

2018 Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division Business Meeting

National Communication Association Annual Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah

Saturday, November 10th, 2018, 12:30-1:45 p.m.

Salt Palace Convention Center, Rm. 355B

Minutes

- 1 – Meeting was called to order by Bernadette Marie Calafell, Vice-Chair, at 12:35pm
Officers introduced themselves
- 2 – Second Vice President Candidacy Statement (Roseann Mandziuk)
Roseann Mandziuk introduced herself and her vision for 2nd Vice President of NCA.
Mentioned that she is a member of the RCT division, and spoke about strengthening institutional support of diversity and inclusion in NCA, as well as disciplinary advocacy and public engagement
- 3 - Approval of 2017 Minutes (Jenna N. Hanchey, Secretary)
Jenna called for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes. Seconded from the floor.
Majority voted in favor and the motion to pass the minutes was approved at 12:41pm.
- 4 - Division Elections (Myra Washington, Co-Chair of Nominating Committee)
Myra thanks the Nominating Committee Members, as well as Lisa and Bernadette for their reminders to prepare nominations. Myra led the division elections. Candidates either introduced themselves, or sent Myra a description to read about their candidacy. Pictures and descriptions were posted of the candidates who were not able to attend. Candidates were running for the following offices:
 - Nominating committee (4 candidates to be elected)
 - Awards committee (1 candidate to be elected)
 - Second Vice Chair Elect (1 candidate to be elected)
- 5 - Legislative Assembly Report (Lisa Corrigan, Chair)
Small agenda.
Voted on the budget.
The diversity statement that has been debated for three years has been passed.
The journal editors no longer have to attend Legislative Assembly.
Least eventful LA of Lisa's lifetime
Thanks Bernadette for such a great slate of panels this year, and thanks her for her service
- 6 - NCA 2019 Preview (Nina Maria Lozano, Vice-Chair Elect)
Communication for Survival
Nov. 14-17 in Baltimore
There are really important things for us to consider with this theme. Some of the things listed: black lives matter, driving while black/brown, #metoo, white supremacy, fascism, anti-war, asylum seekers—the list goes on and on. These are the types of things Nina is interested in programming next year, from an intersectional approach.
- 7 - Program Planner's Report (Bernadette Calafell, Vice-Chair)
Total of 85 papers submitted, 51 accepted, 60% acceptance rate
Total of 40 panels submitted, 25 accepted, 62.5% acceptance rate
Asked for an extra slot, which we got.
Myra W. and Bernadette worked together to have two panels programmed in partnership with the Asian and Pacific American division
Transferred 4 papers to scholar-to-scholar

Took two slots to create two special, timely panels in reaction to #CommunicationSoWhite

1. Rhetoric so white
2. Communication so white

Also circulated a petition in the summer about the overwhelmingly whiteness of the publication editors and distinguished scholars. Felt it was important to have honest conversations about the challenges faced by marginalized people in this division in particular. There was a very robust discussion at the Rhetoric so white panel. The room was filled, and it was an emotional time. There was talk about where to go in the future. The second panel focused on communication theory in general. It was another very instructive panel, where we took away initiatives that we're hoping to put forward with the publications counsel as well as NCA. How do we mentor and recruit diverse journal editors, how do we teach people to write review. Reach out to Bonnie Dow, Kent Ono, or Ron Jackson if you're interested.

8 - Division Awards (Nina Maria Lozano)

Division awards were announced and presented by Nina Maria Lozano

- Distinguished Scholar Award: Ekaterina Haskins
- Early Career Award: Michele Kennerly
- Faculty Mentorship Award: Rosa Eberly

The top student paper award was announced and presented by Lisa Corrigan

- Nichols-Ehninger Award-Top Student Paper: Joe Hatfield

9 - Old Business

No old business was given

10 - Election Results (Myra Washington, Co-Chair of Nominating Committee)

Nominating Committee:

Michaela Frischherz (Chair)

KC Councilor

Kevin Musgrave

Lisa Silvestri

Awards Committee:

Kundai Chirindo

Second Vice Chair:

Megan Morrissey

11 - Announcements from the Floor

Bernadette congratulates Nina on her Scholar-Activist award from the Feminist and Women's Studies Division

Nina congratulates Bernadette on her Francine Merritt Award from the Feminist and Women's Studies Division

Job announcement: University of Nevada, Reno, critically-oriented Advanced Assistant/Associate basic course director position

Job announcement: Rennesleair Polytechnic Institute, media studies position

Job announcement: University of Arkansas, diversity (race/sex/class/gender/ability) position

Nina's book will be out in February, published by Ohio State University Press

McIntosh, Moon, & Nakayama published a book on whiteness studies through Routledge

13 – Adjournment

Bernadette adjourns the meeting at 1:15pm

2018 Division Officers: Chair: Lisa Corrigan, University of Arkansas; Vice-Chair: Bernadette Marie Calafell, University of Denver; Vice-Chair-Elect: Nina Maria Lozano, Loyola Marymount University, Secretary: Jenna N. Hanchey, University of Nevada, Reno; Past Chair: Kristen Hoerl, University of Nebraska-Lincoln