

NCA Communication & Military Division (CMD) Business Meeting Minutes
11-11-20

- I. Opening remarks by Steve Wilson
- II. Trevor Perry Giles acknowledged Veteran's Day and welcomed all to the new division. He provided several updates from NCA:
 1. Please tell folks in your network to go to the NCA website to find information about free registration, discounted membership, etc. for upcoming convention
 2. NCA has transitioned SPECTRA to a greener, online version of the magazine
 3. NCA has pioneered some resource banks on online teaching, anti-racism, and others
 4. In terms of the convention, please engage with us in our various outreach initiatives – to include the new podcast series (next episode will drop tomorrow)
 5. There are not a lot of items on the legislative assembly agenda (which is coming up shortly)
- III. Bonnie Dow and Walid Afifi are both candidates for second vice president and spoke to their qualifications and why they'd like to serve in this role. Elections begin 01 Dec.
- IV. New officer introductions:
 1. Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas– vice chair elect
 2. Amy May – vice chair
 3. Leanne Knobloch - chair
 4. Steve Wilson – immediate past chair
 5. Lauren Mackenzie - secretary
 6. Nicholas Mararac – student/new professional representative
- V. Erin Sahlstein Parcell, the chair of the division's service nominating committee, described how the committee solicited self-nominations for elected positions via a public announcement. The committee asked interested candidates to complete an online survey. The committee also engaged in direct outreach to potential candidates. She underscored that we have a very strong division right now due to the excitement/enthusiasm of our members. She also thanked Leandra Hernandez and William Howe for their service on the committee
- VI. Recognition of Veteran's Day (Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas and William Howe)
- VII. Elected paper readers were acknowledged (they will serve for the 2021 convention)
- VIII. 2020 Convention Highlights
 1. Preconference on military-affiliated learners

2. Erin Parcell spoke about two upcoming panels (one sponsored by the interpersonal division on Thursday and one sponsored by the American studies division/disability caucus on Saturday)
 3. Asynchronous session panel (applied communication division)
 4. William Howe mentioned a paper devoted to contempt toward military communication that he will be presenting – and he recommended the work of Rickie Rosco
- IX. Steve Wilson thanked the individuals who helped create the division by-laws (e.g., Mary Ashlock, Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, and Katheryn Maguire)
- X. There is a Facebook page for CMD – please “like” if able
- XI. Amy May spoke about 2021 Convention Nov 18-21 in Seattle, WA - (theme is “Renewal and Transformation”) and we (CMD) are slotted 4 slots. There are 5 special programs (50th anniversary of women’s caucus, program on social justice, renewing our commitments as an association, as well as innovation). There are also slots for 20 short courses. There are 11 slots for pre-conferences. Overall, there are 100 fewer slots this year – driven by the venue. Amy is reaching out to other division heads so we can work on collaborating.
She asked us to consider:
1. What is relevance and value of our teaching as we recover from this pandemic?
 2. How can COMM researchers, teachers and researchers commit to restoring our communities?
 3. How can we replenish our discipline?
- XII. Division membership
1. Liz mentioned that we should look at journals to find “forum” sections and potentially ask for special issue consideration
 2. NCA changed the # of free interest group memberships from 3 to 5
 3. Steve reminded us that the NCA policy is that divisions maintain memberships of 100 members or more to continue.
 4. Our division (CMD) currently has 93 members. Membership continues to grow as people renew their annual membership and choose CMD as one of their five interest group memberships.
 5. Trevor stated that NCA does a count every January. He doesn’t know if there is a probationary period...but he mentioned that a few divisions have had a hard time keeping members but NCA has not pulled the plug on them. He reminded us that we’ll have 2 years to get our numbers above the 100-member threshold.
 6. William Howe mentioned looking to Game Studies to collaborate moving forward...he also asks us to think about hosting a veteran meet-up at NCA to recruit new members to the division
 7. Luke Dye suggested inviting our students to present at NCA

8. Larry Miller (affiliated with Army War College) mentioned extending our influence by inviting communication faculty who work at military institutions
 9. Amy May said she will take a direct approach and potentially approach her faculty peers to request that they join our division
- XIII. Steve closed by bringing up the importance of recognizing good work (along with top paper awards) and noted that CMD has a new an outstanding article and book chapter award. He read the description and the call will go out this spring. Steve will chair selection committee.