

September 23, 2016 EC meeting minutes

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Minutes

National Communication Association
Executive Committee Meeting
September 23, 2016
Washington, DC

Participating in the meeting

Christina S. Beck, President (presiding); Stephen J. Hartnett, First Vice President; Carole Blair, Immediate Past President (by phone); Joseph A. Bonito, Research Board Director; Bonnie Dow, Publications Board Director (by phone); Ronald L. Jackson, Second Vice President; Scott Myers, Educational Policies Board Director (by phone); Orlando L. Taylor, Finance Board Member (non-voting; by phone); Sue DeWine, Finance Board Member (non-voting); Trevor Parry-Giles, Interim Executive Director (non-voting); *National Office Staff*: Mark Fernando, Chief of Staff; Wendy Fernando, Director of External Affairs and Publications; Kim Griffin, Chief Financial Officer; *Guest*: Star Muir, Second Vice President-Elect
Absent: Annette Madlock Gatison, Finance Board Director.

1. Call to order

President Beck called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

2. Announcements, updates, and reports

President Beck drew the EC's attention to a number of routine reports provided in the written meeting materials.

3. Consent agenda

The consent agenda included the following items: approval of June 17, 2016 EC meeting minutes; June 29, 2016 LA report of ballot vote; August 11, 2016 LA report of ballot vote; emeritus memberships; Bacon Award selection committee nomination; Ecroyd Award selection committee nomination.

A motion was made by Jackson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Hartnett. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Report of the Independent Auditor

On behalf of the Finance Board, DeWine presented the report of the Independent Auditor (Wegner CPAs, LLC). The auditor issued a clean audit of NCA's financial position and practices, concluding that the association is in "strong" financial condition, that appropriate checks and balances are in place to protect financial transactions of the association, and that the staff and management of NCA are financially efficacious.

The report was unanimously accepted.

5. New Division: Economics, Communication, and Society

The EC discussed the proposal for a new division: Economics, Communication, and Society. The proposal proffered the requisite number of verified signatures. Discussion ensued, particularly as concerns the role and number of interest groups currently operating within NCA.

A motion was made by Blair to forward the proposal for the Economics, Communication, and Society division to the Legislative Assembly without recommendation, but with a discussion of the varying consequences of adding a new division. Seconded by Dow. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

6. Proposal for the Communication University of China and NCA's Visiting Fellows Program for Communication and Media Research

Hartnett presented a proposal for the formation of a visiting fellows program involving both NCA and the Communication University of China. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Jackson to accept the proposal pending further investigation. Seconded by Blair. Motion was withdrawn following further discussion; the proposal was postponed until the February EC meeting.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. Eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,
Trevor Parry-Giles
Interim Executive Director