

**2009-2010 SPJ Board Slate
Western Washington Pro Chapter**

President (one-year term): Hilary Reeves, Managing Editor, Business Examiner

Hilary was recently named Managing Editor for the Business Examiner in Tacoma. Before joining the Business Examiner staff, she worked for two years covering municipal government and education for The Port Orchard Independent, a division of Sound Publishing. Hilary is a graduate of the University of Washington's Department of Communication, majoring in editorial journalism. She has been an SPJ member since 2001, and was president of the UW Student Chapter for three years before graduating. In addition to previous terms as the program chair, Hilary also coordinates the South Sound press club gatherings, chaired the silent auction at the 2008 awards banquet, and served as co-chair of the 2008 Excellence in Journalism contest.

Check the candidate of your choice:

Hilary Reeves
 Write-in candidate _____

Treasurer (one-year term): Ursula Reutin, News Director, KIRO Radio

Ursula Reutin is the news director at News Talk 97.3 KIRO-FM. She has been with the station for 20 years, working as an editor and a street reporter before going into management in 2002. Some of the highlights of her career include winning awards for investigative reporting and spot news. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1988 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Journalism and Telecommunications and Film. This is her second year on the SPJ board.

Check the candidate of your choice:

Ursula Reutin
 Write-in candidate _____

Secretary (one-year term): Linda Thomas, Freelance Broadcast and Print Journalist

Linda Thomas is a freelance broadcast and print journalist in Seattle. She is a familiar voice with several radio stations, including KIRO and KZOK. Her writing, radio reporting, and anchoring has earned her several SPJ awards and an Edward R. Murrow award. Business and education issues are her specialty and she has written for The Seattle Times, Puget Sound Business Journal, Reuters, and Seattle's Child magazine. Her favorite stories are always the last one she did, and the next one she'll do. Linda embraces new media and has been an active blogger and podcaster since 2005. This is her second year on the SPJ board.

Check the candidate of your choice:

Linda Thomas
 Write-in candidate _____

Board Members (two-year terms):

David Volk, Freelance Writer

David is a University of Missouri School of Journalism grad who always planned to be a newspaper reporter, only to have things not go according to plan. He covered county government and the environment for an afternoon daily in suburban Kansas City, Missouri for a year before quitting to freelance full-time in the late 1980s. He moved

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to Seattle and has been covering the Northwest for a variety of local, regional and national magazines ever since. His writing credits run the gamut from the Capitol Hill Times and the Puget Sound Business Journal to Horizon Airlines Magazine, AAA Journey, the Chicago Tribune and Reuters. He has also served as associate editor of the trade publication, Coffee & Cuisine and west coast editor for Building Supply Home Center Magazine. Trade publications are his bread and butter. My writing specialties are business, food, travel and humor, but I've fielded assignments in a number of other areas. SPJ contributions: ensure that freelancers are adequately represented.

Check the candidate of your choice:

_____ David Volk

_____ Write-in candidate _____

Monica Guzman, News Gatherer, Seattle PI.com

Mónica Guzmán is a news gatherer at Seattlepi.com and the main contributor to its award-winning Big Blog. She joined the P-I in January 2007 as a Hearst Newspapers Fellow, covering the culture of technology in a weekly column and a blog, Net Native. In July she took on the Big Blog, which was named the Best Blog of 2008 by the Western Washington Chapter of SPJ. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. Mónica has worked previously at the Houston Chronicle, the Midland Daily News in Michigan and Foster's Daily Democrat in New Hampshire, covering police and breaking news, higher education and arts and entertainment. Mónica serves on the advisory board for the University of Washington Information School's Masters of Science and Information Management Program and is what you might call an online news evangelist -- giving talks about the future of journalism like this speedy guide she gave at Ignite Seattle on how to be an awesome news story commenter. Proposed SPJ contributions: online media, networking and education.

Check the candidate of your choice:

_____ Monica Guzman

_____ Write-in candidate _____

Breanne Coats, Associate Editor, Business Examiner

Breanne Coats is a native Washingtonian. She started her journalism career in Gig Harbor at Peninsula High School and developed her professional skills at Pacific Lutheran University. In 2008, Breanne graduated from PLU with a double major in communication and history and a double minor in literature and women's and gender studies. While at PLU she was published in numerous local publications including The Olympian, The Gateway and the Puyallup Herald. She has also produced online videos for The News Tribune and worked at the NPR station, KPLU. Coats was president of PLU's SPJ Chapter for almost two years. During that time, the chapter was named Region 10 student chapter of the year twice and was named student chapter of the nation. Coats was named the SPJ 2007 Robert D.G. Lewis First Amendment Award and the 2008 Julie Galvan Outstanding Graduate in Journalism award winner. Upon graduation from PLU, Coats took off for Indianapolis for a Freedom of Information national internship with SPJ. She is currently an associate editor at the Business Examiner. Proposed SPJ contributions: Planning, marketing and participating in SPJ events. Innovative events, fundraising, First Amendment and Freedom of Information issues.

Check the candidate of your choice:

_____ Breanne Coats

_____ Write-in candidate _____

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Clay Holtzman, Staff Writer, Puget Sound Business Journal

Clay covers nonprofits, philanthropy and education for the Puget Sound Business Journal in Seattle. A reporter and editor for about 10 years, Clay started his full-time professional career five years ago at the New Mexico Business Weekly in Albuquerque covering technology, venture capital and energy. Previously, he has served as reporter at the Arizona Daily Sun in Flagstaff, and held positions that include news editor, managing editor and editor in chief at the student newspapers of the University of New Mexico and Northern Arizona University. He is a two-time Hechinger Institute fellowship recipient and he holds a bachelor's degree in communications from NAU. Contributions to SPJ: Knowledge of best board practices, interested in programs, fundraising and new and social media.

Check the candidate of your choice:

_____ Clay Holtzman
_____ Write-in candidate _____

Jim Simon, Assistant Managing Editor, The Seattle Times (one-year term)

Jim Simon is an assistant managing editor at the Seattle Times, where he has worked for 24 years. He has held several editing positions and has extensive reporting experience covering politics, the environment and social issues. He also did a stint as staff writer for the Sunday Pacific Magazine. He has taught journalism at the University of Washington and Seattle University, and has been involved for several years in teaching and developing journalism training programs in Indonesia and East Timor. Last year, he helped organize a successful two-day conference at the UW for journalists on covering global health issues. Proposed SPJ contributions: Continue and expand education programs for both students and working journalists, in particular, programs that are useful to journalists who've lost their jobs and are seeking to develop new skills, or those who are experimenting with new journalism models; (2) broader community outreach and education programs about the role of the media and the future of local journalism; and (3) develop and expand partnerships with other media organizations.

Check the candidate of your choice:

_____ Jim Simon
_____ Write-in candidate _____

Paula Marmion, Manager of Special Projects, Q13 News (one-year of term)

Paula has been a writer, producer, and manager in local radio and television since 1987. She also has several years of experience in public relations. Her resume (excluding many freelance stints along the way) includes KIRO Newsradio 710 - producer, editor, writer. KOMO TV News – assignment editor, writer and producer. Public Relations – 1 year with an agency (DDB) and 3 years as an independent consultant working primarily with city government, public affairs, and non-profit organizations. Q13 News – 4 years as News Assignment Manager, (current)3 years as Manager of Special Projects and Field Producer. Proposed SPJ contributions: harness some of the 'restless energy' in our local news community; redefine and/or reinforce the common goals we share as journalists of all types (old and new); raise SPJ's profile and membership base.

Check the candidate of your choice:

_____ Paula Marmion
_____ Write-in candidate _____