

# **Candidates for Committee on Committees (At-Large Members)**

*Two will be elected to serve two-year terms beginning in January 2019*

- Jane Jorgenson, University of South Florida
- Bree McEwan, DePaul University
- Carey Marie Noland, Northeastern University
- Melissa Tafoya, La Sierra University

## Jane Jorgenson, University of South Florida

I am pleased to be considered for nomination as an At-Large Member of the Committee on Committees. As a faculty member at the University of South Florida for more than twenty years, I have taught in the areas of organizational and family communication. My research has focused on developing more integrated perspectives on work and family conflicts, and has been energized by interdisciplinary collaborations and border-crossing between different NCA divisions. I would welcome the opportunity to apply these experiences as a member of the Committee on Committees. A key aspect of the work done by NCA's boards and committees is the facilitation of connections across increasingly specialized subdisciplines. Yet I know from personal experience that NCA members are nourished by their participation in wider networks of conversation. Teamwork on NCA committees can stimulate members of different ranks and interests to pursue together difficult intellectual goals and address critical social issues. The Committee on Committees plays a central role in ensuring equity and diversity of membership on NCA governance bodies. As a member of the committee, I would work closely with my colleagues to try to foster inclusive environments to better enable the organization to be responsive to new initiatives and challenges concerning our discipline.



## Bree McEwan, DePaul University

I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Committee on Committees. I am an active member of the communication discipline working on questions of interpersonal communication and technology. NCA is an important advocate for our discipline and the annual convention is an important touchstone for communication scholars. I would be pleased to have an opportunity to contribute to the continued success of the organization by serving on Committee on Committees. I have attended and presented at NCA every year since my first NCA convention (2005, Boston). In addition, I have published work association journals such as *Communication Monographs* and *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication* and affiliated regional journals such as *Communication Studies* and *Southern Journal of Publication*.



The Committee on Committees keeps the wheels of the association turning by recruiting and selecting people to keep the wheels of the association turning. I have served in a variety of association service roles including program planner and Chair of the Human Communication and Technology Division. As part of this role I served three years as a member of the Legislative Assembly. I recently finished a two-year term on the Resolutions Committee (serving as chair the second year). I also served as the co-program planner for a special division for the 2015 convention. I mention these roles because they have given me an understanding of the structure of the organization and an understanding of the various contributions of different committees and positions within the association. If elected to the Committee I hope to be able to use this experience to support the association through finding great people to fill the important roles that help NCA run well.

## Carey Marie Noland, Northeastern University

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my bid to serve on the Committee on Committees. It would be an honor to assist in the recruitment of NCA members to stand for NCA committees and administer the slate of nominees for governance positions at NCA. \

As a mid-career faculty member with over 20 years in the academy, I am well positioned to participate on this committee. I am an Associate Professor at Northeastern University. I am research active, an energetic mentor, and award-winning teacher who is engaged in the review and evaluation of scholarly work, and highly active in service at the department, college and professional levels.



I currently serve on the Stephen E. Lucas Debut Publication Award Committee. It has been my pleasure to read the publications of so many gifted junior scholars and help to honor them with this award. I have long subscribed to a servant-leader approach in my service efforts, and I believe I have made a significant impact as an institution-builder at my university. For example, while serving as Vice-President of NU College Council I was instrumental in staffing and supervising numerous committees, careful to ensure under-represented stakeholders would have a voice while balancing the desires and needs of the majority. I welcome the chance to serve NCA in ways that make it a more diverse organization. I have found great benefit, both intellectually and in terms of reaffirming my faith in humanity by attending NCA conventions.

I believe a diverse committee will in turn support diverse nominations. I have been highly involved in NCA interest groups that include qualitative and quantitative methods, health, organizational, and interpersonal communication, pedagogy and sex research. I am a member of a numerous divisions at NCA and a regular reviewer for additional divisions including: International and Intercultural Communication, Organizational Communication, Health Communication, Interpersonal, and Feminist and Women Studies as well as belong to La Raza Caucus and Women's Caucus. I have a great desire to contribute to the NCA community and to help staff governance positions with enthusiastic and qualified leaders.

## Melissa Tafoya, La Sierra University

As an Associate Professor, and Department Chair, of Communication Studies at La Sierra University in Riverside, CA, I feel fortunate to have a career by which I am empowered to share my passion for the Communication discipline. I have been an active member of Western States Communication Association (WSCA) and the National Communication Association (NCA) for almost 15 years. It is impossible to disentangle my efforts in teaching, research and service – each informs and expands the others, creating a holistic professional approach that is greater than the sum of its parts. My dedication to continued growth as



a scholar, researcher, and educator leads me to pursue active service opportunities that facilitate my professional development and success, expansion of knowledge, and networking relationships. My service to the discipline greatly improves the quality and effectiveness of my teaching and scholarship.

Service to my academic discipline is a high-priority, integral part of my academic life. As a Master's student, I served as the Secretary for the Interpersonal Communication Division during the WSCA annual convention. I have been privileged to serve NCA or WSCA, in some manner, every year since. My long history of service, includes, but is not limited to: WSCA and NCA Interpersonal Division Secretary, *Communication Reports* Editorial Board, *Western Journal of Communication* Editorial Assistant, WSCA Executive Council, NCA Legislative Assembly, WSCA Award Committee Chair (Model Communication Program Award and Distinguished Scholar Award), NCA Leadership Development Committee, Top Paper Committee, and numerous opportunities as a panel chair or respondent. I am especially proud of being the Interpersonal Communication Division planner for WSCA in 2011, and have been elected to serve in that capacity again in 2019. Currently, I am completing my fourth (final) year as the *Secretary/Treasurer* for the WSCA Executive Club.

While challenging at times, service is also extremely rewarding. Skills and leadership experience gained through service have proven invaluable in my career. My background and experiences make me very well-suited to serve as a member of the Committee on Committees. I am both qualified and eager to serve NCA in this capacity. Thank you for your support.