

FINAL – APPROVED FEBRUARY 5, 2016

Minutes

National Communication Association
Legislative Assembly Meeting
November 18 and 21, 2015
Las Vegas

Presiding: Carole Blair, President
Parliamentarian: Colette Collier Trohan
Recording: Nancy Kidd, Executive Director

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to Order: President Blair called the 2015 Legislative Assembly (LA) meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Pacific time on Wednesday, November 18.

Introductions: Members of the LA were asked to stand and introduce themselves by name and the group represented.

Credentials Report: First Vice President Christina Beck announced that at 12:09 p.m. 128 delegates were registered from the 188 members of the LA.¹ *A motion was made that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this assembly. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Standing Rules: President Blair directed the body to the standing rules in the meeting binder. *A motion was made to adopt the standing rules as presented. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Agenda: President Blair directed attention to the proposed agenda. *A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Legislative Assembly observed a moment of silence to honor those who have passed away during the past year.²

Scott Myers provided a report from the Educational Policies Board, John Greene provided a report from the Publications Board, Joseph Bonito provided a report from the Research Board, and Nancy Kidd provided a report from the National Office. Mark Fernando presented the report

¹ Please see Appendix A for the full list of meeting attendees on November 18.

² Alton Barbour, Jane Blankenship, Robert S. Cathcart, Thomas R. Donohue, Theodore G. Grove, Franklin S. Haiman, Richard Bruce Hyde, Stuart Hyde, Paul Jacoway, Jack Kay, Reverend Robert Dean Kendall, Thomas Knutson, Sidney Kraus, Owen Kulemeka, John LeBret, Karen King Lee, Mark R. Levy, Linda Moore, Donald K. Orban, Father Peter Raposo, Loren D. Reid, Leland H. Roloff, R. Anthony Slagle, Richard L. Stromgren, J. Edgar Webb, Guy Paul Yates

of the 2015 Nominating Committee on behalf of Candice Thomas-Maddox.³ Each of the candidates for Second Vice President addressed the Assembly.

BUSINESS

Election of the 2016 Committee on the Agenda: The LA was asked for nominees for two positions on the 2016 Committee on the Agenda. Jimmie Manning and Shane Tilton were nominated. The candidates were declared elected.

Nominations for the 2016 Committee on Committees: The LA was asked for nominations for two positions on the 2016 Committee on Committees. Melissa Beall, Bernadette Calafell, and Heather Carmack were nominated. Each candidate was given one minute to address the Assembly. Ballots were submitted, and the President said that the results would be announced on Saturday.

Job Ad Language: President Blair introduces the proposal which is to amend the language in our current policy regarding required job ad language on domestic partner benefits in light of the recent Obergefell Supreme Court decision. *A motion was made to rescind the 2012 policy on job ad language. Seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion failed. A motion was made to amend the policy as specified in the LA meeting binder. Seconded. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to amend the first option under question #1 to cut "same sex and different sex." Seconded. Motion carried. A motion was made to insert "to" to the first options under question #2. There were no objections. A vote was taken to amend the current policy with the revision proposal in the LA meeting binder as amended. Motion carried.*

Financial Reports: President Blair introduced Finance Board Director Bobby Patton to present the financial reports. Patton talked about the financial results from FY14-15. He informed the LA that NCA received an unqualified opinion on our independent audit, which means our financial statements present fairly our financial position as of our fiscal year-end and the results of our operations for the fiscal year are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. He then talked about the implications of our statements of financial position and cash flow. Patton also referred the LA to the line-by-line comparison of the FY14-15 budget to actual revenue and expense, which was included in the meeting materials and shows that we ended the year with a small operating budget surplus. *A motion was made by the Finance Board to adopt the FY14-15 audit report. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Patton then described the proposal for the FY15-16 operating budget. *A motion was made by the Finance Board to adopt the FY15-16 budget. Motion carried.*

Constitution/Bylaws Revision: President Blair introduced the proposal, the reasons for it, and its history. *A motion was made to consider the amendments to the constitution and bylaws. Seconded. Motion passed. A motion was made to 1) adopt the proposed bylaws to replace the current constitution and bylaws with the bylaws found in the LA meeting materials and 2)*

³ Candidates for Second Vice President: Bruce Henderson, Star Muir; Candidates for Committee on Committees: Leeanne Bell McManus, Amy L. Darnell, Lisa Flores, Chad McBride, Christine North; Candidates for Legislative Assembly: Nicole Blau, Jaime Bochantin, Jason Munsell, Vincent Pham, Desiree D. Rowe, Alice Veksler

initiative a membership ballot to rescind the current constitution, subject to a number of provisos regarding the transition period and a proviso indicating that if the membership fails to rescind the current constitution the LA vote to approve changes to the bylaws will be automatically revoked. Seconded. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to amend Article III Section 6 by inserting at the end "Recall of other elected Board members shall require a two-thirds vote of the Legislative Assembly." Seconded. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to close debate. Seconded. Motion carried. There was no objection from the body to a proposal that all amendments shall be subject to legal review and conforming amendments. A vote was taken on the amendment proposal. Motion carried. A motion was made to close debate on the main motion. Seconded. Motion failed. A motion was made to amend Article III Section 1 to strike "two Intercaucus Directors" and insert "one Director from each caucus." Seconded. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to close debate on the amendment. Seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on the amendment. Motion carried. A motion was made to close debate on the main motion. Seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on the main motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: President Blair adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: President Carole Blair called the 2015 Legislative Assembly meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. on Saturday, November 21.

Credentials Report: First Vice President Christina Beck announced that at 8:04 a.m. 109 delegates were registered from the 188 members of the LA.⁴ *A motion was made that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this assembly. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Special Recognition: President Blair recognized members of the association who have provided significant service to NCA. Outgoing Executive Committee members John O. Greene, Bobby Patton, and Kathleen J. Turner were recognized, as were outgoing editors Frederick Corey, David R. Dewberry, and Kate Hawkins. Presidential citations were given to Pat J. Gehrke and William M. Keith for their extraordinary work in editing NCA's Centennial Volume, *A Century of Communication Studies: The Unfinished Conversation*.

Results from the Election of the 2016 Committee on Committees: President Blair announced that Bernadette Calafell and Heather Carmack have been elected by the Legislative Assembly to serve on the 2016 Committee on Committees.

2015 Committee on Committees Report: Committee Chair Kathleen Turner announced the slate of candidates nominated by the committee.⁵ *A motion was made by the Committee on Committees to adopt the slate of candidates as presented. Motion carried.*

⁴ Please see Appendix B for the full list of meeting attendees on November 21.

⁵ *Affirmative Action and Intercaucus Committee Chair:* Justin Boren; *Bernard J. Brommel Award for Outstanding Scholarship or Distinguished Service in Family Communication Selection Committee:* Patricia Amason; *Committee on International Discussion and Debate:* Geoff Klinger; *Diamond Anniversary Book Award Committee:* Phaedra Pezzullo; *Doctoral Education Committee:* Ben Bates, Stacy Connaughton, Lisa Flores, Laura Stafford; *Donald P. Cushman Memorial Award for Student Scholarship Selection Committee:* Joan Connors, Stacy Smulowitz; *Douglas W. Ehninger Distinguished Rhetorical Scholar Award Selection Committee:* Celeste Condit; *Educational Policies*

Constitution/Bylaws Revision: *A motion was made to rescind the bylaws revision. Seconded. A motion was made to consider the motion to rescind. Seconded. Motion carried. Discussion ensued about needing more time for adequate consideration of potential unintended consequences from the amendments that were made and passed on the floor on Wednesday. A motion was made to close debate. Seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken on the main motion. Motion carried.*

Adjournment: President Blair adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Board: Kyle Rudick, Cheri Simonds; Finance Board: Sue DeWine; Franklin S. Haiman Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Freedom of Expression Selection Committee: Kyo Ho Youm; Gerald M. Phillips Award for Distinguished Applied Communication Scholarship Selection Committee: Carolyn Karmon Shue; Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Selection Committee: Danielle Endres, R. Lance Holbert, Andrew Ledbetter; Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Selection Committee Chair: Lisa Sparks; Karl R. Wallace Memorial Award Selection Committee: Angela Jerome; Leathers Fund Trustee Committee: Julia Khrebtan-Hoerhager; Legislative Assembly: Jessica Kratzer, Myra S. Washington; Leslie Irene Coger Award for Distinguished Performance Selection Committee: Shauna MacDonald; Lilla A. Heston Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Interpretation and Performance Studies Selection Committee: Dave Wendt; Mark L. Knapp Award in Interpersonal Communication Selection Committee: Linda Manning, Loretta Pecchioni; Mark L. Knapp Award in Interpersonal Communication Selection Committee Chair: Andy Merolla; Michael and Suzanne Osborn Community College Outstanding Educator Award Selection Committee: Nancy J. Willets; Nominating Committee Chair: Navita James; Nominating Committee At-Large Member Elected by the LA: Donna Pawlowski; Professional Service Awards Selection Committee: Melbourne Cummings, Gustav Friedrich; Professional Service Awards Selection Committee Chair: Nina-Jo Moore, Publications Board: Graham Bodie, Patrice M. Buzzanell; Research Board Director-Elect: Mindy E. Fenske; Research Board: Dustin Goltz, Eric King Watts; Resolutions Committee Chair: Bree McEwan; Resolutions Committee: Leah Bryant, Cerise Glenn, Joseph Mazer; Stephen E. Lucas Debut Publication Award Selection Committee: Carey Noland.

Appendix A

Meeting Attendance Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Activism and Social Justice Division	Kristen C. Blinne
Activism and Social Justice Division	Lawrence R Frey
Affiliate, Association For Communication Administration	Helen Sterk
Affiliate, Central States Comm Association (Community College Rep)	David McMahan
Affiliate, Central States Comm Association (Four Year College Rep)	Jimmie Manning
Affiliate, Central States Communication Association (K-12 Rep)	David Wendt
Affiliate, Eastern Communication Association (Community College Rep)	Kerry Byrnes-Loinette
Affiliate, Eastern Communication Association (Four Year College Rep)	Katie Neary Dunleavy
Affiliate, Eastern Communication Association (K-12 Rep)	April Copes
Affiliate, National States Advisory Council	Susan Tomasovic
Affiliate, Southern States Comm Association (Community College Rep)	Brad Bailey
Affiliate, Southern States Comm Association (Four Year College Rep)	Michelle Violanti
Affiliate, Southern States Communication Association (K-12 Rep)	Kristy Cates
Affiliate, Western States Comm Association (Community College Rep)	Matthew Petrunia
Affiliate, Western States Comm Association (Four Year College Rep)	Dana Cloud
Affiliate, Western States Communication Association (K-12 Rep)	Robert Stockton
Affirmative Action & Intercaucus Committee Chair	Shawn Long
African American Communication and Culture Division	Cerise L Glenn
African American Communication and Culture Division	Andre Johnson
American Studies Division	Meryl Irwin
American Studies Division	Barbara Parisi (alt for Treat)
Applied Communication Division	Heather Carmack
Applied Communication Division	Monica Gallegos
Applied Communication Division	
Argumentation and Forensics Division	Randolph Richardson
Argumentation and Forensics Division	Terry Rogers
Asian/ Pacific American Communication Studies Division	David Oh
Asian/Pacific American Caucus	Shinsuke Eguchiyes
Asian/Pacific American Communication Studies Division	Lisa Hanasono
Basic Course Division	Joe Valenzano
Basic Course Division	Tiffany Wang
Black Caucus	Rachel Alicia Griffin
Caucus on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns	Justin Boren
Communication and Aging Division	Charles Choi
Communication and Aging Division	Maggie Pitts (alt for Rittenour)
Communication and Law Division	Thomas Beisecker
Communication and Law Division	Nick Romerhausen
Communication and Social Cognition Division	Matthew S. McGlone
Communication and Social Cognition Division	Nicholas A. Palomares
Communication and Sport Division	Andrew C. Billings
Communication and Sport Division	Michael L. Butterworth
Communication and the Future Division	Aubrie S. Adams
Communication and the Future Division	Shannon C. VanHorn
Communication Apprehension and Competence Division	
Communication Apprehension and Competence Division	
Communication as Social Construction Division	Christina S. Beck
Communication as Social Construction Division	Christine S. Davis
Communication Assessment Division	
Communication Assessment Division	
Communication Centers Section	Sarah Rosaen
Communication Centers Section	Marlina Davidson

Communication Ethics Division	Bert Ballard
Communication Ethics Division	Melba Velez Ortiz
Community College Section	Danna Prather Davis
Community College Section	Kirt Shineman
Critical and Cultural Studies Division	Dana Cloud
Critical and Cultural Studies Division	Donovan Conley
Critical and Cultural Studies Division	Kimberly Moffitt
Critical and Cultural Studies Division	Michelle Rodino-Colocino
Disability Issues Caucus	Joy Cypher
Editor, Communication and Critical Cultural Studies	D. Robert DeChaine
Editor, Communication Education	Jon Hess
Editor, Communication Monographs	Kory Floyd
Editor, Communication Teacher	
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Editor, First Amendment Studies	
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Editor, Review of Communication	
Editor, Text and Performance Quarterly	
Elected, At-Large (2012)	
Elected, At-Large (2012)	James Cherney
Elected, At-Large (2012)	Richard Vatz
Elected, At-Large (2013)	Tina M. Harris
Elected, At-Large (2013)	Theodore F. Sheckels
Elected, At-Large (2013)	Scott A. Myers
Elected, At-Large (2014)	Stephanie Norander
Elected, At-Large (2014)	Rebecca M. Townsend
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Elected, Legislative Assembly (2013)	Belinda Stillion Southard
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Elementary and Secondary Education Section	Melissa Beall
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Emeritus/ Retired Member Section	
Emeritus/ Retired Member Section	
Environmental Communication Division	Andrea Feldpausch-Parker
Environmental Communication Division	Jessica Thompson
Ethnography Division	Tony Adams
Ethnography Division	Sarah J. Tracy
Experiential Learning in Communication Division	Karyn Friesen
Experiential Learning in Communication Division	Clark Friesen
Family Communication Division	Andrea Lambert South
Family Communication Division	Erin Sahlstein Parcell
Feminist and Women Studies Division	Maria del Guadalupe Davidson
Feminist and Women Studies Division	Danielle Stern
Feminist and Women Studies Division	Yahui Zhang
Freedom of Expression Division	Debbie Hatton (Alt for Battaglia)
Freedom of Expression Division	Paula McKenzie
Game Studies Division	Jaime Banks
Game Studies Division	Jorge Pena
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Comm Studies Division	Bernadette Calafell

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Comm Studies Division	Isaac West
Group Communication Division	Laura Black
Group Communication Division	
Health Communication Division	Jennifer Kam
Health Communication Division	Allison Scott Gordon
Health Communication Division	Elaine Wittenberg Lyles
Health Communication Division	
Human Communication and Technology Division	Bree McEwan
Human Communication and Technology Division	Artemio Ramirez
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Instructional Development Division	Joseph Mazer
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International and Intercultural Communication Division	Sara DeTurk
International and Intercultural Communication Division	Amy N. Heuman
International and Intercultural Communication Division	
Interpersonal Communication Division	Leah Bryant
Interpersonal Communication Division	Leanne Knobloch
Interpersonal Communication Division	Pam Lannutti
Interpersonal Communication Division	Steve Yoshimura
La Raza Caucus	Amanda R. Martinez
Language and Social Interaction Division	Jay Leighter
Language and Social Interaction Division	
Latina/ Latino Communication Studies Division	Diana Bowen
Latina/ Latino Communication Studies Division	Olivia Perez-Langley
Mass Communication Division	Srividya Ramasubramanian
Mass Communication Division	Jennifer Stevens Aubrey
Mass Communication Division	Stanley D. Tickton
Mass Communication Division	Shane Tilton
Master's Education Section	John Hooker
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Nonverbal Communication Division	Ashley Duggan
Organizational Communication Division	Norah Dunbar
Organizational Communication Division	Karen Lee Ashcraft
Organizational Communication Division	J. Kevin Barge
Organizational Communication Division	Laurie Lewis
Peace and Conflict Division	Lacey McNamee
Peace and Conflict Division	Sudeshna Roy
Performance Studies Division	Saman Talib
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Casey Kelly (alt for Endres)
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Darrel Wanzer-Serrano

Mary Fong
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Anna-Carrie Beck
Ashton Gerding Speno
Patricia Friel
Margaret Moe
Lori Charron
J.D. Wallace
Armeda Reitzel

John Katsion
Tami Randahl Morris
Abbey Wojno