

Minutes
National Communication Association
Executive Committee of the Legislative Assembly
Virtual Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2026

Participating in the meeting:

Executive Committee Members: Tina Harris, President; Shaunak Sastry, First Vice President; Jeanetta Sims, Immediate Past President; Srividya Ramasubramanian, Second Vice President; Ken Lachlan, Finance Committee Chair; Michael Lechuga, Finance Committee Director; Ambar Basu, Finance Committee Director; Julie Ann Scott-Pollock, IDEA Council Chair; John Sloop, Publications Council Chair; Iccha Basnyat, Research Council Chair; Justin Danowski, Executive Director/Secretary (non-voting).

National Office Staff: Alexis Rice, Director of Communications, Membership, and Marketing; Pallavi Guha, Director of Research, Publications, and Professional Advancement; Jennifer Fletcher, Organizational Development Manager; Monica Yang, Governance and Strategic Initiatives Manager

1. Call to Order

President Harris called the meeting to session at 3:02 PM Eastern Time.

2. Informational Item: Presidential Updates

Harris provided updates on the meetings with Danowski.

3. Informational Item: Executive Director / National Office Updates

Danowski provided updates on new staff hires: Igor Ristic, Research Associate, and Michael Marriott, Communications Specialist. EC members were informed of the next EC meeting in August in Washington, DC.

4. Informational Item: Council Chair Updates on 2026 Goals

EC members were given two minutes each to highlight their written reports on their 2026 goals and progress from the period of April to June.

5. Informational Item: 2027 Convention Update

Danowski gave an update for the search for the new location for 2027 Convention as the Salt Lake City venue canceled the contract due to construction.

6. Informational Item: Best Practice Guidance for NCA Journal Authors and Editors on Disagreements

Guha and Sloop provided an update on guidance for how NCA handles disagreements related to Journal Authors and Editors. Discussion ensued.

7. Informational Item: Indigenous Action Plan

Scott-Pollock gave an update on the progress of writing the proposal for NCA practices related to honoring and engaging the Indigenous communities at which NCA events take place. Discussion ensued.

8. Discussion Item: 2027 Virtual or In-Person Leadership Retreat

Danowski facilitated a discussion around the platform of future leadership retreats and the use of NCA funds. Discussion ensued. Action item to be made in the upcoming August meeting.

9. Action Item: NCA AI Task Force Proposal

Guha introduced the proposal of the AI Task Force. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to establish the NCA Generative AI Policy Task Force. 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

10. Executive Session: Executive Director Presentation

Harris moved the EC meeting to an Executive Session at 4:43 PM Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Yang
Governance and Strategic Initiatives Manager