

November 7 and 10, 2018 LA Meeting Minutes

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Minutes

National Communication Association
Legislative Assembly Meeting
November 7 and 10, 2018
Salt Lake City, Utah

Presiding: Ronald L. Jackson II, President

Parliamentarian: Barry Poyner

Recording: Trevor Parry-Giles, Executive Director

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to Order: President Jackson called the 2018 Legislative Assembly (LA) meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Mountain time on Wednesday, November 7.

Introductions: Members of the LA were asked to introduce themselves by name and the group represented.

Credentials Report: First Vice President Star Muir announced that at 12:21 p.m., 123 delegates were registered from the 184 members of the LA.¹ *A motion was made that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the assembly. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Standing Rules: President Jackson directed the body to the standing rules in the meeting binder. *A motion was made to adopt the standing rules as presented. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Agenda: President Jackson directed attention to the proposed agenda. *A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Legislative Assembly observed a moment of silence to honor those who have passed away during the past year.²

Trevor Parry-Giles provided a report from the National Office. Justin Boren provided a report from the Diversity Council, Bonnie Dow provided a report from the Publications Council, Mindy Fenske provided a report from the Research Council, Shannon VanHorn provided a report from the Teaching and Learning Council, Justin Danowski presented the report of the 2018 Nominating

¹ Please see Appendix A for the full list of meeting attendees on Wednesday, November 7

² Aram Avedis Aghazarian, Ronald R. Allen, Suzanne Berg, Charles Berger, Bernard J. Brommel, Robert DeChaine, Walter R. Fisher, Doreen Steiner Geddes, Anthony Giffard, Doris Graber, Brad Greenberg, Bertram W. Gross, Jr., Kathleen Kougl, Robert D. Kully, John Leustek, Eric McLuhan, Robert P. Newman, Lyndrey A. Niles, Edward Pappas, John Pauly, Darrell Piersol, Helen Ruth Sands, Henry Z. Scheele, Robert L. Scott, Don Sikkink, Hank (Henry) Tkachuk, Robert Wilfred Tremblay.

Committee on behalf of Lynn Turner.³ Both of the candidates for Second Vice-President (Roseann Mandziuk and Narissra Punyanunt-Carter) addressed the Assembly.

Recess for 10 minutes

Business Items

Nominations for the 2019 Leadership Development Committee (Formerly the Committee on Committees): The LA was asked for nominations for two positions on the 2019 Leadership Development Committee: Ahmet Atay, Nina Lozano, Kimberly Moffitt, Denise Oles-Acevedo, and Tiffany Wang. Ballots were submitted. Results will be announced at the Saturday session.

Financial Reports: President Jackson introduced Finance Committee Chair Ronald Shields to present the financial reports. Shields talked about the association's financial status from 2018. He then talked about budget projections for calendar year 2019. *A motion was made by the Finance Committee to adopt the 2019 budget. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Public Statement Resolutions Review: President Jackson introduced Resolutions Committee Chair Leah Bryant to present the resolutions under review.

- 1. Credo for Free and Responsible Use of Electronic Communication Networks**
 - a. Bryant summarized the statement. *A motion was made by the Resolutions Committee to update the statement to the "Credo for Net Neutrality, Free and Responsible Use of Electronic Networks, and the Digital Divide" and to accept the resolution as revised. Motion carried.*
- 2. Digital Divide**
 - a. Bryant summarized the statement. *A motion was made by the Resolutions Committee to archive the statement since it is now contained in the "Credo for Net Neutrality, Free and Responsible Use of Electronic Networks, and the Digital Divide." Motion carried.*
- 3. Extending Solitary Confinement and Torture**
 - a. Bryant summarized the statement and submitted the statement to the LA with no recommendation.
 - b. Discussion ensued.
 - c. *A motion was made on the floor to affirm the resolution as is. Motion carried.*
- 4. Role of Communication Courses and Communication Faculty in General Education**
 - a. Bryant summarized the statement that was referred back to the Resolutions Committee by the 2017 LA. *A motion was made by the Resolutions Committee to accept the resolution as revised.*
 - b. Discussion ensued. *Motion carried.*
- 5. Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

³ Candidates for Second Vice President: Roseann Mandziuk and Narissra Punyanunt-Carter; Candidates for Leadership Development Committee: Sumana Chattopadhyay, Stephen M. Croucher, Erin M. Reser, Lijiang Shen, Matthew Weber; Candidates for Legislative Assembly: Amy Aldridge Sanford, Mary Beth Asbury, Dennis Becker, Sarah Riforgiate, Shavonne Shorter, and Eric Waters.

- a. Bryant summarized the statement that was revised, approved, and referred back to the Resolutions Committee by the 2017 LA. *A motion was made by the Resolutions Committee to accept the resolution as revised.*
- b. Discussion ensued.
 - i. Boren proposed an amendment to the statement
 - 1. To be removed: “fairly” in the seventh paragraph, second line.
 - 2. Discussion ensued. *Proposed amendment passed.*
- c. Discussion continued.
- d. *Motion carried.*

Nominations from the LA for the Resolutions Committee: Immediate Past President and Chair of the Leadership Development Committee, Stephen Hartnett, asked the LA for nominations to be added to the slate of candidates for the Resolutions Committee. Tracey Holden stood for nomination. Holden will be added to the slate of candidates considered at the Thursday LDC meeting.

Proposed bylaws amendments: President Jackson presented the LA with proposed bylaws changes needing LA approval. The NCA Executive Committee unanimously approved amendments being forwarded to the LA. President Jackson recognized Executive Director Parry-Giles to explain the proposed revisions.

- 1. NCA Journal Editors no longer serving on LA**
 - a. Parry-Giles provided the rationale for the bylaws change.
 - b. Discussion ensued. *Motion passed.*
- 2. Changing the name of the Committee on Committees to the Leadership Development Committee**
 - a. Parry-Giles provided the rationale for the bylaws change.
 - b. Discussion ensued. *Motion passed.*
- 3. Resolutions Committee members no longer needing to be among the LA.**
 - a. Parry-Giles explained the policy revision.
 - b. Discussion ensued. *Proposal passed.*

Adjournment: Jackson adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Call to Order: President Jackson called the 2018 Legislative Assembly meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. on Saturday, November 10.

Credentials Report: First Vice President Star Muir announced that at 8:08 a.m. 118 delegates were registered from the 184 members of the LA.⁴ *A motion was made the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this assembly. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Special Recognition: President Jackson recognized members of the association who have provided significant service to NCA. Outgoing Executive Committee Members: Stephen J. Hartnett, Ronald Shields, Bonnie Dow, Justin Boren; outgoing NCA journal editors: Robert DeChaine, Mindy Fenske, Paul Siegel; Presidential Citations: Walid Afifi, Molefi Kete Assante,

⁴ Please see Appendix B for the full list of meeting attendees on Saturday, November 10.

Bernadette Calafell, Gina Castle Bell, James Chesebro, Dana Cloud, Jack Daniel, Amber Johnson, Roseann Mandziuk, Tara Reed, the Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society, Asian/Pacific American Caucus, Black Caucus, Disability Issues Caucus, Caucus on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns, La Raza Caucus, Women's Caucus, Department of Communication at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Department of Communication at Vanderbilt University, Department of Communication at Denison University, Media Education Foundation.

Results from the Election of the 2019 Leadership Development Committee. President Jackson announced that Ahmet Atay and Kimberly Moffitt have been elected by the Legislative Assembly to serve on the 2019 Leadership Development Committee.

Business Items Continued

New Interest Group Proposals: President Jackson introduced three interest group proposals for LA consideration.

1. Speech and Communication Anxieties Division

- a. The proposed division was forwarded to the LA without EC endorsement
- b. Suzy Prentiss provided background and rationale for the proposed division
- c. Discussion ensued
- d. *The LA voted against adding the proposed division to the active roster of interest groups*

2. Communication and the Military Division

- a. The proposed division was forwarded to the LA with an endorsement from the EC
- b. Stephen Wilson provided background and rationale for the proposed division
- c. Discussion ensued
- d. *The LA voted against adding the proposed division to the active roster of interest groups*

3. Chinese Communication Studies Division

- a. The proposed division was forwarded to the LA with an endorsement from the EC
- b. Joyce Chen, Julie Zhu, Meina Liu, Chiaoning Su, and Patrick Shaou-Whea Dodge provided background and rationale for the proposed division
- c. Discussion ensued
- d. *The LA voted against adding the proposed division to the active roster of interest groups*

Resolution Proposal: Statement on the Protection and Defense of Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression for Communication Scholars.

1. Parry-Giles provided a summary of the proposed public policy statement. The Resolutions Committee forwarded the statement with no recommendation
2. *A motion was made to approve the statement. Motion seconded*
3. Discussion ensued
 - a. Michael Lechuga proposed an amendment to change all mentions of “faculty members and students” to “faculty members, students, and staff”
 - i. Discussion ensued. *Proposed amendment passed*
 - b. Discussion continued

- c. *A motion was made by Cecilia Brooke Cholka to refer the proposed statement back to the Resolutions Committee for further review. Motion Seconded*
 - i. Discussion ensued. *Motion failed*
- 4. Discussion continued
 - a. Kevin Johnson proposed an amendment to strike the last paragraph: ~~The National Communication Association recommends that administrations and elected faculty bodies work jointly to establish institutional regulations that prohibit the surreptitious recording of classroom discourse or of private meetings between students and faculty members~~
 - i. Discussion ensued. *Proposed amendment passed*
- 5. Discussion continued. *Motion carried*

2018 Leadership Development Committee Report: Committee Chair Hartnett announced the slate of candidates nominated by the committee.⁵ *A motion was made by the Leadership Development Committee to adopt the slate of candidates as presented. Motion carried.*

Adjournment: President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

⁵ Legislative Assembly: Haneen Ghabra and Arpan Yagnik; Resolutions Committee: Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colar and Tracey Holden; Resolutions Committee Chair: Helen Sterk; Convention Committee: William Cooney and Michelle Rodino-Colocino; Convention Committee Chair: Andrea David; Teaching and Learning Council: Eletra Gilchrist-Petty and Tara Reed; Finance Committee: Jeanetta Sims; Publications Council: Amber Johnson and Rebecca Meisenbach; Research Council Chair-Elect: Charles E. Morris; Research Council: Qingwen Dong and Shaunak Sastry; Diversity Council Chair: Rachel Griffin; Bernard J. Brommel Award Selection Committee: Jody Koenig Kellas; Diamond Anniversary Book Award Selection Committee: Mark Hopson and Charles Morris; Diamond Anniversary Book Award Selection Committee Chair: Robert Asen; Donald P. Cushman Award Selection Committee: David Boromisza-Habashi; Douglas W. Ehninger Award Selection Committee: Leah Ceccarelli; Franklyn S. Haiman Award Selection Committee: Susan Balter-Reitz; Gerald R. Phillips Award Selection Committee: Zhuo Ban; Golden Anniversary Award Selection Committee: Andrew High, Amber Johnson, and Allison Prash; Golder Anniversary Award Selection Committee Chair: Lijiang Shen; Karl R. Wallace Selection Committee: Tom Nakayama; Leslie Irene Coger Award Selection Committee: Jake Simmons; Lilla A. Heston Award Selection Committee: Tami Spry; Mark L. Knapp Award Selection Committee: Amanda Denes and Brian Spitzberg; Mark L. Knapp Award Selection Committee Chair: Amy Johnson; Michael and Suzanne Osborn Award Selection Committee: Kristopher Copeland; NCA Legacy Scholarship: Niya Pickett Miller; Orlando L. Taylor Distinguished Scholarship Award in Africana Communication: Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, Keshia Morant Williams, and Jamila A. Cupid; Professional Service Awards Selection Committee: Dawn Braithwaite, Karen Foss, and Sarah Tracy; Professional Service Awards Selection Committee Chair: Sarah Tracy; Stephen E. Lucas Award Selection Committee: Meredith Marko Harrigan; Committee on International Discussion and Debate: Rebecca Dohrman; Doctoral Education Committee: Stephanie Tikkanen and Kristy Maddux; Leathers Fund Trustee Committee: Gordana Lazic.

Appendix A
Meeting Attendance Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Appendix B
Meeting Attendance Saturday, November 10, 2018