

The Broadsheet

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A Note from the President



NMPW is a wonderful organization because of the quality of its members. It will be an even better organization as members participate more actively. Here are three great ways you can do that:

Communicator of Achievement Nominations: For the first time in many years, NMPW did not have a Communicator of Achievement winner this year because no nominations were submitted. We have many deserving members. Please consider nominating someone (even yourself!) for the 2018 award. [Information](#) on our website includes a link to detailed nomination instructions on the NFPW website. It does take some time to put together a complete nominations packet, so

start thinking about it now. If you have questions, or when you're ready to submit a nomination, contact our COA chairperson, **Diana Sandoval** at <mailto:dmsandoval@gmail.com>.

Candidates for Office: Our nominating committee is looking for candidates for state office for the 2018-2020 term. Offices up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you would like to help make NMPW even more vibrant and valuable, please consider nominating yourself or someone else you think would be good for our organization. Contact any member of our current Nominating Committee: **Karen Wentworth** (karen.wentworth3@gmail.com), **Jessica Savage** (jsavage@cybermesa.com), or **Linda Lockett** (lockettqbq@yahoo.com).

Book Award Stickers: Promote NMPW at the same time you add a splash of recognition to the cover of your book if it has ever won (first place) or was a finalist (second or third place, or honorable mention) in



either the **Zia Book Awards** or the state **Communications Contest**.

Order the stickers through our website or go directly to our [on-](#)

[line store](#). The cost is \$21 for 100 stickers (including postage). Just select the appropriate contest and award level.

Put your thinking cap on and help **New Mexico Press Women** become better than ever!
— **Loretta Hall**, 2016-2018 NMPW President

Save the date

The **Northern New Mexico Chapter** is organizing an event on the issue of real vs. fake news.

“The issue of real vs. fake news is not getting better,” said Emily Drabanski. “It’s also an attack on real news sources.”

Plan to attend this panel discussion at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Santa Fe Southside Library, 6959 Jaguar Drive in Santa Fe.

Ray Rivera, editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican will moderate. We’ll publish more details as they become available. The event is free and open to the public. The program will be co-sponsored by The Santa Fe Public Library, the Santa Fe chapter of the League of Women Voters, The Society of Professional Journalists (Rio Grande Chapter) and the Foundation for Open Government.

NMPW/ NFPW News



Treasurer **Peter St. Cyr** reports that on July 6, NMPW had \$10,856.04 in its checking account, \$3,235.03 in the Doris Gregory Scholarship account, and total assets of \$33,852.85.

[Peter said NMPW recently got a \\$1,000 donation from Dr. Bret Henderson, who supports journalism. Many thanks to Dr. Henderson!](#)

Vice President **Chris Burroughs** said that on July 6, NMPW had 163 members, but only 83 had paid 2017 NMPW dues.

Jessica Savage stepped down as Zia Award chair and will be the new publicity chair.

Welcome to **Joanne Bodin**, who is the new scholarship chair. Joanne is a retired teacher who writes fiction and poetry. She’s on the board of Southwest Writers and the New Mexico Orchid Guild.

State dues will increase from \$13 to \$15 on Oct. 1, 2018.

We still need a Communications Contest chair and a Zia Award chair, and we could also use a historian, parliamentarian and First Amendment chair.



Chapter Updates

Albuquerque Press Women & Friends meets on the second Monday of each month at 11:30 at the Golden Corral at 5207 San Mateo NE. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join us at any time. No reservation is needed.

The chapter now has 29 local chapter members. Local dues are currently \$20. They will soon drop to \$10 for September through December dues.

In April, the group hosted Adriann Barboa, field director of Strong Families New Mexico, and Kent Cravens, executive director of Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors (and former state legislator) about a proposed sick leave ordinance for the City of Albuquerque. In May, Ann Lerner, director of the Albuquerque Film Office, talked about the movie business.

The **Northern New Mexico Chapter** heard fire ecologist Collin Haffey in June. “He gave a lively and educational presentation about the dynamics of warming temperatures and the

increase in the severity of fires,” said **Emily Drabanski**, member of the chapter steering committee, which also includes **Deb Farson**, **Anne Hillerman** and **Kay Lockridge**.

Western author Melody Groves will speak at noon, Sat. Aug. 5 at Joe’s Diner. Her subject: “Westerns: Alive and Kickin’--Yee Haw!”

The chapter has also started planning the spring conference. The proposed date is April 27-28.

Member Notes

Cheryl Fallstead was named a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest.



Sherri Burr is retiring as a professor at **UNM Law School** after nearly 30 years and plans to teach part-time and write. In 1994 Sherri became the first African-American woman to be granted tenure and promotion to full professor at UNM.

“It has been an honor to serve the University of New Mexico, the Law School, and people of New Mexico in this capacity,” she said. NFPW members are invited to attend her retirement celebration on July 31, 5:00-7:00 pm, at the UNM School of Law Forum, 1117 Stanford NE, Albuquerque. Free parking is available in Lot L. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kyran Worrell at <mailto:worrell@law.unm.edu>.

Wendel Sloan is stepping back from his duties at **Eastern New Mexico University**. He started in 1982 as news services/sports information director. After 12 years of long hours, he shed the sports information director and became news services director and later director of media relations. His career spanned mimeograph machines to websites.

During his time at Eastern, he organized or participated in a half dozen intramural sports teams (there’s hardly a sport he doesn’t play) and claims to be the school’s hula hoop champion.

His new position is the quarter-time feature writer.



Desiree Cooper, formerly New Media Coordinator, will become Coordinator of Media Relations. And he’ll keep writing a Sunday column for The Eastern New Mexico News.

Loretta Hall and her new book, “Miguel & Michelle Visit Spaceport America” were featured on TheSpaceShow.com in June.

Former NMPW standout **R. Thomas Berner** continues his winning ways. This year he received the communications contest sweepstakes award from the Pennsylvania Press Club, an NFPW affiliate.



Events

July 24: Special meeting about UNM Press, [New Mexico Book Co-op](#), noon at the Golden Corral.

UNM Press has terminated eight employees, including its director, John Byrum, and the press is said to be undergoing a relocation and reorganization. The New Mexico Book Co-op will hold a special meeting July 24 to hear from Interim Provost Craig White and Dean of Libraries Richard Clement. Byrum's last day is July 25.

UNM Press is the state's largest publisher.

Send your news to Sherry Robinson at robinson@nmia.com.

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