

Communication and Sport Division
Annual Meeting Notes
November 19, 2021 2pm (PST)
Washington State Convention Center Room 213

I. Call to order - 2:00pm (James Angelini)

James reflected on this very difficult time and that it was great to see everyone

II. Special Announcements from and Questions for NCA - 2:02pm (Grace Herbert)

Grace thanked everyone for coming to Seattle and shared several announcements

New executive director: Dr. Shari E. Miles-Cohen

SPECTRA has moved online: Featured articles include indigenous people in communication; podcasts are available

Summer events were virtual last year, i.e., Doctoral Honors Seminar, Chairs Academy; more information is available on the website

Communication Currents Digest: Emailed every quarter, translates journal articles to digestible bits

Promoting diversity: NCA is offering travel grants to our caucuses

Next year we will be in New Orleans: Honoring PLACE (Nov. 17-20, 2022); applications open on Jan. 10, 2022 and close on Mar. 30, 2022

III. Approval of the Minutes - 2:06pm (James Angelini)

Unanimously approved

IV. Introduction of Current Officers - 2:07pm (James Angelini)

Chair: James Angelini (University of Delaware)

Vice-Chair: Travis Bell (University of South Florida)

Vice-Chair Elect: Greg Cranmer (Clemson University)

Secretary: Nicky Lewis (University of Kentucky)

Immediate Past Chair: Greg Armfield (New Mexico State University)

Communications Director: Julia Richmond (Rowan University)

Diversity and Inclusion Chair: Yannick Kluch (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Graduate Student Representative: Nivia Escobar Salazar (Florida State University)

V. Election of New Officers - 2:08pm (James Angelini)

Vice-Chair Elect

Julie Richmond

Joe McGlynn (Nominated from the floor)

Secretary

Communications Director

David Casillo

Graduate Student Representative

James Bingaman – Delaware

Michael Delayo - Penn State (Nominated from the floor)

Awards Committee

Nivia Escobar Salazar (Nominated from the floor)

Virginia Harrison (Nominated from the floor)

VI. Presentation of Awards - 2:12pm (Travis Bell)

The Lawrence A. Wenner Emerging Scholar Award

Linsay Cramer

Top Student Paper

Nathaniel Repay

“A Rhetoric of Fire at the Intersection of Race, Politics, and Sport”

Top Paper

Emily Shearer and Anthony Peavy

“Attempts at Renewing Her Career: Serena Williams and Her Year of 2018”

Top Book Award

Greg Cranmer

Athletic Coaching: A Communication Perspective

VII. Summary of 2021 Programming - 2:16pm (Travis Bell)

Travis thanked all of reviewers for providing great reviews

The support for communication and sport is fantastic and NCA is the best communication and sport group to be a part of; The division has a great number of grad students involved

For this year’s paper submissions, we had 49 individuals review and three completed reviews for every paper

This year’s panels each had two leadership committee reviewers

There were nine slots originally slated for the division (including one for the business meeting); Travis asked for two more and received one for a total of 10 sessions

Our division had 43 papers and 7 panels submitted; 33 papers and three panels accepted

Of the 33 papers accepted, 25 were paneled across six sessions; eight were transferred to Scholar-to-Scholar sessions

Travis again thanked all the reviewers who help inform this process

VIII. Planning for 2022 Programming - 2:18pm (Greg Cranmer)

Next year in New Orleans: NCA is losing 46 panels as a conference; we are slated to gain one

There is a move to prioritize acceptance rates

Formal submission window opens on Jan. 10, 2022 and closes on Mar. 30, 2022

IX. Call for 2022 reviewers - 2:20pm (Greg Cranmer)

Sign-up sheet was circulated

X. NCA/Legislative Assembly Updates - 2:20pm (Travis Bell)

Not a lot of excessive new business; Opportunity for using PLACE in sport

Travis asked the division to think broadly about pre-conferences and sessions; Advocacy is key

He is looking for ideas for expanding and incorporating diversity

Communication and Race is the newest approved NCA journal that was approved; Caribbean Communication Caucus and South West Asian/North Africa, Middle East (SWANA) Caucus were approved; A leadership council was also approved

Budget and finances were discussed and going virtual in 2020 saved quite a bit of money

Report on Tiers for Dues will be sent out next year

XI. Immediate Past Chair - 2:24pm (Greg Armfield)

Completion of by law revisions to be included at a later date

XII. Communications Update - 2:24pm (Julia Richmond)

None

XIII. Graduate Student Update - 2:25pm (Nivia Escobar Salazar)

Coffee with a Scholar Report

29 total responses; 15 mentors

More mentors than students

Difficulties with travel for mentors and students

Meeting were virtual or face to face
Used a survey – and would like to share it in Google Drive as a template
Included list of questions for mentors and mentees

XIV. Updates and New Business - 2:35pm (James Angelini)

Bylaws Change: Creation of Diversity and Inclusion Chair position and election

Change the name to IDEA chair - Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access
James asked to bring this to vote; Mike Milford moved to discuss - and was seconded
Floor mentioned that it was best reflect NCA language; Mike Butterworth expressed concern that having someone to stand in has to deal with all issues related to these concerns
Floor suggested we should provide some sort of stipend for travel or conference registration and questioned how we recognize and acknowledge that labor
Chair creation and name passed unanimously

XV. Comments for the Good of the Order and Announcements - 2:40pm

Travis Bell said Karen Hartman (president of IACS) couldn't be here; Conference will be in person in March 2022 at Rowan University

Mike Butterworth said that IACS and ICA Sports Communication Interest Group will partner at a pre-conference in Paris for ICA 2022

One-day pre-conference on Thurs. May 26, 2022 onsite at one of the conference hotels
One world, many voices: The future of sports communication
Key question: How do western centric and North American centric focus need to change?
Pre-conference will be free to attend; Deadline is Jan. 17, 2022 for proposals
You do not have to submit to ICA to go the pre-conference

Greg Cranmer mentioned Walid Afifi's idea of rejection and acceptance rate – would like a future discussion item to increase number of authored submissions

Greg Cranmer also reported the division is being acknowledged for its growth – our division is one of the top five most attended divisions on average; We were at 227 members and membership is growing

Floor reported that Central States Sports Division is really low on numbers and is at the end of March in Madison, WI; Please consider joining sports communication as part of your interest

Greg Cranmer mentioned if anyone has undergraduates interested in grad school – Clemson has an undergraduate fellowship and can follow up with Greg

XVI. Adjournment - 2:47pm

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Nicky Lewis
Secretary
NCA Communication & Sport Division