

2020 Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division Business Meeting

National Communication Association Annual Conference

Friday, November 13th 2020, 11:00a.m.-12:15 p.m. Eastern

Zoom Room 03

MINUTES

- 1 - Call to Order (Megan Morrissey, Vice-Chair)
 - Megan called the meeting to order at 11:02am
 - Introduces 2020 leadership (listed below)
 - Notes that we had decent ballot returns on the election
 - Notes the oddness of the online platform, and thanks everyone for coming to the business meeting and supporting the Division in these COVID-19 times
 - Asks if anyone has questions for Trevor Parry-Giles on behalf of NCA

- 2 – NCA Issues and Highlights
 - Trevor reminds everyone that the convention registration is free, but it shows up as \$550 for non—members, so make sure everyone knows to renew their memberships first before attempting to register for the conference
 - Spectra, the NCA magazine, has been converted to an online format
 - Please follow NCA on social media, and listen to Communication Matters, the NCA Podcast
 - The episode that dropped yesterday is on the Second VP Candidates (excellent transition, Trevor!)
 - Invites anyone to email him at tparrygiles@nca.org
 - Hopes to see you all in Seattle in 2021!

- 2 - NCA Second Vice-President Candidacy Statements
 - Bonnie Dow describes her history of involvement with NCA and why she would like to be Second VP, highlights development of structural paths to allow for more inclusion
 - Walid Afifi describes his experience on the NCA Diversity and Inclusivity task force, and how he would continue work on equity as Second VP, as well as increase community engaged work

- 3 - Approval of 2019 Minutes (Jenna N. Hanchey, Secretary)
 - Megan asks for minutes to be approved
 - Caitlin Bruce motions to accept minutes
 - Jessy Ohl seconds
 - None opposed
 - No discussion
 - Minutes approved at 8:20am

- 4 - Division Election Results (Shereen Yousuf, Chair of Nominating Committee)
 - Chair-Elect: Sarah Amira de la Garza
 - Secretary: Amanda Nell-Edgar
 - Award Committee: Godfried Asante
 - Nominating Committee: Katie Lind, Scarlett Hester, Matthew Houdek, Noor Ghazal Aswad (Chair)

- 5 - Legislative Assembly Report (Megan Morrissey, Vice-Chair)
 - Legislative Assembly hasn't happened yet, so, no report to give!

- 6 - Program Planner's Report (Megan Morrissey, Vice-Chair)
 - Received fewer submissions than usual
 - 41 slots to fill this year
 - Received 62 individual papers (down from the typical amount of about 90), accepted 46

- Received 29 paper sessions, accepted 27
- Received 15 panel discussions, accepted 13
- Co-sponsored panels with a number of different divisions

7 - NCA 2020 Preview (Caitlin Bruce, Vice-Chair Elect)

- Theme: Renewal and Transformation
- Papers and panels could take on either/both of these terms: lines of continuity or lines of change
- In Seattle
- Plan is to be in-person, at the moment
- Nov. 18-21
- RCT has 36 slots; slots were reduced by 100 across NCA as a whole
- Submissions close on March 31
- Caitlin is providing a link in the chat to sign up to review, chair, and respond
- Megan expresses her profound thanks for all of the labor the reviewers did this year

8 - Division Awards (Barbara Biesecker and Megan Morrissey)

- Distinguished Scholar Award: Dr. Raka Shome
- Early Career Award: Dr. Justin Eckstein
- Faculty Mentorship Award: Dr. Dan Brouwer
- Nichols-Ehninger Top Student Paper Award: Noor Ghazal Aswad
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9 - Old Business

- Do we have any?
- None from Megan, and none from the floor.

10 – New Business and/or Announcements from the Floor

- Jenna N. Hanchey – CFP for a themed issue of *Review of Communication* on “(Re)Theorizing Communication Studies from African Perspectives.” Submissions due Feb. 1:
https://bit.ly/Review_of_Communication
- Bryan McCann announces the new journal *Rhetoric, Politics and Culture*, which has been enabled by the activism and labor of people in this room, and pastes CFP in the chat
- Megan plugs the RCT Top Paper Panel: Saturday, 11-12:15 Eastern.
- Megan – Job Call: Assistant Professor of Performance Studies (IT) at University of Northern Texas. Materials due by 1/7
- Godfried Asante – Job Call: Black and African American Rhetoric & Media (IT, Assistant/Associate) at San Diego State University, pastes email in the chat

11 – Adjournment

- Megan thanks everyone for their hard work and adaptability in these tough circumstances
- Barb wants to say one thing: expresses appreciation for the work that Megan has done this year, particularly with respect to taking over when other RCT leadership has had difficult life circumstances
- Meeting adjourned at 11:51am

2019 Division Officers: Chair: Nina Maria Lozano, Loyola Marymount University, Vice-Chair: Megan Morrissey, University of North Texas; Vice-Chair Elect: Caitlin Bruce, University of Pittsburgh; Secretary: Jenna N. Hanchey, University of Nevada, Reno; Past Chair: Bernadette Marie Calafell, Gonzaga University

2019 Awards Committee: Barbara Biesecker, University of Georgia (Chair); Kundai Chirindo, Lewis & Clark College; Whitney Gent, University of Nebraska, Omaha

2020 Nominating Committee: Shereen Yousuf (Chair); Marnie Ritchie, Pacific Lutheran University; Heather Roy, University of Iowa; Amanda Friz, University of Washington, Seattle