

**The Broadsheet** 

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## From the Desk of the President Cheryl Fallstead



Over the last year, the NMPW board has tackled a variety of issues, such as revisions to our bylaws, proposals for a potential new name for our organization, and ensuring our communications contests, Zia Award, scholarships, Communicator of Achievement, and conference moved forward and were successful.

The board did not take up the issue of a name change lightly. The bylaws subcommittee spent time discussing and reviewing possible names, then presented its recommendation to the board. The proposed names were New Mexico Media Professionals and also New Mexico Press Women/Media Professionals. At the annual meeting

during the conference, neither name found enough support among voting members and our name remains New Mexico Press Women.

We have many board members willing to serve another term and some who are leaving the board. Anne Hillerman has been a long-time board member who has served NMPW in many capacities, most recently as secretary. She chose not to stand for reelection and she will be missed. We know her time now has to be devoted to continuing her father's series of Joe Leaphorn/Jim Chee books. My thanks also go to our departing treasurer, Carol Kreis. Carol has been a valuable board member whose attention to detail will be greatly missed. Our historian, Margaret Cheasebro, is also leaving the board and her important contributions to the organization will be missed. Sherri Burr, who stepped into the role of vice president last term, will head up our conference committee for next year.

Along with updating our bylaws at the annual meeting, we also voted for new officers. I will serve the next term as president, Bud Russo was elected to serve as vice president, Loretta Hall is our new treasurer, and Cassie McClure will serve as secretary. See the list at the end of this newsletter for the complete list of board members and committee chairs.

We also have a few spots on the board for new people to become more involved in NMPW. We have openings for a historian; a parliamentarian, which is a non-voting position as advisor; and a newsletter editor. If you are interested in helping your organization move forward, please contact me.

As our new year unfolds, we will continue to work to increase membership, provide quality programming at our annual conference, offer contests for professional communicators and high school students, give scholarships to current college students studying communications, and promote our profession.

I encourage members who have not been deeply involved in the organization in the past to step up, find something of interest to do, and contribute whatever time you have available to help keep NMPW a vibrant, vital part of New Mexico's — and the nation's — communications professionals.

### State conference outstanding success

This year's annual conference was billed as *From Grassroots to the Final Frontier*. It was busy, boisterous, informative, and fun. The conference attracted members and non-members from around the state to celebrate our successes, network with other professionals, and expand our knowledge.

Following the quarterly board meeting, the conference kicked off at noon with the Zia Book Award luncheon that included not only our Zia Book winners but also our high school contest winners. After lunch ... when it's usually hard to keep from nodding off ... we held our annual membership meeting, which kept people awake and engaged with bylaw changes and the proposal to change NMPW's name. Later, Loretta Hall hosted a workshop on freelancing for small markets and trade journals. Heath Haussamen and Lucan Peerman of New Mexico In-Depth ... a workshop sponsored by Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing of Las Cruces ... talked about how to keep journalism a vital part of an informed community. Then it was time to socialize and get ready for the evening awards banquet, with installation of officers, scholarship and Communicator of Achievement presentations, communications contest awards, and an inspirational keynote address by Major General Gwendolyn Bingham of White Sands Missile Range.

#### Gen. Bingham Inspires Press Women With Story of Personal Achievement

Major General Gwendolyn Bingham, this year's keynote speaker at the NMPW awards banquet, is the first woman to command White Sands Missile Range. She is also African-American; the point of including her race will soon become apparent.

Gen. Bingham told members she had no idea of making the army her career. While attending University of Alabama, she was planning a business career and, presumably to help pay for college, enrolled in the ROTC program, which obligated her for a four-year tour of duty. "I figured I put in my four years and not a day more," she said.



That was 32 years ago. A lieutenant once

asked her how long she'd been in service. She told him. The young officer said, "I'm thirtyone. You've been in the army longer than I've been alive!" To which, Bingham replied, "Keep living. You'll get there soon enough."

The general was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps in 1981. She has served in various staff and leadership positions throughout her career both in the U.S. and overseas. She was deployed in 2010 in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom while serving as special assistant to the commanding general, 1st Theater Sustainment Command, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Kabul, Afghanistan, and Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Prior to her current assignment, she served as the army's 51st Quartermaster General and Commandant of the US Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia. She was the first woman to hold this post. She was promoted to the rank of major general in 2013.

So much for the resume. General Bingham said, "Being in a man's army is fascinating, challenging, and invigorating. In my career, I've had to overcome three challenges." Then she told us the stories.

While in college, she took a psychology course which had a midterm and final that determined the grade. At midterm, her exam score was only 60. She couldn't believe what she had done and went to talk with her professor about how she could improve. "The professor told me," she said, "your kind never really does well in this class."

Where some might have been enraged by the slur, Bingham swallowed her pride. But it taught her a lesson. "Don't let anyone steal your joy and your dreams," she said. Even in the army her gender and race were an issue, exacerbated by a superior officer, who told her she didn't have what it takes to advance. "I have had to prove my worth over and over again," she said. She learned, "Our reputation speaks volumes about our worth and our deeds. Regardless of the situation, treat everyone with dignity and respect." That attitude has served her well as she has advanced in rank.

She adds, "Remember, you have all the requisite skills you need. But don't ever forget to thank the people around you. You didn't get where you are by yourself."

Gen. Bingham left each member with a card that should be posted somewhere in our offices. She calls it Bingham's Top 10 Plus 2 -

- \* Stay positive always. A positive attitude will take you half the distance.
- ★ Do the best job you can. There's no such thing as a "bad" job.
- $\star$  Seek the tough jobs.
- ★ Work productively every day. Learn you craft well.
- **\*** Be a TEAM player 24/7.
- ★ Be "relevant and value added" to every team you are part of.
- ★ Maximize opportunities to diversity your portfolio.
- ★ Keep yourself physically, mentally, and spiritually fit.
- ★ Build relationships and sustain them.
- ★ Remember the Golden Rule. Dignity and respect to all.

That's the Ten. The Plus 2 are:

- $\star$  Do the right thing ... even when no one is looking.
- \* Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.

Sadly for New Mexico, General Gwendolyn Bingham will be reassigned in June to a military base near Detroit.

#### Children's book authors win Zia Book Awards

Loretta Hall, Zia Book Award chair, reports this year's contestants for the Zia Book Award were authors of children's books. We received fourteen entries from women authors

with a strong New Mexico connection. Because of the wide range of reading levels among the children's book spectrum, judges established two categories: picture books and youth books. And, since illustrations are a major component of picture books, judges decided also to present awards to the illustrators of the finalists in the picture book category.



Paige Grant talks about *Kitten Caboodle,* while Lisa Williams, her illustrator, demonstrates part of the story.



Anne Weaver praises artist Matt Celesky for the exceptional illustrations in her book.

The winner of the picture book category was Paige Grant for her book, *Kitten Caboodle*. The book was illustrated by Lisa Williams. Honorable mention in this category went to Ana Baca for her book, *Tia's Tamales*, illustrated by Noël Chilton.

The youth category Zia Book Award went to Anne Weaver for her *Children of Time: Evolution and the Human Story*. This book was illustrated by Matt Celesky. Honorable mention in the youth category was awarded to Laura F. Sanchez for her book, *Freaking Green*.

Authors shared stories about their stories and the writing of them.

Next year's Zia Book Award will be open to New Mexico-connected women authors of nonfiction books published between 2012 and 2014.

### High school students honored for exceptional work

Leota Harriman assumed responsibility for the high school contest just weeks before deadline. A take-charge woman, who also edits *The Independent* in Edgewood [between Tijeras and Moriarty in the I-40 corridor], Leota made sure all high schools in the state were notified in time.

This year's winners were:

- Haley Hamblin of Moriarty High School, who won first, second, and third place

for her news stories, first place for a sports story, and second place for an opinion column.

— Alexandra Hehlen of Los Alamos High School won first place in each of three categories: feature story, yearbook layout, and columns.

Two of this year's winners attended the Zia Book Awards luncheon to receive their contest awards. They were:

— Stephanie Goodman of Mayfield High School [Las Cruces] who won first place for her yearbook photo of a cheerleader.



From left: Idali Gurrola, High School Contest Chair Leota Harriman, and Stephanie Goodman.

— Idali Gurrola, also of Mayfield, won two honorable mentions for her yearbook photos.

## Journalism scholars recognized

Three students attending New Mexico universities were recipients of this year's scholarships. They applied with samples of their work and letters of recommendation and received funds to help them continue their college education.

Melissa C. Vigil of Santa Cruz, NM, currently is a student at New Mexico State University majoring in journalism and mass communications with a public relations emphasis. She received the Cary Herz Photojournalism Scholarship.

Desiree Cooper of Portales, NM, and Kacey Marie Schurr of Pleasant View, Colorado, both received Doris Gregory Memorial Scholarships. Desiree is a student at Eastern New Mexico University and is majoring in communications with an emphasis on public relations and a minor in graphic design. Kacey is majoring in agricultural communications at New Mexico State University.



From left: Melissa C. Vigil — recipient of the Cary Herz photojournalism scholarship, Kacey Marie Schurr and Desiree Cooper — recipients of Doris Gregory memorial scholarships.

## Sherri Burr earns 2014 Communicator of Achievement honors

New Mexico Press Women was proud to announce this year's Communicator of Achievement was awarded to Sherri Burr.

Sherri is a regents professor at the University of New Mexico and just completed her term as NMPW's vice president. She also served as the chair of the bylaws committee and has already done a yeoman's [Is yeowoman appropriate?] job investigating sites for next year's conference. See her report below.

A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Princeton University, and Yale Law School, Sherri has authored or coauthored 20 books, published hundreds of articles, and written four columns. Her audio books, Sum & Substance on Entertainment Law and Sum & Substance on International Law are part of Thomson West's "Outstanding Professor" series, which purportedly "captures America's best law professors on compact disc." As chair of the Law School's Art Committee, she spearheaded the launch of an art gallery to showcase community creativity.

Sherri has spoken at a National Federation of Press Women conference and received numerous NFPW and NMPW awards for her publications and television show ART TALKS.



Diana Sandoval-Tapia, Communicator of Achievement chair, presents award to Sherri Burr.

## Communications Contest competition fierce. Victory sweet!

After tangling with an octopus called the electronic communications contest, Chair Sherry Robinson managed to extricate herself and bring our contest to a successful conclusion. There were 145 entries in this year's competition: 44 first places, 34 second places, 24 third places, and 11 honorable mentions. Sherry says judges were tough and did not award places in all categories. Thirty-four first place winners have been forwarded to NFPW for national competition.

And the winner's are ...

— Sherry Robinson, of Albuquerque, won first place for overall excellence — an award that goes to the entrant with the highest point score for achievement in individual categories.

— Margaret Cheasebro of Aztec won second place, and Leota Harriman of Edgewood won third.

In first place for overall excellence by organization, also determined by points, was *The Independent* of Edgewood. New Mexico In Depth, an non-profit news organization, won second. Rio Grande Books took third.

The winners in individual categories were:

— News story, newspaper: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Lindsey Anderson, Las Cruces Sun-News.

— Continuing coverage or unfolding news: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Leota Harriman and Ellen Burgess, The Independent; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Mary Alice Murphy, Silver City, Grant County News Beat.

— Investigative Reporting: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sherry Robinson, Gallup Independent; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Laura Paskus, New Mexico In Depth.

— Enterprise Reporting: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Diane Schmidt, Gallup Independent; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Lindsey Anderson, New Mexico in Depth.

— Special Series: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Heath Haussamen, Trip Jennings, Deborah Busemeyer, Diana Alba Soular, Robert Nott, New Mexico in Depth; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Bud Russo, Las Cruces, Southwest Senior.

— Editorial/ Opinion, newspaper: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Leota Harriman, The Independent.

— Editorial/ Opinion, online publication: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Heath Haussamen, New Mexico In Depth; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Trip Jennings, New Mexico n Depth.

— Feature story, newspaper: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Peter St. Cyr, Santa Fe Reporter; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sharon Steely, Taos News.

— Feature story, magazine: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Lyn Bleiler-Strong, Taos, Santa Fe Trend Art & Architecture Magazine; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Claudette Sutton, Santa Fe, Tumbleweeds; honorable mention, Loretta Hall, USA Today Special Edition NASA's Future in Space; honorable mention, Jessica Savage, Las Cruces Magazine.

— Feature story in an online publication: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Loretta Hall, RocketSTEM; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Benito Aragon, New Mexico Mercury; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, V. B. Price, New Mexico Mercury; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Chris Burroughs, CNM.

— Personality profile: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Peter St. Cyr, Santa Fe Reporter; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sherry Robinson, UNM Mirage; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Margaret Cheasebro, Majestic Living; honorable mention, Daniella Wiedel, Las Cruces Sun-News.

— Specialty articles, agriculture: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Bud Russo, Las Cruces, Southwest Senior.

— Specialty articles, arts and entertainment: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Margaret Cheasebro, Majestic Living.

— Specialty articles, business: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sherry Robinson, Gallup Independent.

— Specialty articles, education: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Margaret Cheasebro; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Majestic Living; Chris Burroughs, CNM.

— Specialty articles, environmental: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Margaret Cheasebro, Majestic Living.

— Specialty articles, history: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sherry Robinson, Wild West and New

Mexico News Services; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Bud Russo, Southwest Senior; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jerry Ueckert, The Independent.

— Specialty articles, science or technology: 2nd place, Karen Wentworth, UNM.

— Specialty articles, sports: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Margaret Cheasebro, Majestic Living and Four Corners Sports.

— Specialty articles, travel: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Bud Russo, Southwest Senior.

— Columns, humorous: honorable mention, Wendel Sloan, Portales News Tribune.

— Columns, general: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Claudette Sutton, Santa Fe, Tumbleweeds.

— Columns, informational; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sherri Burr, Albuquerque, Southwest Sage.

— Columns, personal opinion: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Merilee Dannemann, Albuquerque, New Mexico News Services; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sherry Robinson, New Mexico News Services; honorable mention, Diane Schmidt.

— Headlines: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Claudette Sutton, Steve Harrington, Shirl Harrington, Tumbleweeds.

— Sections or Supplements: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Leota Harriman, The Independent.

— Publications regularly edited by entrant: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Melissa Stroud, Sandia Prep; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Claudette Sutton, Tumbleweeds; 3<sup>rd</sup> place and honorable mention, Ruth Friesen, Wagon Tracks.

— Single photograph, news or feature photo: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Julie Carter; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Marjorie Fiske, The Independent; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Roger Holden; honorable mention; Leota Harriman – all of The Independent.

— Single photograph, sports: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Carlton Kenway; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Brenda Tapia – both of The Independent.

— Single photograph, general photo: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Carlton Kenway, The Independent; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Ruth Friesen, Wagon Tracks.

— Photo essay: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Andi Murphy, New Mexico In Depth; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Mary Alice Murphy, Grant County News Beat.



Two of more than 100 winners, Las Cruces Sun-News reporters Andi Murphy, left, and Lindsey Anderson won awards for work they did with New Mexico In Depth. Anderson also won an award in the Society of Professional Journalists' Top of the Rockies competition on April 25.

— On-the-scene report, radio: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Laura Paskus, KUNM.

— Interview, radio or television: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Leora Zeitlin, KRGW; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sherri Burr, UPublic TV.

— Talk Show, radio or television: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Gail Rubin, Toginet; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sherri Burr, UPublic TV.

— Writing for the Web: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Wendel Sloan, ENMU

— Website editing: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Karen Wentworth, Carolyn Gonzales, Steve Carr, Mara Kerkez, UNM; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Wendel Sloan, ENMU; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Angela Plusquellic, LCF Research website for the New Mexico Health Information Collaborative.

— Blogs, nonprofit, government, or educational: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mariah Nissen, Lorena Hughes Stephanie Nakleh.

— Blogs, personal: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Merilee Dannemann; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Mandi Kane; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Lauren Camp.

— Advertising campaigns built around one subject (print, online, or combination): 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sharon Steely, UNM.

— Advertising posters, billboards, and banners: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sharon Steely, UNM

— Radio advertising: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Wendel Sloan, ENMU

— Marketing program or campaign for new or existing service or product: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Scott Alley, New Mexico State Fair.

— Speech: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Loretta Hall, "Pre-OSHA Space Research in New Mexico," New Mexico Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

— Novels: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Elaine Hampton, *Solar Noon*; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Anne Hillerman, *Spider Woman's Daughter*.

— Nonfiction books, biography or autobiography: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Elaine Hampton, Anay's Will to Learn; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Gale O'Brien, Transformation; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Elizabeth Raby, Ransomed Voices.

— Nonfiction books, history: 1<sup>st</sup> place, *Sherry Robinson, I Fought a Good Fight: A History of the Lipan Apaches*; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Don Bullis, *Unsolved*; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Gary Herron, *Duke City Diamonds*; honorable mention, Richard Melzer and John Taylor, *Murdery, Mystery and Mayhem in the Rio Abajo*.

— Nonfiction books, general: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sally Ooms, *Finding Home*; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Gary Herron, *Duke City Diamonds*; honorable mention, Paul Rhetts, *Voices of New Mexico*, *Too*.

— Young-adult books, nonfiction: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sharleen Daugherty, Young Voices of Silver City.

— Short Stories, collection: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Paul Rhetts, *Voices of New Mexico, T*oo; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Sharleen Daugherty, *Young Voices of Silver City*.

— Creative Verse, single poem: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Lauren Camp; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Ruth Friesen.

— Creative Verse, book of poetry: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Lauren Camp, *The Dailiness*; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Robyn Hunt, *The Shape of Caught Water*.

— Essay, chapter, or section in a book: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Sherri Burr, "Lunch with Max Evans" in *SWW Anthology*.

## Elections bring new members to board

There is no end to our gratitude for outgoing board members — Anne Hillerman, secretary,



Carol Kreis, treasurer, and Margaret Cheasebro, historian. NMPW has always benefitted from your constant service and commitment to Press Women.

Members at the state conference elected the following Press Women for offices to be held until the 2016 conference.

President: Cheryl Fallstead, Las Cruces Press Women

President Cheryl Fallstead honors outgoing board members with certificates of appreciation.

Vice President: Bud Russo, Las Cruces Press Women Secretary: Cassie McClure, Las Cruces Press Women Treasurer: Loretta Hall, Albuquerque Press Women



Secretary Anne Hillerman welcomes 2014-2016 officers with a sunflower.

## Albuquerque Press Women Diana Sandoval, President



Since February, Albuquerque Press Women welcomed former state senator Dede Feldman to discuss her book, *Inside the Roundhouse: Boots, Suits, and Citizens*. In May, we will hear from Sherri Burr discussing her book, *A Short and Happy Guide to Financial Well Being*. We do not yet have a speaker for June but are working on that. Also, at the June luncheon, the chapter will hold its election of officers. The slate includes Karen Wentworth for president, Christine Burroughs for vice president, Doug Swift for treasurer, and Paula Wynnychyj for secretary. They currently are looking for someone to manage the APW website.

## Las Cruces Press Women Cheryl Fallstead, President



The Las Cruces Press Women meets monthly except during summer. Our goal this year has been to offer a wide variety of programming which is free and open to the public to expose more people to their organization. We have partnered with Society of Professional Journalists on some of their activities, with former SPJ president Laura Paskus presenting a workshop on making a living as a freelancer. We've also had panel discussions on social media, fiction writing, the role of the public information officer, and other diverse topics. Our most highly attended meeting of the year featured our very own Anne Hillerman, speaking about her experiences continuing her father's legacy. The

auditorium was filled to standing-room only at Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village, where they hold their meetings. At this time, we have almost 25 paid members. We also offer a scholarship, which is endowed through New Mexico State University and awarded through their Scholar Dollars program.

## Northern Chapter Emily Drabanski and Anne Hillerman Co-Captains

The Northern Chapter meets every other month at a local restaurant. Recent speakers have included Ray Rivera, the new editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican, and photographer and foreign correspondent Tony O'Brien. The chapter offered members who wanted to attend the state conference a \$50 rebate to use for gasoline or other expenses. The chapter is run by an organizing committee which includes Anne Hillerman and Emily Drabanski as program coordinators, Deb Farson, treasure, and Kay Lockridge, secretary.

#### NMPW's Internet and Social Media presence enhanced

Ellen Castello reports the NMPW website ... <u>newmexicopresswomen.org</u> ... was updated with a new Wordpress theme and the content was reorganized.

We were able, once again, to use a version of the online Pay Pal form developed in 2012 by Sari Krosinsky for the 2014 conference registration. We set up Google Analytics this past March to track activity on the website. Here are some highlights:

- ► We average about 200 visits per month.
- Most visitors are from Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe.
- ► Visitors type in our web address directly or find us through Google search.

The most popular pages have been the homepage and pages related to the conference.

Facebook is the social media channel NMPW uses. We have been posting about once a week. Our Facebook fans have increased from 134 to 175. Here are some highlights:

Most fans are from Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe. 76% are women and 22% are men.

Most popular posts are conference, communications contest, scholarship, and high school contest information.

Posting chapter events are also popular.

We have a hash tag for members to use when posting or Tweeting about NMPW events and related information: #NMPressWomen.

We welcome suggestions to improve the content and presentation of the website and social media. If you'd like to volunteer on the new media committee, please contact me at <u>ellesjcastello@comcast.net</u>.

### Supreme Court continues to debate First Amendment issues

George Bach reports on one new case and four on-going cases.

#### New Case:

In *McCutcheon v. Fed. Election Comm'n*, the Supreme Court held federal "aggregate limits" on campaign contributions were a violation of the First Amendment. For the 2013–2014 election cycle, the aggregate limits in Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act permitted an individual to contribute a total of \$48,600 to federal candidates and a total of \$74,600 to other political committees. The base limits on an individual's contribution to a single campaign were not at issue.

With regard to the aggregate limits, the Court held:

"The Government has a strong interest, no less critical to our democratic system, in combatting corruption and its appearance. We have, however, held that this interest must be limited to a specific kind of corruption—quid pro quo corruption—in order to ensure that the Government's efforts do not have the effect of restricting the First Amendment right of citizens to choose who shall govern them. [W]e conclude that the aggregate limits on contributions do not further the only governmental interest this Court [has] accepted as legitimate. . . . They instead intrude without justification on a citizen's ability to exercise "the most fundamental First Amendment activities."

#### **Previously Reported:**

*Harris v. Quinn*: The Court heard arguments on whether a collective bargaining agreement requiring state-employed, Medicaid home-care personal assistants to pay a fee to a union representative violates the First Amendment, regardless of the amount of those fees or how the union uses them. The Court also heard arguments on a justiciability question, which may dispose of the case without reaching the First Amendment issue.

Lane v. Franks: The Court will hear a case in which an employee claims he was retaliated against (terminated) for testifying in response to a lawfully-issued subpoena. Distinguishing the former case of Garcetti v. Ceballos, the employee argues, testifying was not a part of his job duties and, therefore, he has a First Amendment claim against his employer for retaliation against him for speaking out on a matter of public concern. Garcetti held public employees cannot pursue First Amendment claims for speech they engaged in as a part of their job duties.

*McCullen v. Coakley*: The Court will decide whether Massachusetts's selective exclusion law violates the First Amendment. The law makes it a crime for speakers other than clinic "employees or agents . . . acting within the scope of their employment" to "enter or remain on a public way or sidewalk" within thirty-five feet of an entrance, exit, or driveway of "a reproductive health care facility."

*Moss v. U.S. Secret Service*: The Court has heard argument on a case from the Ninth Circuit involving the contours of Secret Service protective zones around the President and his motorcade. During a visit to Jacksonville, Oregon, President Bush decided to stop at a local restaurant for dinner. The Secret Service ordered protesters in front of the restaurant be moved, all of whom were anti-Bush protestors. Protestors allege viewpoint discrimination. The Secret Service claims the decision was viewpoint-neutral. The Court will likely decide the standard for proving whether a government action is viewpoint-based discrimination against speech.

## NMPW Officers and Committee Chairs

Here are the NMPW members serving on the board and as officers of chapters:

Cheryl Fallstead, president & Las Cruces Press Women president Bud Russo, vice president & Broadsheet editor Cassie McClure, secretary Loretta Hall, treasurer George Bach, first amendment Sherri Burr, 2015 conference Chris Burroughs, public relations Ellen Castello, new media Carolyn DeVore-Parks, scholarships Emily Drabanski, Northern Chapter Anne Hillerman, Northern Chapter Leota Harriman, high school contest Sherry Robinson, communications contest Diana Sandoval-Tapia, Communicator of Achievement Jessica Savage, Zia Book Award Karen Wentworth, president, Albuquerque Press Women

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## **Call For News**

Okay ... so I'm still editor of The Broadsheet, even though I've been graciously elected vice president for the next two years. If you're looking for a way to get involved, this is easy. Board members provide written reports demanding only simple editing. There is some reporting required, but nothing extraordinary. So step up and become a committed member of NMPW and take over as Broadsheet edit.

Now ... if we miss a story ... or are not reporting something you want to know about ... let me know. My job is to make sure you are well informed about the members and organization of New Mexico Press Women.

So if you have something you share with friends over a cold beer or sophisticated glass of wine, then send me the story. If it's good enough to share with your NMPW sisters (and brothers), then let's share it with everyone. My email is <u>budrusso@comcast.net</u>.