

NCA Activism and Social Justice Division Business Meeting

National Communication Association
Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018

Preliminary Business:

1. Welcome and call to order (Kristen Blinne)
2. Introduction of Division Officers (Kristen Blinne)
3. Introduction and Statement by NCA's Candidates for Second Vice President: Roseann Mandziuk and Narissra Punyanunt-Carter
4. Approval of the 2017 Business Meeting Minutes

Chair's Report (Kristen Blinne)

State of the Division

1. The Division is healthy and growing! We had 322 members last year, but we have grown to 382.
2. We will continue growth initiatives. One initiative is the grad student committee.
3. The Division will continue to work on diversifying programming and getting out into the community more.

Vice Chair's Report (Jason Jason Del Gandio)

2018 Convention Programming

1. This year, the division was given 13 slots for the convention (up from 10 last year). The Executive team petitioned for more, and received one additional. Thus, we have **14 total slots**. One slot was used for the business meeting.
 - a. The division received **63 submissions** and **24 total acceptances** (13 competitive papers, 8 panels, 2 paper sessions).
 - i. Last year, we had 87 submissions. We think those numbers might be down due to not having many slots last year.
 - b. **63 people served as reviewers**. Thank you!

2. **Budget:** The Division's budget was \$740. We spent \$168 on award plaques and \$238 on food/coffee. Next year, the Division will allocate as much as the funds as possible.
3. Kristen and Jason attended Legislative Assembly. Three new Divisions were voted down, and they discussed a proposition to adopt a statement on protection and defense of academic freedom and freedom of expression for communication scholars. The proposition passed with some significant changes.

Vice-Chair Elect's Report (Patricia Parker)

2019 Convention Programming

1. Next year's NCA convention theme is "Communication for Survival." The conference will take place in Baltimore, MD — November 14-17, 2019.
2. For the 2019 convention, the Activism and Social Justice Division was awarded **14 program slots** (one more than last year). Pat will continue to advocate for more.
3. Baltimore is important for the theme: poverty and the context impacting African American residents of Baltimore county and unfortunate statistics. "This is our time. This is our space. This will be our convention. We can show how our work can have some impact in the lives of people."
4. There are opportunities for a spotlight series to organize panels on communication and survival. Contact Pat for more info.
5. Don't miss the NCA submission deadline!
6. If you have the time, please **volunteer** to be a reviewer. This is an important service because it can give you a feel for what people are working on in the Division, and allows you to shape the nature of the Division's scholarship.
7. Please consider serving on the nominating committee for NCA or nominate others. Representation is important.

New/Other Business

By-Laws Changes

1. By-Laws Section 2: Chair's service. (The Chair will serve for 1 year, chair executive committee, and preside over meetings.) This change will simply clarify that the Chair will chair the committee. Approval passed.
2. Need discussion regarding Graduate Student Committee. (Thank you to Ryan Bince and Vincent Russell for their hard work with this committee!)

- a. Thank you to all for your service! Ten people consistently participate on an ad hoc committee to make sure we have solid graduate student involvement and to propose a document outlining the committee.
 - i. The primary purpose of this committee is to support graduate students in advocacy scholarship, teaching, and service.
 - ii. The proposal lists an annual meeting and that 1 Division slot be allocated for the graduate student committee (Article 3, Section 1). Discussion is needed.
 - iii. The proposal lists three officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Communication Coordinator. Need to discuss who can be an officer (e.g., “in pursuit of a graduate degree”).
 - iv. Discussion is needed regarding elections to this committee. (Agreed to conduct elections before Dec. 31 so appointments run from January 1–December 31.) Elections will take place online after the NCA convention.
3. Need discussion regarding Top Student Paper Award, Dissertation Award, Thesis Award. Revisions to By-Laws on awards will be sent to the Division listserv for further comment and online vote. The revisions will be sent next week, and voting should occur before December 31.
4. All in favor to make suggested revisions, send discussion points regarding graduate committee and awards committee to listserv for further discussion, and vote by December 31.

Election: Vice Chair Elect

1. David Palmer (University of Northern Colorado) introduced himself and offered a statement. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Passing of Gavel to Jason

Announcements & Closing