



# SOUTHERN FRIED POETRY, INC.

Celebrating 25 Years of Spoken Word Poetry!

June 22, 2018

To the Slammasters of Southern Fried Poetry Slam and the Greater Spoken Word Poetry Community:

As we move forward in transparency, it is important to follow-up and follow-through with decisions that are voted upon by the slammasters of Southern Fried Poetry.

During the 2017 slammasters meetings in Louisville, KY, the slammasters voted in favor of two courses of action to resolve the balance of what is owed to the team and indie winners that should have received prize money after the 2016 competition.

The first was to host a GoFundMe campaign to raise the funds to repay the winning teams and indies. The total prize money allotment was \$5000, and so far, \$600 of that has been disbursed by the organizer of Southern Fried 2016. Each team pledged to donate \$150 to help recoup the remaining balance of \$4400. Unfortunately, the campaign was only able to raise \$250 during this time. Thank you to those who did donate.

If this fundraiser campaign was unsuccessful, the slammasters elected to employ a second course of action as a contingency plan. Beginning in 2018, team and indie registration would increase by \$25 bringing registration costs to \$275 per team and \$175 per indie annually until the balance of the funds are recouped and the winners are paid in full.

To date, the winners have been paid the following amounts:

#### Team Winners:

- 1st place - Team Sno (New Orleans, LA) - \$1500, paid \$225
- 2nd Place - Team New Jeru (New Jersey) - \$750, paid \$0
- 3rd Place - Team Slam Charlotte (Charlotte, NC) \$500, paid \$0
- 4th Place - Team Say What (Greenville, SC) \$250, paid \$75

#### Indie Winners:

- 1st Place - Ed Mabrey \$1000, paid \$300
- 2nd Place - Pages Matam \$450, paid \$0
- 3rd Place - Ebony Stewart \$300, paid \$0
- 4th Place - Zack Linly \$150, paid \$0

For this year, the total money raised was \$1400, which includes the GoFundMe amount and the increased registration funds. This money will be distributed in the following manner:



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\$1000 to be divided evenly amongst the team winners, which is \$250 each. Team Say What has already received partial payment, they will receive the remainder of what is owed to them (\$175). The remaining \$75 will be split evenly between the other team winners. The breakdown will be: Team Sno - \$275, Team New Jeru - \$275, Team Slam Charlotte - \$275, Team Say What - \$175. Team Say What will no longer be owed any further prize money from 2016 at this point.

\$400 to be divided evenly amongst the indie winners, which is \$100 each.

This leaves a balance of \$3000 owed to the Southern Fried winners of 2016. Registration will remain increased to the previously mentioned amounts for next year, and the subsequent years until the balance owed to these teams is repaid in full.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Board at [info@southernfriedpoetryslam.com](mailto:info@southernfriedpoetryslam.com).