



### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION

# Membership holds benefits

Joining the Southern Illinois School Press Association is so easy that anyone can do it. Two minutes to fill out the membership form (p. 4) and one little check is all it takes.

As a special bonus, one membership fee covers the cost of both newspaper and yearbook membership. The fee is only

\$15 for the year.

Membership is open to any school and is required for participating in the Spring Conference.

SISPA offers newspaper and yearbook competition in several categories.

The newspaper competition includes the Blue Banner award for overall excellence. Individual

staff members can compete in over 20 different newspaper writing categories.

Overall yearbook competition includes the Golden Dozen award for overall excellence. Individual and staff competitions are also available for the yearbook staff.

Along with these competitive events, on-site

writing contests and a senior interview contest are offered in the spring.

SISPA is run by area advisers to promote high school journalism.

The organization is under the auspices of the Department of Journalism of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

SISPA will continue to

operate as long as advisers are willing to help. All assistance is appreciated. Please indicate on the membership form if you would like to be contacted to help.

If you have any questions about membership, contact Laurie Bielong at Belleville West High School, 618/222-7623 or [lbielong@hotmail.com](mailto:lbielong@hotmail.com).

## 2002-2003 SISPA Membership Form

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form with \$15 membership dues per school to:

Laurie Bielong, Belleville West High School, 2600 West Main, Belleville, IL 62226

Questions: 618 • 222-7623 or [lbielong@hotmail.com](mailto:lbielong@hotmail.com)

## Dates to Record

**GOLDEN  
DOZEN  
Deadline  
Nov. 29, 2002**

**SPRING  
CONFERENCE  
April 29, 2003**

**BLUE  
BANNER  
Deadline  
March 12,  
2003**

**ADVISER  
OF THE  
YEAR  
Deadline  
March 26,  
2003**

**BEST STORY  
CONTEST  
Deadline  
March 26,  
2003**

**2003 YB  
CONTEST  
Deadline  
March 26,  
2003**

**WORK DAY  
at SIUC  
March 29,  
2003**

# SISPA welcomes return of Dr. Walter Jaenig as director

The School of Journalism at Southern Illinois University has a new director, Walter Jaenig.

Jaenig's name will sound familiar to many SISPA advisers since he previously held the position.

Dr. Jaenig replaces Don Jugenheimer, who stepped down this summer.

Jaenig has been a long-time supporter of SISPA. In fact, he was the director in 1986 who helped to rejuvenate SISPA after the retire-

ment of Manion Rice.

Jaenig has conducted

numerous workshops

and has judged SISPA

materials many times

since 1986.

## Get information via email

Area SISPA advisers are invited to send their emails for direct mailings of SISPA information.

The possibility of a "SISPA listserve" was discussed at the adviser's meeting during last year's Spring Conference.

To be included on the listserve, simply ask to be placed via email to Herman Albers at [albers@htc.net](mailto:albers@htc.net) or Laurie Bielong at [lbielong@mindspring.com](mailto:lbielong@mindspring.com).

## How long have we been in print?

What is the oldest newspaper in the SISPA organization? For how long have yearbooks captured SISPA school's memories? WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT! Please send or email the following information about your publication(s).

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

*Newspaper* Name \_\_\_\_\_ First year of Publication \_\_\_\_\_

*Yearbook* Name \_\_\_\_\_ First year of Publication \_\_\_\_\_

Other information and/or interesting facts about publication(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Cathy Sullivan, Harrisburg High School, 333 W. College St., Harrisburg, IL 62946  
or email to [csullivan@hbg.saline.k12.il.us](mailto:csullivan@hbg.saline.k12.il.us)

## YEARBOOK CONTEST

## Nov. 29 deadline for Golden Dozen

Entries for the Golden Dozen yearbook competition are now being accepted.

A judge who is not affiliated with SISPA will select the top 12 books based on overall quality.

Winners will be announced at the Spring Conference of SISPA.

To enter the Golden Dozen Contest:

- 1) Become a member of SISPA
- 2) Complete the Entry Form
- 3) Send the entry form, book and \$12 entry fee to:

John Wells  
Mater Dei High School  
1300 Harmony Way  
Evansville, IN 47720

From the Golden Dozen entries, the judge also selects winners in several categories including Theme, Cover, Copy, Photography and others. The winner of each category receives a plaque.

Golden Dozen competition questions should be addressed to John Wells at (812) 426-2258 or jowells@dynasty.net.

## Legal tips for advisers

The Student Press Law Center offers some tips for advisers under pressure.

### —LET YOUR STUDENTS LEAD

If a fight must be fought, it must be their fight.

### —AVOID INSUBORDINATION

Generally—unless the acts of your superiors are clearly illegal—you must do as you are told.

### —PUT IT IN WRITING

You must establish a paper trail.

### —WATCH WHAT AND HOW YOU SAY AND WRITE

In recent years, courts have not been protective of the right of employees to criticize their employers.

### —SECURE THE LINE

Be careful when using school resources to discuss your case.

### —TOOT YOUR OWN HORN

Enter your publications in competition.

### —BRING IN THE PROS

Establish regular contact with members of the professional local media.

### —CIRCLE THE WAGONS

There is strength (and comfort) in numbers.  
taken from *SPLC Report*, Fall 2002

## GOLDEN DOZEN

Entries must be postmarked  
by NOVEMBER 29, 2002

ALL entrants must  
be a member of SISPA.

Name of Yearbook \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_

Editor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the cover of the 2002 book original design?

yes no

Are the endsheets an original design?

yes no

Send this form along with \$12 fee to:  
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1300 Harmony Way  
Evansville, IN 47720

# Please forward

Advisers are asked to share the *Editor* with other publication advisers in their district. Some advisers have notified SISPA that they did not receive copies.

Apparently the mailing is given to one adviser who does not share it with the other publication adviser. Please make a copy of the *Editor* for other advisers who may be interested.

If you have not joined SISPA in the past, we urge you to take advantage of the organization for the benefit of your publications and your students.

If you do have problems with mailing please contact: Karen Waldron at the SIUC School of Journalism at 618/536-3361 or kwaldron@saluki-mail.siu.edu.

## 10 Tips for Better Pictures

**MOVE CLOSE TO YOUR SUBJECT.** When you think you're close enough, take three more steps towards the subject, if possible.

**CORRECTLY EXPOSE THE FILM.** Don't forget to set the ISO (ASA) on your camera. This calibrates the light meter in your camera.

**OBSERVE THE SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND.** Avoid clutter or busy backgrounds.

**USE A FLASH IN DARK PLACES.** Check your flash to ensure it is set for the flash-to-subject distance.

**STEADY YOUR CAMERA.** Slight movements of the camera might result in fuzzy pictures.

**READ YOUR CAMERA'S INSTRUCTION MANUAL.** Every camera operates differently. Become familiar with the operation of yours.

**DON'T SHOOT YOUR SUBJECT DEAD CENTER.** Shoot your subject off center so it is looking or moving into the frame.

**REFRAIN FROM FAKE POSES.** Shoot your subject while engaged in a natural activity.

**CHECK THE ANGLE OF LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT.** Harsh front lighting will make your subject squint. Side or diffused lighting is the best.

**TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES.** Film is cheap. Always take at least three pictures of each subject.

-Dan Niles

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