

Caucus on LGBTQ Concerns
Minutes of the 2019 Business Meeting
NCA's 105th Annual Convention
Baltimore, MD
11/16/2019 BCC 339

- I. Welcome and Call to Order (Andrea Davis) 12:33 pm
- II. Andrea Davis honors the 40th anniversary of the caucus and recognizes the members in attendance who were part of that meeting.
- III. Approval of 2018 Minutes
Amy Smith moves to approve the minutes, Bryan McCaan Second, Motion Carries.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Past Chair (Erika Thomas)
Erika Thomas thanks those who ran the meeting for her last year and is grateful for the help and support
 - b. Chair (Andrea Davis)
Reserves her time
 - c. Vice-Chair (Amy Smith)
12 slots, 2 for the business meeting and reception. 12 papers became 3 panels, 6 panels, and one performance, 2 papers sent to other divisions and 1 paper rejected. Co-sponsored a pre-conference and on 3 panels with Performance Studies and one panel with the division. Invited attendees to the reception to follow.
 - d. Vice-Chair Elect (Dusty Goltz)
Looking for intersectional work across the caucuses and across NCA. Dusty is really pushing for a strong relationship between the caucus and the division in working on planning. Very open to non-traditional submissions. We are at 12 slots for next year (same as this year).
 - e. Secretary (Christopher Vincent)
Unfortunately was not able to attend the conference
 - f. Publicity Chair (Kyle Colglazier)
Thanking everyone for listserv contributions. Changes to yahoo groups are discussed. We are attempting to locate the login information for yahoo groups.
 - g. Legislative Assembly (Alice Veksler)
Very little to report. The statement against white supremacy passed and the creation of a new division on military communication passed. LA broke early and canceled the Saturday session.
 - h. Diversity Council (Alice Veksler)
New body that is part of EC. Had a number of significant accomplishments (buttons, DS selection process, publications and editor pipeline, and others).

Other initiatives are in the works. The DC is powerful and influential within the organization and allows for making changes.

V. Old Business

a. Ad hoc committee on Caucus Archives

Ad hoc committee on the archives: Discussed this history of the issue with the archives. Erika is willing to take physical possession of the archives and serve on the committee. The Ad hoc committee was created and will be populated with members over the course of the year by leadership

b. Bylaw Changes

The bylaws change was circulated by the leadership on the listserv. Amy moves the question and Erika seconds. Motion carries.

c. Oral histories of Caucus

Oral history of the caucus was discussed on a panel this year. Darryl spoke briefly about this history and the people who need to be recognized for their service to the caucus. Many people are no longer with us or are passing on and it is important to remember these individuals.

VI. New Business

a. Caucus' Leadership statement on DS (Summer 2019)

Statement on DS said we would talk about the issue of DEI as a caucus.

Discussion ensued about what steps the caucus can take to promote DEI:

What can we do to promote more mentoring? Can we pair senior and junior/student members to promote these discussions? Can this be formalized? Various suggestions from the floor were provided.

How can we engage in advocacy surrounding the election and can we co-sponsor with political comm division so we don't cede all of that work to other groups given the importance of these issues to our caucus. What can we do that is more than scholarship in the form of advocacy?

Can we highlight queer studies in the NCA doctoral program information on the website? Great graduate programs are excluding potential queer and/or trans students by virtue of being in a location or climate that is not supportive and lacks allyship. It would be helpful to know what programs are "safe."

Ways that we can identify and promote the concept of queer academic lineages.

VII. Announcements

a. Issac West

Editor in chief of the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Queer Studies is issuing invitations to potential authors and is also soliciting submissions. Peer reviewed and nominal compensation (in books) provided.

- b. Byan McCaan – Launching of new journal of Rhetoric, Policy, and Culture out of MSU press. Look for a call for papers Jan/Feb 2020.

VIII. 2019 Elections

- a. Vice-Chair Elect

Jessica Johnson: Jajohnson620@gmail.com Metropolitan State University

- b. Diversity Council & LA Rep

Nominations: Brandon Miller, Deryl Johnson

Deryl Johnson, Kutztown University johnson@kutztown.edu elected to a 3 year term

IX. Awards

- a. Randy Major's Award to Shinsuke Eguchi Ph.D.
- b. Lambda Award not presented this year

X. Adjournment to the Social Hour