

February 26, 2021 EC Meeting Minutes

**FINAL**

**Minutes**

National Communication Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Virtual Meeting – Convention

Participating in the meeting:

David McMahan, President; Roseann Mandziuk, First Vice President; Walid Afifi, Second Vice President; Kent Ono, Immediate Past President; J. Kevin Barge, Publications Council Chair; Charles Morris III, Research Council Chair; Rachel Alicia Griffin, IDEA Council Chair; Lisa Flores, Finance Committee Chair; Jeanetta Sims, Finance Committee Director; Rich West, Finance Committee Director; Vinita Agarwal, Teaching and Learning Council Chair; Trevor Parry-Giles, Executive Director (non-voting); *National Office Staff: LaKasha Anderson, Director of Academic and Professional Affairs; Justin Danowski, Assistant Director of Governance and Membership; Wendy Fernando, Director of External Affairs and Publications; Kristin Yednock, Director of Convention and Meetings.*

**1. Call to Order**

President McMahan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Eastern time.

**2. Announcements and Updates**

Mandziuk provided an update on the 2021 convention in Seattle.

Afifi provided an update on their officer report.

Ono provided an update on the Leadership Development Committee.

Griffin provided an update on the IDEA Council.

Barge provided an update on the Publications Council for editorships.

*Barge made a motion to add editor approvals to the agenda. Motion seconded. Motion carried.*

**Business Item** -- The following individuals were brought forward by the Publications Council:

*Communication and Democracy* – Billie Murray, Villanova University

*Communication Monographs* – Srividya Ramasubramanian – Texas A&M University

*Communication Teacher* – Brandi Lawless, University of San Francisco

*Quarterly Journal of Speech* – Stacey Sowards, University of Texas, Austin

*A motion was made by West to approve the nominations for journal editors. Afifi seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Due to a conflict of interest, Griffin recused themselves and left the virtual meeting space.

*Critical Studies in Media Communication* – Rachel Griffin and Kimberly Moffitt (co-editors application)

*A motion was made by West to approve the nomination for Moffitt and Griffin co-editorship. Motion seconded. Motion carried.*

Griffin returned to the virtual meeting.

Barge provided an update on the editor search for *Review of Communication*.

Approved editor names will be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly for final approval.

### **Announcements continued**

Agarwal provided an update on the Teaching and Learning Council.

Parry-Giles provide an update on the National Office.

*A motion was made by Ono to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Griffin. Motion carried.*

### **3. Business Items**

- a. Proposal—Bylaws revision: Mentorship and Leadership Council
  - i. *Motion was made to create the Mentorship and Leadership Council. Motion seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

### **4. Discussion Items**

- a. Convention Update
  - i. Mandziuk provided an update on the upcoming convention.
  - ii. Yednock provided an update on the upcoming convention.
  - iii. Parry-Giles provide an update on planned conventions of other learned societies.

Sims provided an update on the current finances of the Association.

- iv. Discussion continued with convention planning.

McMahan called for a recess at 2:55 p.m. and returned at 3:10 p.m.

- v. Discussion continued with convention planning. Yednock provided initial results on the convention participation survey. Discussion ensued.
- b. Reinstating June EC Meeting
  - i. *A motion was made by McMahan to reinstate the June EC meeting on a virtual platform. Seconded by Ono. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*
- c. Leadership Development Committee
  - i. Removing Council/Committee Recommendations.
    1. Discussion ensued on creating a policy formally ending council/committee recommendations to the LDC. Discussion ensued. Council/Committee recommendations will no longer be a part of the LDC selection process.

- ii. Deadlines
  - 1. Procedure to move the LDC deadline from September 1 to October 1. Discussion ensued. New deadline set for October 1.
- iii. Committee on International Discussion and Debate Requirements for a specific regional representative.
  - 1. Discussion ensued on a procedure removing the regional requirement. Procedure adopted.
- d. Naming the IDEA program award, the Shawn D. Long IDEA Program Award.
  - i. *A motion was made to change the name of the IDEA Program Award to the Shawn D. Long IDEA Award. Seconded by Griffin. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*
- e. Association Transparency.
  - i. Afifi provided an update and asked the EC for feedback on possible ways in which NCA can be more transparent. Discussion ensued.
    - 1. Possibilities of more transparency
      - a. Quarterly officer office hours/areas for members to offer feedback. Discussion ensued.
      - b. Adding more content on the website to expand of current reporting practices of councils, committees, and task forces. Discussion ensued.
      - c. The possibility of having open meetings for council/committee meetings. Discussion ensued.
- f. COMMNotes
  - i. Ono provided a summary about possible policy/procedure towards creating a clear handling of potentially controversial or problematic COMMNotes posts. Discussion ensued. The National Office will work with the officers to establish a procedure for controversial or problematic COMMNotes posts.
  - ii. Mandziuk provided a summary about the possibility of researching a code of ethics for members. Discussion ensued. Further discussion by the EC is needed at a future meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trevor Parry-Giles  
Executive Director