

# **BYLAWS OF THE ECONOMICS, COMMUNICATION, AND SOCIETY DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I. Name, Authority, and Purposes**

**Section 1.** The name of this interest group is the Economics, Communication, and Society Division of the National Communication Association (NCA).

**Section 2.** The authority of this interest group is derived from the Bylaws of NCA, and its powers and procedures are those prescribed therein.

**Section 3.** The purposes of the Economics, Communication, and Society Division shall be to promote scholarship on the communicative dimensions of economic theory and practice as well as the economy of communication, including but not limited the following four areas: the rhetoric of economics, the cultural studies of the economy, the political economy of communication, and critical organizational communication

## **ARTICLE II. Membership**

**Section 1.** Membership in this Division is open to any member of NCA who is interested in promoting the Division's purposes.

**Section 2.** The full membership of the Division shall be those persons who identify themselves as members of the Economics, Communication, and Society Division with their NCA membership.

## **ARTICLE III. Meetings and Elections**

**Section 1.** Business meetings shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association as published in the program for the annual meeting of the Association.

**Section 2.** At each annual business meeting, or conditional on executive committee approval via an online voting platform following and initiated within thirty days of the annual business meeting, elections shall be held to select various officers, committee chairs, committee members, representatives, and liaisons of the Division as specified in these Bylaws.

**Section 3.** Nominations of the election will be reported by the Nominating Committee as specified in Article V, Section 2 of these Bylaws.

**Section 4.** Following the report of the Nominating Committee and any nominations made from the floor, the elections shall be conducted by the chair of the Division in such a way as to provide for election by a plurality of those voting at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE IV. Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Division shall be: a chair, a vice-chair, a vice-chair elect, an immediate past chair, a secretary, a web editor, and a graduate student representative. On January 1, the vice-chair shall succeed to the office of chair, the vice-chair elect shall succeed to the office of vice-chair, and the chair shall succeed to the office of immediate past chair.

**Section 2.** The chair shall preside at meetings of the Division, shall discharge the usual responsibilities adhering in such office, shall provide advice to the vice-chair as requested, and shall serve as a representative of the Division on the Legislative Assembly of the Association. The chair shall present an annual report to the Legislative Assembly in such form and manner as the Assembly prescribes and will make a report to the Division at the annual business meeting of the Division. The term of the office shall be one year.

**Section 3.** The vice-chair shall, in cooperation with the first vice-president of the Association, and after consulting with Division officers and committees, plan that portion of the program of the Association for which the Division is responsible. At such times that the Division's membership allows for three representatives on Legislative Assembly, the vice-chair shall serve as a representative of the Division. The vice-chair will make a report on the program planning at the annual business of the Division. The term of office shall be one year.

**Section 4.** The vice-chair elect shall cooperate with the vice-chair in planning the convention programs of the Division. The term of office shall be one year.

**Section 5.** The secretary shall perform the customary duties of that office. The term of office shall be two years. The secretary may serve consecutive terms.

**Section 6.** The immediate past chair shall provide such assistance as requested from the chair in assembling reports, setting the agenda for the annual meeting, and ensuring continuity in the operation of the Division. The immediate past chair shall serve as a representative of the Division on the Legislative Assembly of the Association and to the NCA Nominating Committee. The term of office shall be one year.

**Section 7.** The web editor shall actively manage the Division's social media activities and web presence. The editor shall also assemble and distribute any communication from the Executive Committee, maintain the Division's email membership list, and transmit news of the Division's activities to Association members. The term of office shall be two years. The web editor may serve consecutive terms.

**Section 8.** The graduate student representative shall represent the interests of the Division's student membership at official Division meetings and shall also coordinate any special initiatives, communications, or events relevant to those interests. The graduate student representative shall also, in conjunction with the web editor, assist with the management of the Division's social media and web presence in developing content of interest to the graduate student membership. The term of office shall be one year. The graduate student representative may serve consecutive terms.

**Section 9.** In the event that Division membership allows more than three representative on Legislative Assembly, the nominating committee of the Division will provide at least two nominees for each available position on Legislative Assembly. Members elected to Legislative Assembly will serve a term of two years (or until representation is decreased).

**Section 10.** In the event of the incapacity of an officer, the Executive Committee of the Division shall, at its discretion and in accordance with the bylaws of the Association, divide the uncompleted duties among existing officers, elect a replacement to serve until the next business meeting, or establish a nomination and election procedure for selecting a replacement.

## **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee of the Division shall consist of the chair, the vice chair, the vice-chair elect, the immediate past chair, the secretary, the web editor, and the graduate student representative. It shall, between annual meetings of the Division and of the Association, serve as the chief administrative authority of the Division. If a committee position is vacated, the Executive Committee may appoint an individual to fill that position for the remainder of the unfinished term.

**Section 2.** The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Division's immediate past chair. Committee members will be the immediate past chair, the chair, and the vice-chair.

**Sec. 2.1.** Except for the provisions of these Bylaws, the Nominating Committee shall ensure there is a slate of at least two (2) confirmed nominees for each position to be filled at the election to be held at the next annual meeting. A confirmed nominee is one who has agreed to be nominated and to serve if elected.

**Sec. 2.2.** The Nominating Committee shall slate candidates for each of the Division's officer positions (see Article IV), as they become vacant.

**Sec. 2.3.** The Nominating Committee will encourage representation of the communication discipline's regional associations when identifying candidates for offices, including the Nominating Committee itself.

**Section 3.** The Executive Committee may appoint, or propose the election of, such ad hoc committees as they deem appropriate in furthering the purposes of the Division. Division members not on the Executive Committee who wish to form such committees should submit such requests directly to a member of the Executive Committee.

**Section 4.** The Division in its annual meetings may, upon application by interested members or on its own initiative, create additional standing committees or other subsidiary bodies as it shall deem appropriate in furthering the purposes of the Division. The Executive Committee may create such committees or bodies on an interim basis only, subject to definitive action at the next annual business meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI. Parliamentary Authority**

In the absence of any provision to the contrary in the Constitution or Bylaws of NCA or in the Bylaws of the Division, all business meetings of the Division and of its committees or other subsidiary bodies shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

## **ARTICLE VII. Amendments**

**Section 1.** Amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by the Executive Committee or by a petition addressed to the committee and signed by twenty-five members of the Division.

**Section 2.** The full membership must be notified of the proposed amendments at least thirty days prior to the next business meeting.

**Section 3.** For the adoption of a proposed amendment, a two-thirds majority vote of the Division members casting ballots will be required at any business meeting, or conditional on executive committee approval in an election conducted, via an online voting platform following and initiated within thirty days of the annual business meeting.