

2017 Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division Business Meeting

National Communication Association Annual Conference

Dallas, Texas

Friday, November 17, 9:30-10:45am

Sheraton, Dallas Ballroom D1-First Floor

Minutes

1 – Meeting was called to order by Kristen Hoerl, Chair, at 9:35 a.m.

2. Visit from Second Vice President Nominee David McMahan

- McMahan talked about three goals he has for the NCA: support scholars from all academic levels and institutions (high school, community college, BA, MA, and PhD granting institutions; connect areas of scholarship; promote diversity and inclusivity. Directed participants to his candidate's statement, available on the NCA website, to learn more.

3 - Approval of 2016 Minutes

- Secretary Kelly Jakes forgot to distribute the minutes from 2016. She will send them out on the listserv. We will ask for approval of both the 2016 and 2017 minutes at the next NCA meeting.

4 - Tiara Na'puti, Chair of Nominating Committee, led the division elections. The committee read statements and showed the photos of the candidates running for the following offices

- Vice-Chair Elect
- Division Awards Committee
- Nominating Committee (5 candidates to be elected)
- Secretary

5 – Kristen Hoerl, Chair, gave the Legislative Assembly Report

1. Meeting began with announcement of changes: next year there will be a vote to change NCA language from “physical ability” to “ability,” the website’s content will now be more available to nonmembers, and there are two candidates running for Second VP of NCA Brad Mello and David McMahan.
- Financial announcement: NCA is changing fiscal year, will now end in December instead of June
- Most of Wednesday’s meeting dealt with discussion of the credos of NCA. Several proposed changes were presented and voted on, including the Credo on Ethical Communication, Free and Responsible Communication, and Statement on Diversity (title of this statement has now changed to Diversity, Equity, Access, Justice, and Inclusion)
- New resolution discussed on TX State legislative limits on diversity and inclusion that discriminate against LGBTQ people. NCA rebuked this legislation and considered adopting a proposal for more commitment to a resolution against discrimination. Resolution didn’t pass, but discussion and consideration will continue
 - Question from floor: was there any discussion of political and ideological diversity? Kristen responded that there was not.

- Reminder from the floor: this is the last year we can send a proxy to LA

6 - Program Planner's Report (Lisa Corrigan, Vice-Chair)

- Lisa Corrigan, Vice-Chair prepared this report. Since she couldn't attend the meeting, Kristen Hoerl gave it.
- Lisa thanks everyone who reviewed
- 26 panels sessions were submitted, 18 were accepted
- 16 roundtables were submitted, 9 were accepted
- 89 papers submitted, 52 were accepted
- 131 total submissions, 60% acceptance rate
- RCT co-sponsored 2 panels

7 - NCA 2018 Preview (Bernadette Calafell, Vice-Chair Elect)

- Theme for next year: Possibilities and Play
 - five principles will guide this theme including: play and the advancement of knowledge, play as preparation for and engagement with life, play and well being, the economics of play, and play as cultural reification and subversion
 - Bernadette encouraged us to think critically about the theme and to challenge the theme. "Who gets to play?" we should ask. Also we should think about how the 2018 theme might help to disrupt the norms of the division, which has historically not been friendly to people of color.
- There will be several new features: a topic jam session; special panels called "Collaborations" that bring scholars together from across the field; NCA café that facilitates guided conversations around the topic of free speech in higher ed.; play space (for arts, crafts, music); evening play list (board games and other fun things)
- 42 slots available for our division

8 - Division Awards were presented by Billie Murray and Amy Young

- Early Career Award--Casey Ryan Kelly
- Faculty Mentorship Award—Cara Finnegan
- Distinguished Scholar—Debra Hawhee
- Top Student Paper Award, presented by Kristen—Kelsey Lahr

9 – Tiara Na'puti presented the election results

1. Vice-Chair Elect-Nina Reich
1. Division Awards Committee-Barbara Biesecker
1. Nominating Committee
 - Co-chairs: Rebecca Avalos, Myra Washington
 - Members: Lamiyah Bahrainwala, Ashley Hink, Jennifer Keohane
1. Secretary-Jenna Hanchey

10 - Announcements from the Floor

- New Book: Tracing Rhetoric in Material Life
- Critical Cultural Studies Business Meeting was plugged

11 – Adjournment: 11:47

2017 Division Officers: Chair: Kristen Hoerl, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Vice-Chair: Lisa Corrigan, University of Arkansas; Vice-Chair-Elect: Bernadette Calafell, University of Denver; Secretary: Kelly Jakes, Wayne State University; Past Chair: Amy Young, Pacific Lutheran University;

2017 Awards Committee Members: Billie Murray, Villanova University; Nina Lozano Reich, Loyola Marymount University; Dan Brouwer, University of Arizona

2017 Nominating Committee: Tiara Na'puti (Chair), University of Colorado Boulder; Sara McKinnon, University of Wisconsin; Kaitlyn Patia, Whitman College; Roberta Chevrette, Middle Tennessee State University; and William Saas, Louisiana State University