

## First Vice President Report

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I have now been a part of the NCA leadership for two years. My responsibilities as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President significantly increased as I assumed the many responsibilities that come with planning the 2025 national conference in Denver, Colorado. I have worked with diligence with LaShawn Duckett, Director of Convention and Meetings, and other National Office and staff members to ensure a successful conference. As my report indicates, I have been engaged with various aspects of our organization and am excited about our continued growth during very difficult times.

- Conducted a 2-day site visit to Denver, CO to tour the conference property and the surrounding area
- From February to October, I attended monthly Executive Committee meetings on Zoom with EC members, the Executive Director, and NCA Office staff
- I attended the February Leadership Retreat with NCA's elected officers, Executive Committee members, Executive Director, and NCA office staff
- From January to November, I had bi-weekly meetings with LaShawn Duckett to discuss planning logistics for our annual conference.
  - Creating conference
  - Identifying First VP Sessions
  - Selecting Carroll C. Arnold Lecture speaker
- I am supporting the Mentoring Meetups coordinated by the Teaching Council
- I am continuing support and sponsorship of the Student Volunteer Meal Vouchers.
- I am continuing support of the Early Morning Tea Chats and Midday Chair Yoga.
- In collaboration with LaShawn Duckett, we have developed an effective Reviewer process for conference submissions through Abstract Management System Enhancement.
- In September, I attended the American Council of Learned Societies Leadership Seminar in Philadelphia, PA.
- On October 9, 2025, President Jeanetta Sims and I conducted the 1.5-hour VLO "Virtual Healing Spaces: A Place for Community-Building" for association members to discuss the impact of stressors on one's well-being, the needs driving digital engagement, and strategies for self-preservation in and beyond digital spaces.

- I completed my service as a member of the Threats to Academic Freedom and Tenure Taskforce coordinated by President Jeanetta Sims. Our monthly meetings for nearly 10 months resulted in a research-based report on structural levels of threat to freedom, pathways of threats to freedom, academic freedom at different levels, and solutions to the challenges to academic freedom and tenure. The report was submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.
- Per President Jeanetta Sims' charge, I served as a member of the 4-person Proactive Support Working Group (PSWG) Task Force to "share insights and strategies for proactively supporting NCA members and the Association's mission amid current socio-political times." We created and distributed a survey to the members, resulting in 5 themes regarding concerns amidst the sociopolitical climate and 4 action items recommended for the EC to pursue.