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**Minutes
National Communication Association
Legislative Assembly Meeting
April 11, 2025
Virtual**

Presiding: Jeanetta Sims, President

Recording: Justin Danowski, Executive Director

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to Order: President Sims called the 2025 Legislative Assembly (LA) Spring virtual meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Eastern on Friday, April 11.

Land Acknowledgement: President Sims acknowledged the land where the NCA National Office resides is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Nacotchtank and Piscataway People. NCA acknowledges that it has often gathered upon unceded lands and that those gatherings manifested the exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples. This acknowledgment demonstrates our commitment to the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.

Credentials Report: First Vice President Tina Harris announced that at 1:08 p.m., 93 delegates were registered from the 151 members of the LA. *A motion was made that the roll of delegates submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the assembly. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Standing Rules: President Sims directed the body to the standing rules in the meeting binder. *A motion was made to adopt the standing rules as presented. Seconded. Motion carried.*

Agenda: President Sims directed attention to the proposed agenda. *A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.*

ASSOCIATION UPDATES

President Sims recognized the following individuals:

- First Vice President Tina Harris updated the LA on current convention planning efforts.
- Second Vice President Shaunak Sastry provided an update on convention planning for 2026 in New Orleans, LA.
- Immediate Past President Marnel Niles Goins provided an update on the Leadership Development Committee.
- Finance Committee Chair Candice Thoms-Maddox provided an update on NCA finances and current stability in revenue and investments.

- Executive Director Justin Danowski provided an update on National Office activities since the convention.
- IDEA Council Chair Julie-Ann Scott-Pollock updated the LA on current council goals.
- President Jeanetta Sims, on behalf of the Mentorship and Leadership Council Chair Laurie Lewis, updated the LA on current council goals.
- Publications Council Chair John Sloop updated the LA on current council goals.
- Research Council Chair Ben Warner updated the LA on current council goals.
- Teaching and Learning Council Chair Katherine Thweatt updated the LA on current council goals.

INFORMATION ITEMS

President Sims recognized LaShawn Duckett NCA Director of Convention and Meetings. Duckett provided an update on the results of the recently distributed convention survey.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Journal Editor Approval

President Sims provided an overview of the selection process and upcoming term for new editors.

- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Sudeshna Roy, Marquette University, as Editor of Communication and Race. Motion carried.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Narissra Punyanunt-Carter, Texas Tech University, as Editor of Communication Education.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Rahul Mitra, Wayne State University, as Editor of Journal of Applied Communication Research. Motion carried.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve a one-year extension of Mahuya Pal as Editor of Journal of Applied Communication Research. Motion carried.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

L.I.F.T./Strategic Planning Discussions: President Sims led a discussion to spark forward-looking ideas and reflect on the Association's strategic direction.

Adjournment: With no further business, President Sims adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Danowski
NCA Executive Director