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# Journalism orgs unite for press freedom + upcoming executive committee meeting

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## SPJ News

After SPJ released a [statement](#) last week condemning the murder of journalists in Paris, we joined forces with more than 34 other journalism organizations in support of Charlie Hebdo. Thanks to all the organizations who joined with us, and thanks to SPJ Creative Director Tony Peterson for designing the below graphic on a tight deadline. Je Suis Charlie.

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## Executive Committee Meeting - Jan. 31

SPJ's Executive Committee will meet at 9 a.m. ET on Jan. 31 in Orlando, Fla. at the site of EIJ15. The meeting will be live-streamed and available for viewing afterward [here](#). View the meeting's agenda [here](#).

## MOE: Deadline this month! Volunteer Judges Still Needed

Though it is tempting, students, don't spend your entire winter tucked under warm blankets watching movies. Instead, advance your future career by applying for the [Mark of Excellence awards](#). We all know if you don't do it now you won't have much time to apply before Jan. 23. MOE is open to anyone enrolled in a college or university in the U.S. studying for an academic degree in 2014 and international SPJ students. All entries must have been published or broadcast in 2014. All you have to do is take a few minutes to submit your entries [online](#) in between Netflix episodes. Questions should be directed to Awards Coordinator Abbi Martzall at [awards@spj.org](mailto:awards@spj.org).

MOE is also in need of more national volunteer judges. Volunteers are needed to judge material in categories such as, Newspaper, Magazine, Art/Graphics, Radio, Television and Online material. Judging opens March 16 and closes March 27. Interested in giving up some of your time to help the next generation of journalists? Contact Awards Coordinator Abbi Martzall at [amartzall@spj.org](mailto:amartzall@spj.org) with your contact info and preferred judging category.

## Awards Call For Entries

It's that time of year again -- awards season. Submit entries for the following honors to get your excellent work recognized nationally. Questions should be directed to Awards Coordinator Abbi Martzall at [awards@spj.org](mailto:awards@spj.org).

### [Sigma Delta Chi awards](#):

**Who?** Open to all professional journalists in the United States as well as international SPJ members.

**What?** All entries must have been published or broadcasted in 2014.

**Where?** Submit your entries [online](#).

**When?** The deadline to submit is Feb. 6

### **Public Awards (deadline March 20):**

- [Distinguished Teaching in Journalism Award](#)
- [Ethics in Journalism Award](#)
- [First Amendment Award](#)
- [Historic Sites in Journalism](#)
- [Sunshine Award](#)
- [Robert D.G. Lewis First Amendment Award](#)

### **Member Awards (deadline April 17):**

- [Howard S. Dubin Outstanding Pro Member Award](#)
- [David L. Eshelman Outstanding Campus Adviser Award](#)
- [Julie Galvan Outstanding Graduate in Journalism Award](#)
- [Regional Director of the Year Award](#)
- [Wells Memorial Key](#)

## Coding 103: Intermediate Web Coding Webinar

Coding 103: Intermediate Web Coding (Taking It To The Next Level) - 1 p.m. ET, Wednesday, Jan. 21. Register now [here](#).

You've got basic HTML and CSS chops. What comes next? You'll learn about Twitter Bootstrap templates, what Amazon S3 is and how it will save you time and money, and you'll see some basic JavaScript.

**Trainer:** Andy Boyle (@andymboyle), Web developer, @BreakingNews, former news apps designer for Chicago Tribune and Boston Globe

NOTE: This is the third in a three-part series of basic coding skills. SPJ members have exclusive access to replay parts one and two, when available, [here](#).

## SPJ has a New Community for Students!

SPJ is pleased to announce the addition of a [Students Community](#) to its network of committees and communities. This presence is part of our work to examine innovations and issues in student journalism.

All SPJ student members are invited to join the community. [If you're interested in joining, you can do so right here.](#)

Questions? Ideas? We're happy to hear both. Contact Campus Representatives [Jordan Gass-Poore](#) or [Brett Hall](#).

## In Memory of DeWayne B. Johnson

DeWayne B. Johnson, a member of SPJ since 1947, passed away on Dec. 31. Johnson was a former president of SPJ's Los Angeles chapter, a contributor to Quill Magazine and a member of SPJ's Freedom of Information Committee. His full obituary can be found [here](#).

## January Volunteer of the Month -- Alex Veeneman

SPJ's Volunteer of the Month for January is [Alex Veeneman](#), who serves as acting chair of the [SPJ Digital Community](#) as well as SPJ's Community Coordinator.

Chicago-based Veeneman is media editor and contributing writer for [Kettle Magazine](#), an online publication based in the United Kingdom. He oversees coverage of the British media scene, as well as writes on UK media trends and UK current affairs. Veeneman is also a member of the UK Student Publication Association, which aims to support and promote the work of student journalists and publications across the UK.

SPJ President Dana Neuts nominated Alex, saying, "He has been an outstanding volunteer in every sense of the word."

*Do you know of an outstanding SPJ volunteer? Nominate that person for Volunteer of the Month by contacting Susan Stevens, Membership Committee member, at [Susanstevens@aol.com](mailto:Susanstevens@aol.com). Please tell us briefly why you are nominating the person and why your nominee is worthy of recognition. Nominations are due the 5th of each month and announced by the 15th.*

## Our Gift to You: Discounted AP Stylebook

SPJ wants to offer something exclusively to our members - a discount on something journalists love so much.

That's right, SPJ has partnered with the Associated Press to offer you a 20 percent discount on an [AP Stylebook Online subscription](#).

To receive your 20 percent discount get your SPJ member ID ready, (You can find it on the label of your Quill magazine or on the [SPJ website](#) when you log in. You can also call the SPJ office at 317-927-8000.), go to the [secure AP Stylebook order form](#) and choose "SPJ member" as the customer type on the right side of the form, enter your ID number and you should see a 20 percent decrease.

This discount will apply whether you are a new or renewing member, and will apply on top of your member discount, if you work for a news organization that is a member of AP's news cooperative.

## Your SPJ Membership Just Became More Valuable

As a member of SPJ, you now have access to affordable solutions for you and your family from MetLife.

Part of improving and protecting journalism means protecting those who do our vital work. That's why SPJ works with MetLife to offer you discounted products\* and services for life insurance and online identity theft protection. Whether you freelance or are looking to augment your employer's offerings, take a few minutes to check out the [new members-only benefit](#).

\*Product features and availability vary by state.

## SPJ Hawaii Chapter 2015 Summer Journalism Internships

Paid internships in print, online, broadcast journalism and public relations are being offered in summer 2015 through the Hawaii chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Full-time internships are 10 weeks at 40 hours/week with a \$3,600 salary and part-time internships are 8 weeks at 27 hours/week with a

\$2,106 salary.

### Who is eligible?

- Hawaii residents enrolled in a college or university and who attended a high school in Hawaii; or
- Any student enrolled in a college or university in Hawaii.
- Students must have completed their sophomore year of college by June 2015.
- Recent graduates who graduated no earlier than May 2014.

Visit [www.hawaiispj.org](http://www.hawaiispj.org) to fill out an online application form. Send all materials labeled with your name to [spjinterns@gmail.com](mailto:spjinterns@gmail.com) by **Feb. 28**. Questions? Email [spjinterns@gmail.com](mailto:spjinterns@gmail.com)

## Washington Chapter: Net Neutrality Discussion Panel

Media coverage is uneven on the issue of whether Internet service providers can discriminate in the content they deliver to broadband subscribers and the speeds at which it's sent, agreed panelists on all sides of the net neutrality debate at an Oct. 14 Washington Chapter SPJ event in Washington.

The panel was organized by SPJ D.C. chapter Vice President Kathy Burns and SPJ member Jonathan Make, who moderated the panel of six experts. *Communications Daily*, of which Make is managing editor, [covered the event](#).

## SPJ Blogs Network

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[Alex Veeneman is SPJ's volunteer of the month](#) | Jan. 11 | By Susan Stevens

[Press freedom orgs react to massacre of journalists in Paris](#) | Jan. 7 | By Carlos Restrepo

## Enter the RTDNA Student Edward R. Murrow Awards

For the first time, the [Radio Television Digital News Association](#) has opened an awards competition to honor overall excellence in student journalism. One [Student Edward R. Murrow Award](#) will be given in three categories -- audio, video and digital journalism. Entries are judged on the national level and winners are recognized at the annual RTDNA Awards Dinner & Show in New York City. The entry deadline is Feb. 3.

## Register now for ACES 2015 Conference

The 19th annual ACES national conference will be March 26-28 in Pittsburgh. [Register to attend](#) and [reserve your hotel room](#) today, before the **Jan. 31 early bird deadline**.

ACES is the nation's premier editing conference. In addition to high-quality, low-cost training from acclaimed experts, you'll get to visit and network with fellow editors and word nerds from across the country and enjoy the Steel City from our base at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown.

### Training highlights

ACES 2015 will explore the theme of "Getting It Right" from three perspectives:

- Fact-checking: Editors are the last line of defense against misinformation, hoaxes, plagiarism and fabrication
- Cultural sensitivity: Editors determine respectful language amid quickly shifting social issues
- Corporate communications: Editors ensure professionalism while juggling multiple authors and audiences

Check out our list of session titles and speakers [here](#).

## Last Week's Quiz

What show did sports news anchor Stuart Scott, who passed away on Sunday, host on ESPN?

**Answer:** Sports Center

And the winner is ... Elizabeth Marie Himchak of the San Diego Pro Chapter. Congrats!

## This Week's Quiz

The Justice Department decided New York Times reporter James Risen will not be called to testify at a leak trial scheduled to begin this week. How many years has Risen been legally battling the right to keep the identity of his source in a CIA case confidential?

[Submit your answer to Taylor Carlier.](#)

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