

NCA Public Deliberation and Dialogue Division

November 19, 2021

Minutes: Annual business meeting

Officers:

Chair: Tim Shaffer

Vice Chair: Mridula Mascarenhas

Vice Chair Elect: Becky Kuehl

Immediate Past Chair: Tim Steffensmeier

Secretary: Cheryl Maiorca

I. Call to order

9:04 by Tim Shaffer (had 2 Zoom rooms)

II. Roll call

Link was set out on Zoom and people attending in-person were asked to sign a sheet passed out by Tim Shaffer.

III. Review and approval of minutes from 2020

Lori Britt motioned to approve minutes from 2020. John Gastil seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

IV. Kent Ono from NCA national office

1. New director of NCA Sheri Miles Cohen (check spelling)
2. Spectra is online/new podcasts are available
3. Other items online including Communication Currents digests
4. Highlighted upcoming events at NCA 2021
5. Next year's theme "Honoring Place" (People Liberation Advocacy and Environment)

IV. Chair report (Tim Shaffer)

1. Budget update: \$500 allocated and will continue for next year
2. Tate Adams, Colorado State University, Student award recipient will be given award in next PD3 panel

V. Legislative Assembly update (Tim Shaffer)

1. NCA has \$10m assets

2. New journal approved exploring communication & race
3. New bylaws for leadership approved
4. New caucuses – Caribbean & SWANA (South West Asian/North African and Middle East) approved
5. New affiliates approved – Comics Studies & The Institute of General Semantics
6. Nominating committee elections December 1-29

VI. Vice Chair report (Mridula Mascarenhas)

1. Thanked everyone for submitting, chairing, reviewing, responding, etc.
2. 24 submissions covering deliberation & dialogue/12 accepted
3. Organized into 3 panels
4. Additional submissions sent to scholar-to-scholar
5. Co-sponsored panel with Rhetorical & Communication Theory Division

VII. Vice Chair Elect report (Tim Shaffer for Becky Kuehl)

1. Fluctuation/normalizing membership numbers
2. Should function in a similar way to right now
3. Need to look at where are theme fits with other divisions

VIII. Nominating Committee Report (John Rountree)

1. 5 open positions
2. 2 nominations for vice-chair elect (Justin Reedy & Anna Wolfe)
3. 2 nominations for nominating committee Michael Lane Bruner & Laura Black
4. 1 nomination for secretary (Cheryl Maiorca – will withdraw nomination if another person chooses to run for position)

Note: Carson Kay self-nominated and Cheryl's accepted nomination to nominating committee

IX. New Business (Tim Shaffer & Mridula Mascarenhas)

1. Conference session types. Do we want to include panel discussions as well as individual papers? This has come up several times and we should revisit
 - a. Lydia Reddick – high impact presentations as well as panels
 - b. Lori Britt – early on wanted to give more space for presentations

- c. John Gastil – early on division was adamant about being different from other divisions/don't want to same; want to embody dialogue & deliberation
 - d. Laura Black – sessions should be interactive
 - e. Anna Wolfe – recognizing we would start/stay small, wanted to design division to invite people in and be surprised by being different and engaging in dialogue & deliberation
2. Consensus appears to be that purpose of division is to be interactive
- a. Justin Reedy – need to make sure there are papers accepted for RPT; maybe have high density panels
 - b. Martin Carcasson – Maybe have a one-day conference on Zoom to allow division to dig into papers and panels
 - c. Laura Black – Can we have more interactive panels so that they are discussions rather than traditional panels?
 - d. Sara Drury – Use preconferences and short courses
 - e. Renee Heath - Are there two questions here: 1) what does an accepted paper look like? 2) how do we present/interact with that research?
 - f. Martin Carcasson - we can also work with NCA leadership to offer innovative sessions on big issues that wouldn't take our slots
 - g. Tim Steffensmeier – need to make sure submissions score high enough
 - h. Laura Black - We could allow panels to be submitted but not promise that one slot would be dedicated to panels, depending on what gets submitted
 - i. Laura Black - We could consider designing business meetings to put discussions earlier and reports later, to be able to do more conversation

X. Adjournment

John Rountree motioned to adjourn. John Gastil seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.