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**Minutes
National Communication Association
Executive Committee of the Legislative Assembly
Virtual
June 7, 2024**

Participating in the meeting:

Executive Committee Members: Marnel Niles Goins, President; Jeanetta Sims, First Vice President; Tina Harris, Second Vice President; Walid Afifi, Immediate Past President; Jimmie Manning, Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer; Candice Thomas-Maddox, Finance Committee Director; Kenneth Lachlan, Finance Committee Director; James Cherney, IDEA Council Chair; Laurie Lewis, Mentorship and Leadership Council Chair; John Sloop, Publications Council Chair; Shaunak Sastry, Research Council Chair; Katherine Thweatt, Teaching and Learning Council Chair; Justin Danowski, Interim Executive Director/Secretary (non-voting).

NCA Staff present during business item discussions: LaShawn Duckett, Director of Convention and Meetings; Arnyae Neal, Director of Membership and Member Services; Patrick West, Web and Digital Meetings Associate.

1. Call to Order

President Niles Goins called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Eastern

2. Land Acknowledgement

- a. Niles Goins read the land acknowledgement

NCA would like to acknowledge the land the National Office in Washington, DC resides on 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. We acknowledge the grave harm that colonialism brought to these lands, in particular the erasure of both indigenous and African identities via slavery, and via racist laws that segregated all peoples into binary classifications of "white" and "black." This acknowledgement demonstrates our commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.
- i. April 10 EC Minutes
 - ii. Approve Angharad Valdivia for a one-year term starting upon approval to serve on the Distinguished Scholar Selection Committee for 2024.
- b. Seconded. Motion carried 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

4. Officer/Council Chair Updates

- a. Officers and Council Chairs provided a brief overview of their report.

Sloop recused himself from the meeting.

5. Action Items

- a. Publications Council Chair vacancy
- i. Niles Goins provided an update on the current vacancy after the resignation of incoming Chair-Elect Bernadette Calafell. Discussion ensued.
 - ii. *A motion was made to extend the term of the current Publications Council Chair, John Sloop, through December 31, 2025. Seconded. Motion carried 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.*

Sloop returned to the meeting.

- b. Division Name change – Philosophy of Communication
 - i. Danowski provided an overview of the proposal. Discussion ensued.
 - ii. *A motion was made to approve the Interest Group name change from Philosophy of Communication Division to Philosophy of Communication, Theory, and Critique Division. Seconded. Motion carried 11 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain.*

6. Discussion Items

- a. EC proposal submission process on NCA website
 - i. Danowski provided an update on the current National Office work towards building a webpage that will allow NCA members to submit proposals to the EC. Discussion ensued.
 - ii. Danowski will continue to work on the webpage and will provide an update at an upcoming EC meeting.

West entered the meeting.

- b. Website Redesign
 - i. West and Danowski provided an update on the status of the new NCA website currently under development. The website is currently expected to launch in January 2025. Discussion ensued.
 - ii. Danowski will provide a progress update at an upcoming EC meeting.

West left the meeting.

Break for 15 minutes at 12:46 p.m. The EC returned at 1:01 p.m.

- c. Affiliate Memorandum of Understanding
 - i. Danowski provided an update on the current affiliate review process and asked the EC to review the MOU and provide recommendations on possible additions and subtractions. Discussion ensued.
 - ii. Danowski will use feedback provided by the EC to update the MOU.
 - iii. Danowski will send the MOU for final review in July.
- d. Security at Convention
 - i. Duckett provided an overview of convention security at the 2023 Annual Convention in National Harbor. The EC was asked to review security practices from last year and provide possible recommendations for the upcoming Annual Convention in New Orleans. Discussion Ensued.
 - ii. Duckett will work with Sims to start an initial search of security options for the Annual Convention in New Orleans.

Duckett and Neal left the meeting.

The EC moved into Executive Session.

- 7. Executive Session
 - a. Review of Ad-Hoc Ethics Committee Recommendations.

Danowski left the meeting.

The EC moved into Double Executive Session.

- 8. Double Executive Session
 - a. Executive Director Discussion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Danowski
Interim Executive Director

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