

# November 6, 2019 LA Meeting Minutes

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## Minutes

National Communication Association  
Legislative Assembly Meeting  
November 6, 2019  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Presiding:** Star Muir, President

**Parliamentarian:** Barry Poyner

**Recording:** Trevor Parry-Giles, Executive Director

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

**Call to Order:** President Muir called the 2019 Legislative Assembly (LA) meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, November 6.

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

**Credentials Report:** First Vice President Kent Ono announced that at 12:23 p.m., 129 delegates were registered from the 159 members of the LA. *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 Muir 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 Muir 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.

- Elijah Cummings, represented Baltimore in the U.S. House of Representatives for 23 years
- Goodwin “Goodie” Berquist
- Lorraine Branham
- Rudolph Busby
- Bryan Crow
- Donald Keith Darnell
- Lew Donohew
- Robert Iltis
- Irwin Mallin
- Paul Messaris
- Maureen “Mo” Minielli
- Emily Rauscher
- Malcolm Sillars (NCA President, 1980)
- Holt “Spike” Spicer
- Rudy Verderber
- Robert O. Weiss
- D. Charles “Chuck” Whitney
- George Ziegelmueller

Trevor Parry-Giles provided a report from the National Office. Rachel Alicia Griffin provided a report from the Diversity Council, J. Kevin Barge provided a report from the Publications Council, Mindy Fenske provided a report from the Research Council, and Shannon VanHorn provided a report from the Teaching and Learning Council.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Nominations for the 2020 Leadership Development Committee:** The LA was asked for nominations for two positions on the 2020 LDC: Alexander Lancaster, Nina Lozano, Brian McCann, and D. L. Stephenson.

Candidates spoke in front of the LA. Ballots were submitted. The Parliamentarian collected the ballots. Results will be announced at the end of the meeting.

**Consideration for NCA affiliate renewals:** President Muir provided a summary of prospective affiliate renewals with the Association. *A motion was made to approve the proposed affiliate renewals and accept new organizations applying for affiliate status. Motion seconded. Motion carried.*

The following organizations filed the required certifications and signed the Affiliate MOU.

American Debate Association	Korean-American Communication Association
American Forensic Association	Media Ecology Association
American Society for the History of Rhetoric	National Federation of High School, Debate, & Theatre Association
Association for Business Communication	National Forensic Association
Association for Chinese Communication Studies	National States Advisory Council
Association for Communication Administration	New York State Communication Association <b>(new affiliate)</b>
Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine	Partnership for Progress on the Digital Divide
Central States Communication Association	Phi Rho Pi
Chinese Communication Association	Pi Kappa Delta
Cross Examination Debate Association	Religious Communication Association
Eastern Communication Association	Rhetoric Society of America
Eurasian Communication Association of North America	Russian Communication Association
International Forensics Association	Southern States Communication Association
International Listening Association	Urban Communication Foundation
Japan-U.S. Communication Association	Western States Communication Association
Kenneth Burke Society	

**Financial Reports:** President Muir introduced Finance Committee Chair Marnel Niles Goins to present the financial reports. Niles Goins talked about the association's financial status from 2019, followed by budget projections for calendar year 2020. *A motion was made by the Finance Committee to adopt the 2020 budget. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Recess for 10 minutes

The Legislative Assembly reconvened at 1:35 pm.

**Public Statement Resolution Consideration:** President Muir introduced Resolutions Committee Chair, Helen Sterk, to present the proposed resolution under consideration.

### **The Resolution Condemning White Supremacy in Political Discourse**

Sterk provided background information and a rationale for the proposed resolution. The Resolutions Committee forwarded the resolution to the LA without recommendation. Discussion ensued. *A motion was made to adopt the resolution. Motion seconded. Discussion continued. Motion carried.*

**Bylaws revisions:** Parry-Giles provided a summary of the proposed bylaws amendment, which was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

In 2018, the EC changed the timing of the annual election from January to December. This will allow the elected individual to take office as Second Vice President in January the following year. The change in date eliminates the need for a Second Vice President Elect. Having the Second Vice President Elect serve on the LA is no longer needed.

*A motion was made to accept the recommended change and strike Article III, Section 1(E) of the bylaws. Motion seconded. Motion Carried.*

**New Interest Group Proposal / Communication and the Military Division:** President Muir introduced Steven Wilson and Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas to speak on behalf of the proposed interest group. Wilson and Desnoyers-Colas provided a rationale for the division as well as steps the group took to address the concerns from other interest groups after the LA voted against adding the proposed group last year. Discussion ensued. *A motion was made to accept the proposed division. Motion seconded. Discussion continued. Motion carried.*

**Results from the LA election of the 2020 Leadership Development Committee:** President Muir announced that Nina Lozano and D. L. Stephenson have been elected to serve on the 2020 LDC.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, President Muir cancelled the Saturday LA session and adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trevor Parry-Giles  
Executive Director