

NCA Activism and Social Justice Division Business Meeting
National Communication Association
Fully Virtual Conference
November 14th, 2020

I. Welcome and Call to Order (Patricia Parker)

a. Statements from Candidates for NCA 2nd Vice President (Walid Afifi and Bonnie Dow)

1. **Walid Afifi** makes comments about background and platform for running for NCA 2nd Vice President.
 - i. Email: w-afifi@ucsb.edu
NCA 2nd VP Office hours and listening sessions, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 PM EST, November 10, 17, 24
 - ii. Zoom link:
<https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/86890824552?pwd=UzRzRGk1RINsQjdlaHd6ZGNmUHBmQT09>
 - iii. Website: <https://www.natcom.org/nca-2020-second-vice-president-election-spotlight>
2. **Bonnie Dow** makes comments about background and platform for running for NCA 2nd Vice President.
 - i. Website: www.bonniedow.com.
 - ii. Email: Bonnie.j.dow@vanderbilt.edu

b. Introduction of Division Officers

1. Chair: **Dr. Patricia Parker**
psparker@email.unc.edu
2. Vice-Chair: **Dr. David Palmer**
David.Palmer@unco.edu
3. Vice-Chair Elect: **Dr. Billie Murray**
Billie.murray@villanova.edu
4. Secretary: **Dr. Jasmine Austin**
Jtaustin@txstate.edu
5. Immediate Past Chair: **Dr. Jason Del Gadio**
jdel@temple.edu

c. Introduction of Graduate Student Committee

1. Chair: **Courtney Hook**
 - a. ch915217@ohio.edu
2. Vice-Chair: **Alex Rister**
 - b. alexrister1@gmail.com
3. Comm. Coordinator: **Ryan Bince**
 - c. ry.bince@gmail.com

d. Approval of 2019 minutes

1. Jenny Korn motions to approve the 2019 minutes
2. Peter Jensen seconds that motion.

II. Chair's Report (Patricia Parker)

1. In ASJD's brief six-year history, the division is now the 9th largest (out of 49) and fastest growing division in NCA. We had 3 representatives at the legislative assembly.
2. ASJD membership voted to put in place an ad hoc committee for anti-racism organizing and programming.
3. Announced: The Saturday panel of former chairs is 3:30–4:45p (EST). Panel title: "At the Crossroads: Reflections on the Growth and Future of the Activism and Social Justice Division"

III. Vice Chair's Report (David Palmer)

1. This year, NCA initially allocated 17 conference time slots to the ASJD, up from 14 last year. I petitioned for two additional slots, which were granted, for a total of 19. The Division received a total of 60 submissions, which included 38 individual papers, 10 panel discussions, and 12 paper sessions. There were no film or performance session submissions this year. We accepted 20 papers, 8 panels, and 10 paper sessions. The ASJD is also proudly co-sponsoring 10 panels with other divisions.
2. Budget: \$1,000 (up from \$750) \$400 on plaques.

IV. Vice-Chair Elect's Report (Billie Murray)

1. 107th NCA Annual Convention will be held in Seattle, November 18-21
 - a. Roseann Mandzuik 1stVP and Planner
 - b. Washington State Convention Center
 - c. Sheraton Hotel
2. Theme: Renewal and Transformation
 - a. Where do we go from here? What are our key challenges?
 - b. Why do our contributions as Communication scholars and teachers matter more now, than ever?
 - c. 5 special programs (not accepting open submissions):
 - i. Social Justice Issues
 - ii. Renewing our Commitment to our Credos
 - iii. Innovation
 - iv. 50th Anniversary of Women's Caucus
 - v. 25th Anniversary of the Feminism and Gender Studies Division
3. ASJD division has 18 assigned slots. I would like to foreground anti-racism programming and will petition for additional slots related to that and the special programming above.
4. Convention Central will be open for submissions on January 11th
 - a. Deadline for submissions March 31st
 - b. Reviews will be assigned in early April and due on May 5th
 - c. Will send out a google doc to sign up to review, respond, or chair panels via listserv in late January/early February
5. Note from Leandra Hernandez: Hernandez will be program planning for Feminist and Gender Studies and look forward to chatting about co-sponsoring panels!
6. Question: Allison Brenneise: Are they planning for an in-person convention? If so, are they considering changing the conference program and timing to *not* mimic previous conventions to allow for flexibility and accommodation for those that can still not attend?

- a. Answer from Billie Murray: Yes, they are planning for an in-person convention. There was no conversation yet about accommodation, but they have discussed issues about ability access.
- 7. Comment: CJ Koenig: Many national and international academic organizations have started to cancel in-person conferences scheduled for 2021.

V. New/Other Business (Solicited from the floor) (Patricia Parker):

- Yonty Friesem suggested that we as a division have a platform to advance programs (undergraduate and graduate programs) that advance activism and social justice in the field of communication.
- Patricia Parker: This is a great idea and I think the leadership team, including incoming-chair, David Palmer and Yonty Friesem can work together with others to form an ad hoc committee to move this initiative forward. Is there a motion?
- **Motion by Jenny Korn:** Move to create an ad hoc committee to identify, promote, amplify and support degree programs (undergraduate and graduate programs) that advance activism and social justice in the field of communication.
 - Members of committee: David Palmer, Patricia Parker, Yonty Friesem, Billie Murray, Sean Maulding (sean.maulding@csusb.edu) and Alex Rister.
- Billie Murray seconds the motion
- Unanimously approved; No abstentions

VI. Presentation of Awards (Jasmine Austin)

- Congratulations to:
 - Dr. Leandra Hernandez: Pedagogy Award
 - Dr. Sharde Davis: Community Engagement Award
 - Joy Melody Woods: Graduate Student Activist Award
- Billie Murray: Additional congratulations to all nominees and recipients!
- Patricia Parker: congratulates all top paper recipients.
 - Sue Lockyer and Christopher "CJ" Koenig
 - Christopher Charles Barnes
 - Jessica Sage Rauchberg

VII. Elections (Jason Del Gandio)

- a. Vice Chair Elect
 - a. Amy Aldridge Sanford: Thanks division for their leadership
 - b. Allison Brenneise: Thanks division for their leadership
 - c. WINNER: Amy Aldridge Sanford, amy.aldrige.sanford@tamucc.edu
- b. Graduate Student Committee Officers: Need to elect Vice-Chair and Communications chair
 - a. Motion for one-time exemption to the bi-laws to hold the election after NCA, but otherwise following the established protocols:
 1. Billie Murray motions to approve the one-time exemption to the bi-laws
 2. Jenny Korn seconds that motion

- 3. Abstain Sean Maulding
- 4. Vice Chair and Communications Chair elections are forthcoming.
- b. New GSC Chair: Alex Rister, alexrister1@gmail.com
 - i. encourages graduate students to apply for leadership positions in the GSC.

VIII. Announcements (ASJD Members)

- 1. Gary Kreps:
 - a. The 2021 DC Health Communication Conference DCHC (<https://dchc.gmu.edu/>) will be held online from April 22-24. The main conference theme is "Promoting Equity in Health Communication Research" and abstracts for presentations are due on December 1, 2020.
 - i. The pre-conference theme is "COVID-19: Health Communication Imperatives and Contributions" and research team panel proposals are due on January 15, 2021. Nominations for the Charles Atkins Distinguished Translational Health Communication Scholar Award are due on February 1, 2020.
 - b. George Mason University is searching for two tenured/tenure track communication and social justice faculty positions:
 - i. Tenured Associate Professor of Health Communication and Global Health (<https://jobs.gmu.edu/postings/48784>)
 - ii. Open Rank (Tenured/Tenure Track) Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Health Communication, Race, and Gender (<http://jobs.gmu.edu/postings/48863>)
- 2. Patricia Parker:
 - a. The Department of Communication at UNC-Chapel Hill has an opening for an Assistant Professor in Performance Studies.
 - i. Email Renee Alexander Craft for more details email Search Committee Chair renee.alexander.craft@unc.edu
- 3. Larry Frey:
 - a. Pat Parker and I want to announce that although the University of California Press has discontinued publishing all communication books (including our social justice series), we have started a new series with Routledge, called Routledge Social Justice Communication Activism series. Here is the link for the new series and if you have an idea for a book, please get in touch with one of us: Pat Parker and I want to announce that although the University of California Press has discontinued publishing all communication books (including our social justice series), we have started a new series with Routledge, called Routledge Social Justice Communication Activism series. Here is the link for the new series and if you have an idea for a book, please get in touch with one of us:
 - i. <https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Social-Justice-Communication-Activism-Series/book-series/RSJCA>
- 4. Patricia Parker:
 - a. Forthcoming book: Ella Baker's catalytic leadership
<https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520300910/ella-bakers-catalytic-leadership>

- b. <https://www.ucpress.edu/blog/52930/joe-biden-called-ella-baker-a-giant-of-the-civil-rights-movement-heres-why-her-philosophy-matters-now/>

IX. Passing of Gavel to David Palmer (Patricia Parker)

X. Closing (David Palmer)

- David thanks Patricia Parker for her leadership, and notes Jason Del Gandio is an invaluable asset, Jasmine Austin is awesome Billie Murray will be a great vice chair, and welcomes aboard Amy Aldridge Sanford as vice-chair elect.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:17 EST.

* Meeting minutes submitted by Dr. Jasmine Austin on 11/14/20