

Minutes of the Business Meeting
of the
Emeritus/Retired Members Section
of the National Communication Association
November 19, 2021
Seattle, Washington

Members attending: Alan Lerstrom, Roberta Crisson, Sharon Amman, Allen Kennedy.

President Alan Lerstrom called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. PST.

Attendees introduced themselves.

The minutes from the 2020 business meeting were approved as distributed.

LaKesha Anderson, representing the NCA National Office, gave an update on current changes at the national office, including the hiring of a new Executive Director. SPECTRA is now completely online, with new features added; new online outreach programs are being implemented; funding for students has increased. She provided a reminder about the Carroll C. Arnold Lecture.

Officer Reports:

Recording Secretary – Joel Hefling prepared the agenda and the 2020 minutes and sent them electronically in advance of the meeting.

Larry Schnoor has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor, and urges members to submit information.

Roberta Crisson and Alan Lerstrom reported on the sessions that had been held up to this point. The Spotlight Panel for Judith Trent was excellent, with personal stories of her accomplishments and mentoring. Joel Hefling was thanked for putting the panel together, with a special thank you to Roseanne Mandziuk, First Vice-President, for co-sponsoring the session. The co-sponsored Political Commu-

nication panel was cancelled because participants were not able to attend. Sharon Amman reminded the group of the Performance panel to be held on Saturday.

Alan Lerstrom reported on the Legislative Assembly meeting, noting that two new caucuses with geographical orientations (Caribbean, and North Africa and Middle East) and a new journal (*Journal of Communication and Race*) were approved, as well as the budget for 2022. The report led to a discussion of the increase in the number of caucuses and units in general, as well as a discussion of IT issues with the NCA website, particularly with submitting programs and accessing information.

Program Planning has begun for the 2022 Convention, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, Nov. 17-20, 2022, at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown New Orleans.

The theme for the 2022 convention, “Honoring PLACE”, refers to **P**eople, **L**iberation, **A**dvocacy, **C**ommunity, and **E**nvironment. Walid Affifi, First Vice-President for the 2022 convention, encouraged submissions that speak to one or more of these concepts.

The E/R Members Section has three slots next year, the same as this year. Sharon Amman agreed to submit a performance panel, and the group agreed that the political panel generally is well received, with our unit as the primary sponsor and Political Communication Division as the co-sponsor. We agreed that this year's cancellation was unusual, due to the uncertainties of the pandemic.

Discussion was held regarding the makeup of the Business Meeting. Alan Lerstrom suggested holding an Open House/Meet and Greet following a short business meeting, and encouraged the membership of the Section to reconnect with old colleagues, along with publicizing it to attract potential members. Ideas for flyers, using NCA Comm Notes online, and possible requests for funding from NCA were discussed.

Walid Affifi announced at the Program Planners meeting that an additional 25 slots for programming would be available in May, after all program submissions had been processed.

Officers for 2022: All of the officers agreed to remain in their current positions for next year.

President: Alan Lerstrom

Vice-President: Roberta Crisson

Secretary: Joel Hefling

Newsletter Editor: Larry Schnoor

The meeting was adjourned by consent.

In the absence of the Secretary, meeting notes were provided by Roberta Crisson and Alan Lerstrom.

Joel Hefling

Secretary

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