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SPJ Election Results

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Attendees and registered SPJ members were able to vote for the upcoming year's directors and representatives since Thursday when the Excellence in Journalism conference began. And doing so in appropriate fashion for the digital age; for the first time members were able to cast their votes via an online voting system.

The position applications opened in the spring. Since then, candidates have campaigned for their hopeful spots in the society with live streamed candidate speeches and the creation of social media groups to raise awareness of their ambitions. Restricted against posting signs in the hotel and convention center, getting support from current board members and using the SPJ membership database for political purposes, the process was thorough. Their last chance to campaign was at the EIJ conference, at the SPJ Opening Business session on Thursday, Sept. 4.

The election results for the officer positions for 2014-2015 SPJ Board of Directors were released at Saturday's SPJ Closing Business Session. They are as follows.

President-Elect – Paul Fletcher

Secretary-Treasurer – Lynn Walsh

At-Large Director – Alex Tarquinio

Campus Adviser At-Large – Mike Reilley

Student Representatives – Brett Hall and Jordan Gass-Poore

Region 1 Director – Rebecca Baker

Region 4 Director – Patti Gallagher Newberry

Region 5 Director – Deborah Givens

Region 7 Director – Rob McLean

Region 8 Director – Eddy Gallagher

Region 9 Director – Tom Johnson

Region 11 Director – Matthew T. Hall

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