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SPJ21: Plenty of positives

SPJ is stronger than ever. That was executive director John Shertzer’s opening message at the virtual national convention. Have some details:

• SPJ is in a stronger position than it was at this time last year, which itself was stronger than the year before.
• Student membership has grown 20 percent.
• SPJ is the healthiest it has been financially in years, with more than $550,000 in the bank now compared to less than $300,000 in 2020.
• The 2020-21 board of directors dealt with several unusual challenges but prevented any from becoming obstacles to progress.
• SPJ has established a membership partnership with CMA/ACP, and the organizations will cohost the 2022 convention in Washington, D.C. Among other goals met in the year just past, Shertzer highlighted establishment of the New Ethics Response Team, funded by Newmark Philanthropies, and the Student Trustee Council. The Scripps Leadership Program has been revived and refreshed as the Future Leaders Academy, and the first is set for November. SPJ items can now be purchased at an online store, and a new membership database should offer more options to organize and present membership information.

In chapter developments, 2,667 members fill 54 professional chapters; average pro chapter size is 48. One hundred twenty-six campus chapters have 697 members, with the average chapter size six members. Forty-three percent of members are not affiliated with a chapter.

Leadership’s plan for SPJ involves:

• Creating more robust opportunities for members to engage with each other, one way being through communities.
• Strengthening advocacy and the chapters.
• Continuing to amplify ethics as the organization’s calling card.

During the business meeting, delegates approved all of the proposed bylaws changes. The proposals were sent to the general membership before the conference.

— Kim Peet-Jones
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