

NCA Activism and Social Justice Division Business Meeting

National Communication Association
Baltimore, MD, November 2019

Preliminary Business:

1. Welcome and call to order (Jason Del Gandio)
2. Introduction of Division Officers (Jason Del Gandio)
3. Approval of 2018 Business Meeting Minutes
4. Amendment to Agenda: Move elections to top of the New Business Section so that we can discuss Distinguished Scholars. Discussion will continue online if need be.

Chair's Report (Jason Del Gandio)

State of the Division

1. Last January, we had 312 members. This year, membership jumped to 499 (107 more members).
2. We are now the 12th largest division of NCA. If we get to 500 members, we get an additional person on Legislative Assembly (LA; 3 people instead of 2).
3. Pat and Jason attended LA and advocated for social justice issues. The Division will continue to work on diversifying programming and getting out into the community more.
 - Kristen received a Presidential citation for “enthusiasm for social justice and activism.”
 - Larry Frey received a Distinguished Scholar Award this year. Hurray!

Vice Chair's Report (Patricia Parker)

2019 Convention Programming

1. We were allocated **14 slots**; Pat petitioned for 2 additional slots without success. There were understandably many petitions for additional slots about the Distinguished Scholar Award, so we'll try for more next year.
2. The Division **received 63 submissions: 40 individual papers, 16 panels, and 7 paper sessions** (no performance submissions). The Division **accepted 14 papers, 8 panels, and 2 paper sessions**.

3. Thank you, reviewers, respondents, and chairs!

Vice-Chair Elect's Report (David Palmer)

1. Next year's NCA convention theme is "Communication at the Crossroads." The conference will take place in Indianapolis, November 19-22.
2. For the 2020 convention, we were awarded **17 program slots** (up 3 from last year).
3. Please submit! Submission deadline: March 25, 2020
4. Please volunteer to review (takes place in April). This is a vital service because it shapes the Division's scholarship. Contact David if you want to be a reviewer, and we'll contact you, too. 😊
5. Please consider engineering a preconference workshop for next year that investigates ASD topics. This would invite others to explore our ideas and use our perspective in research and pedagogy.

New/Other Business

Election: Vice Chair Elect

1. Peter Jensen and Billie Murray introduced themselves and offered statements. Billie Murray was elected as Vice Chair Elect.

Election: Secretary

1. Jasmine Austin and Vince Russell introduced themselves and offered statements. Jasmine Austin was elected as Secretary.

Graduate Student Committee (Kristen Blinne & Courtney Hook)

1. Recap on development of committee: On 12/28/2018, the Division voted in favor to add a grad student committee. The primary purpose of the committee is to discuss affairs, build general support, build support in activism teaching/scholar/service, to connect with activists in communities, and to connect with other scholars.
2. Elected 3 Officers:
Courtney Hook, Chair
Alex Rister, Vice Chair
Ryan Bince, Communication Coordinator
3. Courtney Hook's report:

- Circulated announcement of presence in January. Received 19 responses from grad students and asked them to prioritize 5 mission statements.
 - The top priority was to connect with practitioners and activists in the field and connect with each other.
 - Will continue reaching out to grad students and gaining membership.
4. Motion for a one-time suspension of bylaw provision that grad committee officers only serve one term. That way, the current officers can continue the work they just started. Motion approved (unanimous one-time extension of term).
 5. Follow up motion to renew current officer positions was approved.

Division Awards

1. We need to establish Division Awards. The Division sent out a poll to members to inquire about wanted awards. Larry Frey compiled the list of 27 options, and 5 primary categories arose: scholarship, teaching, graduate student, early career, and lifetime achievement.
2. Discussion from the floor narrowed the options to four categories: activist scholar, teaching, graduate student, community engagement. This information will be compiled and brought back to the Division for further discussion and voting.

Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Distinguished Scholar Controversy

1. Unanimously passed a motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee to better put in practice concerns that were raised by the discussion of the Distinguished Scholar Awards.

Passing of Gavel to Pat

Announcements & Closing