nashville Tennessean
 John Simpson, USA Today International

ASNE staff:

Lee Stinnett, executive director
 Neil Foote, minority affairs director

Others:

William R. Burleigh, Scripps Howard, ASNE Foundation president
 Gene Giancarlo, former ASNE executive director
 Richard M. Schmidt Jr., Cohn and Marks, ASNE legal counsel

Board Members Absent:

Jay Ambrose, Rocky Mountain News, Denver
 Burl Osborne, Dallas Morning News
 Jean Otto, Rocky Mountain News, Denver

Committee leaders absent:

Ellen Goodman, Boston Globe
 Beverly Kees, Fresno (Calif.) Bee
 John M. Lee, New York Times
 Robert G. McGruder, Detroit Free Press
 Arnold Rosenfeld, Cox Newspapers
 William F. Woo, St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 David A. Zweifel, Madison (Wis.) Capital Times

Mr. Burleigh, reporting for the ASNE Foundation, said the Foundation continued to grow, even in an economic downturn. The Foundation added \$20,000 to its own corpus in 1990-91 (now totaling \$750,224). Including funds earmarked for specific purposes, the Foundation has more than \$1 million in the bank. Following a conservative investment strategy, ASNE Foundation has most of its funds in certificates of deposit that are paying eight to nine percent interest.

The Foundation president noted that contributions to the Foundation in the previous year were half of what had been contributed annually in recent years. Also expenditures for the minorities programs continue to grow, while income declined significantly last year. These trend lines cannot continue indefinitely, he noted.

The Foundation has adjusted its policy so that on an interim basis it is assuming responsibility for certain expenses related to its objectives and appropriate for a non-profit foundation. ASNEF is making \$4,500 in contributions that ASNE usually gives to educational organizations and is covering the costs of events and travel for Foundation-related projects such as the annual Writing Awards meeting. The Foundation directors view this as a temporary arrangement, and ASNE will be expected to resume the responsibility for these expenses as soon as possible so that ASNEF can concentrate its resources on special projects of the ASNE committees.

The Foundation continues to fund requests from ASNE committees for seed money to undertake innovative projects, including reissuing the Newsroom Management Handbook.

Mr. Lawrence, reporting as president, said that a productive meeting was held with ANPA president/CEO Cathie Black, "who is eager to work with us." A meeting with Charles Overby, president of the Freedom Forum, indicates that organization is very interested in helping ASNE fund innovative projects. Foundations are no longer willing to automatically finance ongoing programs, the ASNE president noted.

ASNE participated in the creation of a Council of Presidents of news/editorial organizations, which met prior to the APME convention in Detroit. Following that gathering, the ASNE executive committee met. It will meet again preceding the ASNE convention.

Mr. Lawrence reminded the committee chairs that he had asked that "pluralism" be a focus of each of the committees, and he asked the chairs to report what the committees plan to accomplish in this regard.

Mr. Klugman said the Bulletin plans an article on diversity in every issue. The Bulletin Editorial Board met in Chicago to develop plans for the rest of the year. The board has ideas on how to handle additional budget cuts if needed. It's important to maintain the frequency of the publication, he said. The magazine continues to operate within its limited budget.

In the absence of Publications Director Elise Burroughs, who remained in Washington to conserve the travel budget, Mr. Stinnett reported that the staff produced a flier to market publications. ASNE does well to recover the cost of the flier with publications sales. The staff is tracking sales to determine which mailing lists are the most effective.

In the absence of Mr. McGruder, chairman of the Education for Journalism Committee, Mr. Giles gave a report on the accrediting council. He said an unusual number of schools were given provisional or denied accreditation, and failure to meet the diversity standard was a major factor in a number of these decisions. He said the accrediting council adopted new language to clarify its standard in this area.

Mr. Stinnett called attention to Mr. McGruder's report, which indicated that the committee was undertaking a number of projects in the diversity area, including an informal survey of minority faculty members. Another major project is to find out more about the kind of people newspapers are getting from journalism schools.

ASNE headquarters has updated the J-careers flier and reprinted 60,000 copies, which are being distributed to high schools, J-schools at the collegiate level, and to individuals who request them.

This year's meetings of the Committee on News and Editorial Education were cancelled when attendance was a problem and there appeared to be overlap between the CONEE and Education for Journalism Committee meetings. CONEE, however, may be reinstated in revised form.

ASNE dropped the editor-in-residence program after it became clear that journalism schools were arranging hundreds of visits themselves. In contrast, there were only a couple of dozen visits reported through ASNE's program.

Mr. Horton reported that the Ethics Committee was developing a Bulletin report on racial stereotyping. It is also surveying reader reactions to advertorials. A post-convention survey sheds light on community involvement policies of newspapers, and a subcommittee is investigating possible ethical considerations of "news for sale" -- paid news items, such as weddings, obits, business/real estate fluff.

Mr. Seigenthaler said the chief mandate of the First Amendment Committee has been to encourage newspapers to commemorate the bicentennial of the ratification of the First Amendment, the precise date for which is December 15, 1991. ASNE has taken the leading role to commemorate the anniversary. He said he was quite pleased with the number of projects that newspapers have undertaken in connection with the anniversary. Committee members had made 30 speaking appearances during the year, including 17 by the chair.

Some 5,000 "Celebrate the First!" bumper stickers and buttons have been distributed, and some 53 newspapers have agreed thus far to print the 45 words of the First Amendment on their editorial pages. The National Newspaper Week focused on the bicentennial of the ratification of the First Amendment.

The only disappointments, Mr. Seigenthaler said, have been the failure of television networks to commit to programs, and the inability of the committee to schedule a forum to explore the First Amendment poll, which produced "fascinating results." However, two conferences are being planned, one at the Freedom Forum and another possibly at Poynter Institute.

Mr. Seigenthaler indicated that the activities of the current committee will conclude in March.

Mr. Giles, reporting for the Freedom of Information Committee, said the major project of the committee was developing the model state law to deal with access to electronic information. A number of Press Alerts have been distributed, including one on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proposed exception to the Sunshine Act. A letter was sent to members of Congress regarding unimpeded public access to government information in a proposed change in the Copyright Act. ASNE has opposed a House bill to charge an unprecedented fee for accessing the Federal Maritime database.

Mr. Schmidt said the mood in Congress is quite negative. "They're mad at the press," he said. Subpoenas will be used in the current investigation of leaks in connection with the Clarence Thomas confirmation to force the press to disclose sources.

The suggestion was made that ASNE develop a linkage with the National Conference of Editorial Writers in distributing Press Alerts.

Mr. McGuire, reporting for the Press, Bar and Public Affairs Committee, said that the ad hoc group of Washington correspondents was continuing its negotiations with the Pentagon to try to alleviate press restrictions in covering future military conflicts. No enthusiasm was expressed for the news media to agree to accept discreditation of an entire news organization from the war zone if security were breached by an individual reporter, even as a swap with the Pentagon to eliminate security review. The ASNE board also expressed reservations about encouraging news organizations to decline to participate in the Department of Defense National Media Pool system if the Pentagon fails to agree to a set of military/press principles.

The board unanimously adopted the following resolution in connection with the ad hoc group's negotiations:

Whereas the ad hoc committee of bureau chiefs has been discussing war coverage issues with the Pentagon and administration representatives, and

Whereas that group has been enjoying considerable success in improving the understanding of press coverage issues with military and government officials, and

Whereas the job of developing principles with which the print and broadcast media will agree is a tremendously difficult task,

Be it resolved that the ASNE board of directors enthusiastically applauds and supports the efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee to arrive at an appropriate set of guidelines for coverage of future wars.

The committee is initiating continuing education programs for the military, and work with the National Judicial College continues.

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals project has reached a new stage with the resignation of the project director. The committee is setting up guidelines to help other circuits establish electronic bulletin boards, but ASNE will not try to replicate the program ourselves in other circuits. Mr. Hawpe and Mr. Seigenthaler said that newspapers remain enthusiastic about the program.

Committee vice-chair John Lee is developing a set of principles that ASNE members can use in speeches about press/bar issues.

Ms. McQuern said that the Human Resources Committee will distribute an information card with appropriate terminology to use in news copy about people with disabilities. A study of newspaper employment policies regarding inclusion of sexual orientation is under way, and the Newsroom Management Handbook will be revised and reissued. The Human Resources chair is preparing a Bulletin story on the industry-wide salary survey.

Mr. Haiman said the International Communication Committee has organized a trip to South America. Several presidents have agreed to meet with the ASNE group, as have other major political, business and newspaper executives. In addition to Messrs. Lawrence, Haiman, Hilliard and Seaton, other members going on the trip are Don E. Carter, retired member, Knight-Ridder, Inc.; George Ewing, Canandaigua (N.Y.) Daily Messenger; Edward Mead, Erie (Pa.) Morning News and Daily Times; and Rena Pederson, Dallas Morning News.

The board adopted the following resolution regarding the proposed International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights now being considered by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee:

The board of directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors expresses its concern that the United States Senate is considering, and might ratify, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which includes articles inimical to free-press values.

In a country dedicated to a free press and the fullest expression of opinion and information, it is a contradiction of constitutional dimensions to endorse in any manner a vehicle for such broadly stated provisions for restricting news media as are set out in Articles 19 and 20 of this covenant. Even ratifying the covenant with reservations as to one or both of these articles, in our opinion, risks giving those

elsewhere bent on restricting news media and abusing journalists the mistaken impression that the United States endorses such acts. In our view, reservations as to one or both articles, especially if taken as limiting their application only in our own country, will be easily ignored or overlooked, as mere footnotes of little import.

The covenant was originally sent to the Senate in 1978 with the Secretary of State's comment that Article 20 was in conflict with the U.S. Constitution. It was not seen as fit for ratification for 13 years. We see no compelling reason to take it off the shelf now, especially in view of the danger that ratification, however qualified, could lend itself to restrictions on news, however unintended.

The ASNE board also expressed solidarity with the family of kidnapped Chilean journalist Christian Edwards del Rio in the following resolution:

The board of directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors deplores the kidnapping of Christian Edwards del Rio, manager of the regional newspapers of the El Mercurio group, who begins a third month in captivity Saturday, Nov. 9.

Mr. Edwards was last seen September 9 leaving his office in Santiago, Chile. The only news about him to emerge was a note of unclear origin.

The ASNE board stands solidly with the members of the Edwards family and expresses its deepest concern at this unconscionable act. It petitions the government of Chile to do all within its power to solve this abhorrent situation.

Mr. Haiman reported that a group of 12 journalists completed a successful visit to the United States through the 1991 International Journalism Exchange. Mr. Simpson seeks ideas regarding geographic representation in the 1992 exchange. The 1991 program was limited to Eastern/Central Europe and the USSR.

ASNE member Watson Sims has visited the USSR and finds a great deal of confusion regarding the future of the Union of Journalists. Mr. Sims has asked the committee to identify someone to resume responsibility in arranging future exchanges.

The committee is working with the Associated Press, the U.S. State Department and the Cuban government to increase access to Cuba.

Literacy Committee representatives met with officials of the Department of Education, according to Mr. Johnson. He plans to set up an in-depth briefing for newspaper industry leaders. The meeting will focus on current literacy projects sponsored by DOE on April 7, prior to the convention. Public service announcements using entertainment figures are being developed. Mr. Denton said the committee next year will focus on how newspapers are used by people who have limited literacy skills.

The Nominations Committee will meet in January to develop a slate of candidates for the next board of directors election, vice chair Ted Natt reported.

The Future of Newspapers Committee is exploring how newspapers are utilizing the "Keys to Our Survival" report, according to Mr. Anderson. Mr. Coffey will develop ideas for prototypes of customized newspapers. Either the Los Angeles Times or the Orange County Register will print the prototypes. The Register will print the committee report. Jim Herman of Ottaway Newspapers and the chair of the new Small Newspapers Committee, is working with the futures committee.

Mr. Anderson has been invited to serve on the ANPA Circulation and Readership Committee with an eye toward coordinating ANPA and ASNE activities in this area. He is chairing a subcommittee on the readership part and said he will develop an "A team" group that will be available to visit newspapers under the auspices of ASNE and ANPA.

Mr. Topping expressed the hope that the Future of Newspapers Committee next year will focus on how newspapers compete with television, while the reinstated Readership Committee will work on cooperative

efforts between ASNE and New Directions for News. The futures group will also focus on citizenship-and-newspapers issues.

Mr. Hawpe said that the Minorities Committee recommends that ASNE stick with the current name of the committee, rather than change to "pluralism" or "diversity." No dissent was registered to this recommendation.

Following a luncheon speech by Anthony Lewis, New York Times columnist who has written a new book on the First Amendment, the board continued with Minorities Committee business. Upon the recommendation of the committee, the board voted to eliminate confidentiality in the annual employment survey. A number of suggestions were made regarding how this new policy should be conveyed to newspaper editors and the findings reported to the industry. These included:

- Lay out problems that small newspapers face in recruiting minorities.
- Include success stories of small newspapers that have recruited minorities.
- Develop more "how to" information and programs for newspapers.
- Work cooperatively with the minority journalism associations.
- Include the proportion of minorities in the newspapers' communities, along with the newsroom minorities percentage.

Mr. Foote indicated that he would work extra hard to ensure that participation of newspapers in the survey does not decline. He reported that eight job fairs will be offered this year, rather than 12, reflecting difficult economic times. There were 20 placements from 64 applications for Project Focus and six placements among 11 applications for the Mini-Sabbatical Program. Mr. Hawpe noted that Freedom Forum is considering a proposal to fund a "Rainbow Institute" at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Ghiglione, reporting for the History and Newspapers Committee, said that work continues on a history of ASNE by Prof. Alf Pratte. The initial drafts have been reviewed by several people, and the author has received suggestions and criticisms, which he is using to revise the current draft. ASNE will review the matter of partial sponsorship of publication when a revised draft is ready for review.

Among the other projects of the committee are a flier on "Why your history is important," an oral history and video project, and the Isaiah Thomas Awards, Mr. Ghiglione noted. At the suggestion of Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Ghiglione and Mr. Topping will decide what to do about continuing the awards in 1993, since ASNE has already purchased sufficient medals for another year. Mr. Topping indicated that he felt "it is time for a pause" in the history efforts. A number of projects have been handled "extremely well." He hoped that interests in newspaper history will find a home in the Education for Journalism Committee. Mr. Stinnett indicated that the Foundation has sufficient funds to cover the estimated \$500 of distributing another flier on preserving newspaper history.

The committee recommends that the staff meet with representatives of the Wisconsin State Historical Society and the University of Maryland regarding the establishment of an ASNE archive. The board delegated to the executive director the authority to select an institution.

Mr. Favre reported that the Convention Program Committee's plans include a reception at the National Gallery of Art sponsored by the Washington Post on opening night and a second reception at the Organization of American States sponsored by the Miami Herald/Kight-Ridder. ASNE has asked for a White House event on Friday night. Mr. Lawrence will host the board and committee chairs at an April 6 event at the Phillips Collection.

Major emphasis at the 1992 convention will be put on the newspaper industry's response to its current difficulties. The "ASNE University" concept, pioneered at the 1991 convention, will be continued with Thursday morning sessions at Howard and Georgetown.

In the vice president's report, Mr. Topping announced that the board will meet in New York City, Oct. 15-17, 1992.

Mr. Topping also presented the recommendations of the Restructuring Committee. He noted the feeling a year ago that ASNE should be modernized in response to the changing structure of the industry. The proposals are intended to better utilize officers, members of the board and the membership. The board adopted the following proposals recommended by Mr. Topping:

- The vice president and treasurer will assist the president in overseeing the committees.
- The secretary will head a board committee of four persons to review membership applications and situations and make recommendations to the board. The screening function of the Membership Committee will be eliminated, since the board has the ultimate responsibility for approving membership applications. The Membership Committee will concentrate on recruitment. The board review committee this year will include Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Ketter, Mr. Giles, Mr. Hilliard, and Mr. Moore.
- The executive committee will meet at least twice a year and develop long-term goals and strategies.
- ASNE will be an active participant in the Council of Presidents.
- On an experimental basis, Mr. Topping will create a Resolutions Committee, which will call attention to the decisions of the ASNE board, and a Small Newspapers Committee, which will be headed next year by James P. Herman of Ottaway Newspapers. The Resolutions Committee will be headed by Peter Prichard next year and will work closely with Mr. Schmidt.
- Retired members attending the convention may be invited to a breakfast to develop ideas regarding how they can be better connected with ASNE activities.

A proposal to create an associate membership for foreign editors was discussed, but subsequently withdrawn by Mr. Topping.

The board went into executive session and named Mr. Ketter treasurer-designate.

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The board resumed its meeting on the following morning, with the directors and staff members present on the previous day in attendance.

The minutes of the April meetings were approved.

In the treasurer's report, Mr. Favre said ASNE headquarters reported that the 1990-91 audit went smoothly. In 1990-91, ASNE's income was \$602,114 and expenses were \$726,386, generating a \$124,275 deficit. He called attention to the following aspects of the 1990-91 financial report:

- Dues income was reduced because of economically induced attrition and fewer new members.
- Initiation fees were down because there were fewer new members than anticipated.
- Declining interest rates and reduced reserves reduced interest income.
- ASNE Foundation provided \$24,000 more than budgeted for support of the minority staff position (\$17,000), administrative services (\$2,500), and contributions (\$4,500). Knight-Ridder contributed \$5,000 that was not budgeted.
- Interest on \$115,000 invested for the Editors' Exchange fund was less than budgeted due to reinvestment of CD requiring payment of premium. To maintain liquidity, ASNE has not tied up \$35,000 in Editors' Exchange funds that recently matured from certificates of deposit.
- Convention attendance was about half of prediction.
- Bulletin income was estimated based on 1450 paid subscriptions, which have declined to 1200.
- Total income is \$157,000 less than budgeted, \$116,000 in convention alone. Other shortfalls were \$36,000 in dues, \$9,000 in initiation fees, \$10,000 in interest, and \$7,000 in Bulletin subscriptions.
- No annuity payment was budgeted based on information from ANPA that the plan was overfunded. A review late in 1990 revealed that was not the case, and ASNE was dunned \$6,700. Full payments resumed beginning Jan. 91.
- Reduced attendance only had limited effects on convention expenses. Most of the savings were on luncheons. Careful planning reduced speakers' costs.
- Bulletin expenses were \$5,000 over budget, due to higher printing costs with new format and size of April committee report issue.
- Total expenses were \$33,000 less than budgeted. Convention savings of \$44,000 were offset by the unbudgeted annuity payment of \$12,000.
- The loss of \$124,000 would have been \$29,000 more if unbudgeted grants were not received.
- If the amount of money ASNE has in reserve is defined as the excess funds at the low point in cash-flow, the Society's reserves dipped down to \$22,000 this year.

Mr. Favre noted that President Lawrence wrote ASNE members in August, asking them to budget funds for their 1992 dues and, if possible, to make their 1992 dues payments early. ASNE received \$9,720 in advance dues payments.

A "worst-case" financial estimate prepared by the staff indicates that ASNE could run a deficit of \$85,000 in the current year.

The executive director indicated that the executive committee has requested a report on steps that can be taken in the event of a revenue shortfall. The executive committee will review the recommendations when it meets early in 1992. The board will establish priorities for ASNE to follow if a shortfall occurs in the current year.

Mr. Ketter, reporting for the Membership Committee, noted that the Patriot Ledger printed a brochure used to solicit applications. It was distributed to editors of about 1,000 newspapers that have no ASNE member, and 10 of the 20 applications this fall came in on the new form.

A one-page membership application form was developed by the staff and circulated with Dave Lawrence's letter plugging dues budgeting and advance payment.

Mr. Ketter engaged the members of the committee in a "stop the stops" project to prevent resignations and also create good will. ASNE has asked the minority journalism associations to identify their members who might be eligible for membership in ASNE.

The membership chair called attention to a list of some 1,000 editors of daily newspapers that do not presently have a member in the Society. He asked directors to use the list to call potential members and let him know the results in three weeks.

Ms. Cunningham said a special effort will be made at the 1992 convention to extend a warm welcome to new members. Mr. Lawrence agreed to write the heads of newspaper groups and newspaper publishers to encourage the participation of their editors in the 1992 convention.

This idea was proposed: ASNE might offer a free convention registration to the member who recruited the most new members.

The Membership Committee was also asked to make a recommendation at the April meeting regarding Washington Bureau Chiefs joining ASNE as new members.

The board accepted the applications of the following candidates:

Stephen A. Buttry, editor, Minot (N.D.) Daily News
 James E. Campbell, editor, Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Oak Ridger
 Betty L. Wells Cox, executive editor, Gary (Ind.) Post-Tribune
 T. Clayton Haswell, managing editor, Walnut Creek (Calif.) Contra Costa Times
 Fred S. Kardon, editor-in-chief, Beacon Communications, Acton, Mass.
 Larry A. McDermott, executive editor, Springfield (Mass.) Union-News
 John X. Miller, executive editor, Lansdale (Pa.) Reporter
 Verne A. Peyser, managing editor, Mohave Valley Daily News
 Jennie L. Phipps, executive editor, Utica (N.Y.) Observer-Dispatch
 J. Larry Pope, executive editor, Asheville (N.C.) Citizen-Times
 Linda R. Rawls, editor, Palm Beach (Fla.) Daily News
 Russell H. Rein, executive editor, Santa Barbara (Calif.) News-Press (reinstatement)
 Keith K. Spore, editor, Milwaukee Sentinel
 Mark P. Stafforini, managing editor, Antioch (Calif.) Daily Ledger-Post Dispatch
 John Michael Tonos, executive editor, Gulfport (Miss.) Sun Herald
 Brian P. Toolan, managing editor, Philadelphia Daily News
 Thomas G. Wright, executive editor, Decatur (Ala.) Daily
 Noel D. Wycliff, editorial page editor, Chicago Tribune
 Andrew R. Young, executive editor, Elyria (Ohio) Chronicle-Telegram

The application of William Sternberg, Washington bureau chief, Thomson Newspapers, was considered separately and accepted. Mr. Sternberg will be informed that the board felt it should accept his application because his predecessor had recently been accepted into membership. However, by doing so, the board did not wish to establish a precedent. The Membership Committee will encourage Thomson editors to join ASNE.

The board declined to accept the application of Bernard A. Zovistoski, editor, Stars and Stripes (European edition).

Mr. Hilliard presented the secretary's report. The board considered the appeal of William Handy, director of development, Wichita Eagle, formerly managing editor, who asked to continue his membership. However, the directors felt that he did not meet the membership criteria.

With the applications accepted by the board at this meeting, membership stands at 918, 735 active and 183 retired. The number of resignations/ineligibilities (69) is the highest in recorded history, and membership has declined to what it was in 1984.

Changes in membership reported by the secretary were the following:

Deaths (2)

G. Edward Baker, editor, Hattiesburg (Miss.) American
William P. Steven, retired, Sarasota, Fla.

Resignations and ineligibilities (69)

John R. Alexander, former editorial page editor, Greensboro (N.C.)
News & Record; dropped, left newspapers, no longer eligible
Lloyd Armour, retired, Nashville, Tenn.; dropped for nonpayment of dues
Myrtle S. Barnes, administrative editor, Newport News (Va.) Daily Press &
Times-Herald; resigned, company will not pay dues
Theodore Beitchman, former editor-in-chief, Johnstown (Pa.) Tribune-Democrat;
dropped, left paper, no new position
Nelson K. Benton III, managing editor, Salem (Mass.) Evening News; dropped for
nonpayment of dues
Terry S. Bertling, managing editor, El Paso (Texas) Herald-Post; resigned,
"dues too expensive for our size paper"
Roy A. Binkley, editor, Lansing (Mich.) State Journal; dropped for nonpayment
of dues
Philip Bookman, former executive editor, Stockton (Calif.) Record, now
chief, Gannett News Bureau, San Francisco; dropped, no longer eligible
John J. Bowman, editor, Ventura (Calif.) Star-Free Press; resigned, "due to
budget constraints and limited funds for travel to Washington for annual
meetings"
J. Donald Brandt, general news executive, Gannett Co. Inc.; dropped for
nonpayment of dues
Terrence M. Brennan, editor and publisher, Troy (N.Y.) Record; dropped for
nonpayment of dues
William E. Brooks Jr., editor and publisher, Vincennes (Ind.) Sun-Commercial;
resigned, retired but declined retired membership
Jim Butler, managing editor, Alexandria (La.) Daily Town Talk; dropped for
nonpayment of dues
Susan Clark-Jackson, publisher, Reno (Nev.) Gazette-Journal; resigned,
executive editor will be member
William C. Cline, executive editor, Lynchburg (Va.) News & Daily Advance;
dropped for nonpayment of dues
J. Hart Clinton, editor and publisher, San Mateo (Calif.) Times; resigned, no
reason give
Will Corbin, managing editor, Newport News (Va.) Daily Press; dropped for
nonpayment of dues
Donna M. Donovan, publisher, Utica (N.Y.) Observer-Dispatch; dropped for
nonpayment of dues
Thomas F. Driscoll, former executive editor, Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star;
dropped, retired, dues not paid, no response to offer of retired membership
Marcie Ersoff, former managing editor, Cincinnati Enquirer; dropped, was on
extended leave of absence from paper, did not return to newspapers, no

longer eligible
 Charles A. Ferguson, former editor, New Orleans Times-Picayune; dropped, left paper and does not have new position

James Fulton, former editor, Pomona (Calif.) Progress Bulletin; resigned, now associate editor, Ontario (Calif.) Inland Valley Daily Bulletin since merger of papers, "new supervisory structure . . . don't think it's practical"

Thomas P. Geyer, publisher, Parsippany (N.J.) Daily Record; dropped for nonpayment of dues

Thomas Giordano, executive editor, Toronto (Ontario) Corriere-Canadese; dropped, reelected to membership April '91, dues not paid

Charles W. Green, editorial page editor, Denver Post; dropped for nonpayment of dues

John Greenwald, former editorial director, Journal Newspapers, Springfield, Va.; dropped, left paper, no new position, no longer eligible

John S. Hager, publisher and president, Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger-Inquirer; resigned, relinquished editor position and feels he is no longer eligible

Charles Hamilton, retired, Richmond, Va.; resigned, "budget won't permit the luxury of a membership"

Harry C. Hamm, former editor, Wheeling (W. Va.) News-Register; dropped, retired, dues not paid, no response to offer of retired membership

Carol L. Hanner, managing editor, New Haven (Conn.) Register; dropped for nonpayment of dues

Robert Harris, former editor, Journal of Commerce, New York; dropped, now with Knight-Ridder Financial, no longer eligible

Kenneth O. Hartnett, editor, Framingham (Mass.) Middlesex News; dropped for nonpayment of dues

Ernest E. Hines, former editor, Pleasanton (Calif.) Valley Herald; dropped, left newspapers to start own business, no longer eligible

Cynthia B. Janssens, former managing editor, Royal Oak (Mich.) Daily Tribune; dropped, left paper, no forwarding address

Henry M. Keezing, executive editor, New Britain (Conn.) Herald; dropped for nonpayment of dues

Tim Leifeste, former editor, Plano (Texas) Star-Courier; dropped, now with business publication in San Antonio, no longer eligible

Ralph E. Looney, retired, Albuquerque, N.M.; resigned, no reason given

David C. McCumber, former executive editor, Santa Barbara (Calif.) News-Press; dropped, now writing a book, no longer eligible

Salvatore J. Micciche, retired, So. Harwich, Mass.; resigned, no reason given

Ronald W. Minard, former editor, Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News; dropped, left paper, no new position, dues not paid, no longer eligible

William A. Molineux, editorial page editor, Newport News (Va.) Daily Press & Times-Herald; resigned, "my place in ASNE has been taken by others at the newspaper"

Robert Morton, former editor-in-chief, New York Tribune; dropped, paper no longer publishing, dues not paid

Gary D. Moseman, managing editor, Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune; dropped for nonpayment of dues

Harry Moskos, editor, Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel; resigned, no reason given

Craig E. Nesbit, executive editor, Charlottesville (Va.) Daily Progress; dropped, elected Oct. 90 and dues/initiation fee never paid

Charles W. Nutt Jr., editor Elmira (N.Y.) Star-Gazette; dropped for nonpayment of dues

Michael Pakenham, former editorial page editor, New York Daily News; dropped, now with a magazine, no longer eligible

Alfred L. Peloquin, retired, Bay City, Mich.; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Terry C. Plumb, editor, Rock Hill (S.C.) Herald; resigned, "budget cutbacks"
 Daniel S. Potter, executive editor, Independence (Mo.) Examiner; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Carroll Robbins, former executive editor, Springfield (Mass.) Union-News; dropped, retired, dues not paid, no response to offer of retired membership
 James P. Sachetti, editor, Bloomsburg (Pa.) Press-Enterprise; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Cliff G. Schechtman, managing editor, Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Times Leader; dropped, reelected to membership April '91, dues never paid
 Berl Schwartz, former Washington bureau chief, United Press International; resigned, now publisher of magazine, no longer eligible
 Saul Shapiro, editor, Waterloo (Iowa) Courier; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Emil Slaboda, retired, Trenton, N.J.; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Richard T. Starnes, former editor, Journal Newspapers, Springfield, Va.; dropped, dues not paid, no longer in position
 Robert M. Stiff, former executive editor, Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat; dropped, left paper, no new position, no longer eligible
 Lowell Sunderland, former editor/suburban editions, Baltimore Sun; resigned, "realignment of responsibilities makes me no longer eligible"
 David Swearingen, former editor, Brunswick (Maine) Times Record; dropped, left paper for AP project, dues not paid, no longer eligible
 Dolph Tillotson, editor and publisher, Galveston (Texas) Daily News; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Jose A. Torres, former editor, El Mundo, San Juan; dropped, elected Oct. 90, paper closed before dues/initiation were paid
 Colleen M. Truelsen, editor, Vallejo (Calif.) Times-Herald; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Allison W. Walzer, editor, Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Times Leader; resigned, elected April '91, returned dues/initiation invoice saying "we have deleted all memberships from this year's budget"
 Charles M. Ward, editorial consultant, Thomson Newspapers, Coraopolis, Pa.; dropped for nonpayment of dues
 Jeffrey L. Webb, former managing editor, Passaic (N.J.) North Jersey Herald & News; dropped, dues not paid, no longer at paper, no forwarding address
 Norman E. Webster; editor-in-chief, Montreal (Quebec) Gazette; dropped, elected to membership April '91, dues/initiation never paid
 Lois Wille, former editorial page editor, Chicago Tribune; resigned, retired, no response to offer of retired membership
 William Ivor Williams, retired, London, Ontario; resigned, no reason given

Transfers to retired rolls (10):

James G. Bellows, MediaNews Group
 Ben Bradlee, Washington Post
 Hugh Cunningham, Anchorage Times
 John Ginn, Anderson (S.C.) Independent-Mail
 Lewis Haber, South Bend (Ind.) Tribune
 Frank McCulloch, San Francisco Examiner
 Laurence O'Donnell, Dow Jones & Company
 Warren Phillips, Dow Jones & Company
 William Wild, Dayton (Ohio) Daily News
 D. Ray Wilson, Elgin (Ill.) Courier-News

Transfers to other papers:

Roy A. Binkley, Huntington (W. Va.) Herald-Dispatch, to editor, Lansing (Mich.) State Journal (subsequently dropped for nonpayment of dues)
 J. Scott Bosley, KRTN News Wire, to editor, Journal of Commerce, New York
 Terrence M. Brennan, Ingersoll Publications, to editor and publisher, Troy (N.Y.) Record (subsequently dropped for nonpayment of dues)
 Thomas Callinan, Lansing (Mich.) State Journal, to executive editor, Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press
 Talmage Campbell, Aurora (Ill.) Beacon-News, to executive editor, Willoughby (Ohio) Lake County News-Herald
 William Chanin, Cherry Hill (N.J.) Courier-Post, to executive editor, Vineland (N.J.) Daily Journal
 Michael J. Coleman, Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, to publisher, Cape Publications, Melbourne, Fla.
 Linda Grist Cunningham, Parsippany (N.J.) Daily Record, to executive editor, Rockford (Ill.) Register-Star
 Donna Donovan, Burlington (Vt.) Free Press, to publisher, Utica (N.Y.) Observer-Dispatch (subsequently dropped for nonpayment of dues)
 Thomas P. Geyer, New Haven (Conn.) Register, to publisher, Parsippany (N.J.) Daily Record (subsequently dropped for nonpayment of dues)
 Kelso Gillenwater, Tri-City (Wash.) Herald, to publisher, Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune
 Kathleen Kozdemba, Gannett Co., to editor, Journal Newspapers, Springfield, Va.
 Everett S. Landers, Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press, to executive editor, Cherry Hill (N.J.) Courier-Post
 Richard A. Leonard, Vineland (N.J.) Daily Journal; to executive editor, Tarentum (Pa.) Valley News Dispatch
 John S. Marsh Jr., Utica (N.Y.) Observer-Dispatch, to president and publisher, Vineland (N.J.) Daily Journal
 Thomas J. Mullen, Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, to publisher, Lima (Ohio) News
 George Neavoll, Wichita (Kan.) Eagle, to editorial page editor, Portland (Maine) Press Herald
 Mark A. Silverman, Rockford (Ill.) Register Star, to general news executive, Gannett Co.
 Joseph Ungaro, Detroit Newspaper Agency, to general news executive, Gannett Co.

Currently on leave/unaffiliated/lost/status pending ('91 dues paid):

Caesar Andrews, on sabbatical
 William Barnard, eligibility question
 Gordon Britton, left paper
 Ben Cason, left paper
 Jerry Dhonau, paper sold
 William Handy, eligibility question
 Jim Hoge, status pending
 Jim Houck, left paper
 Keith Moyer, paper sold
 William Lee Porter, offered retired
 Will Watson, left paper

Mr. Stinnett, in the executive director's report noted that a \$2,100 computer purchase was made in the summer to replace a machine that failed, enabling an upgrade for several staff members. Including this latest purchase, ASNE has spent about \$61,000 for the personal computer system, he noted.

Mr. Stinnett said that numerous changes were being made at the Newspaper Center, and a number of key people (and long-time friends of ASNE) have left ASNE through retirements and dismissals. The void in relationships is expected to be filled over time.

The board reviewed options for the 1999 convention. The difficulty of arranging a substantive convention program in regional cities was discussed, and rather than consider Seattle as previously decided, the staff was asked to explore hotel options in San Francisco and the Los Angeles/Anaheim area and prepare a report for consideration at the April meeting.

With an expression of appreciation to David and Bobbie Lawrence for their hospitality in Miami, the meeting was adjourned.

William Hilliard, Secretary