

Minutes
National Communication Association
Legislative Assembly Meeting
November 17 and 20, 2021
Seattle, Washington

Presiding: David T. McMahan, President

Parliamentarian: William Eichhorn

Recording: Justin Danowski, Director of Membership and Governance

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to Order: President McMahan called the 2021 Legislative Assembly (LA) meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Western on Wednesday, November 17.

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

Credentials Report: First Vice President Roseanne Mandziuk announced that at 12:35 p.m., 97 delegates were registered from the 168 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 McMahan 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 McMahan 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.

- Tony Allison
- John Waite Bowers (Past President)
- Daniel Brouwer
- Lori DeWitt
- Kathleen Galvin
- Charles Griffin
- Geoff Klinger
- Charles Larson
- Shirlee Levin
- Shawn D. Long
- Paul Madlock
- Jason Martin
- Sally Miller Gearhart
- Bolanle Olaniran
- Bren Ortega Murphy
- Richard Porter
- Lee Rivers Polk
- Robert Shuter
- Charles H. Tardy
- Judith Trent (Past President)
- Charles Vick

Association Updates

- First Vice President, Roseann Mandziuk, provided an update on the convention, IDEA Strategic Plan and LA discussion during the Saturday session.
- Second Vice President, Walid Afifi, provided an update on the 2022 convention in New Orleans and the task force on future conventions and long term planning.
- Immediate Past President, Kent Ono, provided an update on the Executive Director

search and the Anti-Asian Violence programs.

- Publications Council Chair, Kevin Barge, provided an update on the work of the Publications Council.
- Research Council Chair, Charles Morris, provided an update on the work of the Research Council.
- Teaching and Learning Council, Vinita Agarwal, provided an update on the work of the Teaching and Learning Council.
- IDEA Council Chair and Co-Chair of the IDEA Strategic Plan Task Force, Rachel Griffin, provided an update on the IDEA Council and the IDEA Strategic Plan Task Force.
- Co-Chair of the IDEA Strategic Plan Task Force, Ashley Mack, provided an update on the current plan and timeline for submission of the IDEA Strategic Plan to the Executive Committee and Legislative Assembly.

McMahan thanked the Executive Director Search Committee for their work. McMahan officially recognized Dr. Shari Miles-Cohen as NCA Executive Director.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Nominations for the 2022 Leadership Development Committee: The LA was asked for nominations for two positions on the 2022 LDC for a two-year term. Nominees: David Rhea, Iccha Basnyat, and Ali Na.

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.

Financial Reports: President McMahan introduced Finance Committee Chair Jeanetta Sims to present the financial reports. Sims updated the LA on the association's financial status from 2020 audit report, and the 2022 proposed calendar year budget. *A motion was made by the Finance Committee to adopt the 2022 budget. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Recess for 10 minutes

McMahan introduced Dr. Shari Miles-Cohen, Executive Director of NCA. Miles-Cohen introduced herself to the LA and announced their start date on January 3, 2022.

New Journal Proposal – *Communication and Race*: McMahan recognized Publications Council Chair, J. Kevin Barge. Barge provided a review of the process of proposing a new NCA journal and a rationale for its creation. *A motion was made to approve the proposed journal Communication and Race. Seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

New Council Proposal – *Mentorship and Leadership Council*: McMahan recognized Ono and Mandziuk. Ono provided a review of the process of proposing a new NCA council. Mandziuk provided a rationale for the proposed council. *A motion was made to approve the formation of the Mentorship and Leadership Council. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Proposed Interest Groups

Caribbean Communication Caucus: McMahan recognized proposal submitter, Maggie Williams. Williams provided a background and rationale for the formation of the Caribbean Communication Caucus. *A motion was made to approve the formation of the Caribbean Communication Caucus. Seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

South West Asian/North African, Middle East Caucus: McMahan recognized proposal submitter, Afifi. Afifi provided background and rationale for the formation of the SWANA Caucus. *A motion was made to approve the formation of the SWANA Caucus. Seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Affiliate Approval: McMahan introduced the applications for two proposed affiliates.

- Comics Studies Society
- The Institute for General Semantics

A motion was made to approve the two affiliates. Seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report.

McMahan provided a report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Second Vice President candidate, Marnel Niles Goins of Marymount University provided a brief statement to the LA.

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McMahan recognized Mandziuk who provided an update on upcoming convention proceedings.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, McMahan adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The LA will reconvene on Saturday at 8 a.m.

SATURDAY SESSION November 20, 2021

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to Order: President McMahan called the 2021 Legislative Assembly (LA) meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Western on Saturday, November 18.

Credentials Report: McMahan recognized Mandziuk to give the credentials report. Mandziuk announced that at 8:15 a.m., 88 delegates were registered from the 168 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 McMahan reminded the body of the standing rules in the meeting binder.

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Announcement of LA representatives to the Leadership Development Committee: McMahan provided results of the Wednesday LA election of LDC candidates. The following individuals were elected by the LA to the LDC: Ali Na and David Rhea.

2021 Leadership Development Committee Report: McMahan recognized Leadership Development Committee Chair, Ono. Ono announced the slate of candidates nominated by the committee.

Legislative Assembly, LA Director

- Eddah Mutua
- David Rhea

Nominating Committee

- At-Large
 - Fatima Alaoui
- On the 2021 NCA election ballot
 - Scarlett Hester
 - Damariyé Smith

Finance Committee

- Jimmie Manning

Publications Council

- Todd Sandel
- Aisha Durham

Research Council Chair-Elect

- Shaunak Sastry

Research Council

- Paul Schrodt
- Benjamin Warner

Teaching and Learning Council

- Sandy Pensoneau-Conway
- Chelsea Stow

Resolutions Committee

- Amy Aldridge Sanford
- Michelle Violanti

Convention Committee

- Christina Knopf
- Shana Kopaczewski

Bernard J. Brommel Award for Outstanding Scholarship or Distinguished Service in Family Communication

- Alexis Johnson

Diamond Anniversary Book Award Selection Committee

- Bernadette Calafell
- Caitlin Bruce

Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee

- Radhika Gajjala

Donald P. Cushman Memorial Award for Student Scholarship Selection Committee

- Elizabeth Hintz
- Shweta Arpit Srivastava

Franklyn S. Haiman Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Freedom of Expression Selection Committee

- David Dewberry

Gerald M. Phillips Award for Distinguished Applied Communication Scholarship Selection Committee

- Leandra Hernandez

Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Selection Committee

- Greg Dickinson
- Clark Olson
- Vincent Pham

Interpretation/Performance Studies Selection Committee

- Lore/Ita LeMaster

Mark L. Knapp Award Interpersonal Communication Selection Committee

- Sandra Faulkner
- Jennifer Kam

Marsha Houston Award Selection Committee

- Trina Wright-Dixon

Rhetorical Scholarship Award Selection Committee

- Catherine Langford

Orlando L. Taylor Distinguished Scholarship Award in Africana Communication Selection Committee

- Rockell Brown

Professional Service Awards Selection Committee

- Bo Feng
- Amy Gonzales
- Lana McDonnell

Professional Service Awards Selection Committee Chair

- Lana McDonnell

Stephen E. Lucas Debut Publications Award

- Kyle Christensen

Committee for International Discussion and Debate (CIDD)

- Satoru Aonuma

Doctoral Education Committee

- Casey Kelly
- Meghan Sanders

Leathers Fund Trustee Selection Committee

- Mariam Betlemidze

A motion was made by the Leadership Development Committee to adopt the slate of candidates as presented. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning: The LA spent the remainder of the time in groups answering a list of questions provided by NCA officers that will help the Executive Committee during its discussions about updating the NCA Strategic Plan. Notes were compiled and submitted to the Director of Membership and Governance, Justin Danowski.

Adjournment: With no further business, McMahan adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Taliaferro
Interim Executive Director