

NCA PUBLIC ADDRESS DIVISION
Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 18, 2006

Chair Susan Schultz Huxman brought the 2006 meeting of the NCA Public Address Division to order at 12:34. She welcomed members of the division and then proceeded with the agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the 2005 PAD Business Meeting.
 - 1.1. A motion to approve the minutes as written and posted on the Public Address Division website was extended from the floor. The motion was quickly seconded.
 - 1.2. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The division Chair, Susan Huxman, presented her report to the membership. A complete version of her Chair's report is located online.
 - 2.1. Susan began with a word of appreciation for the division's Executive Committee and others who have been of assistance over the last year.
 - 2.1.1. She thanked Kirt Wilson for his work as Secretary; Amy Slagell for her work as past chair and with the bylaw revisions. She thanked Trevor Perry-Giles for his work as "web master." Susan thanked Lisa Hogan for her excellent performance as the program planner. Robert Terrill was thanked for his preparation of the ballot. Susan thanked Lester Olson for his efforts in preparation for next year's convention.
 - 2.1.2. Susan offered a word of thanks to those who judged the division's awards and for everyone who participated in the review of convention panels and papers.
 - 2.2. Activity in the Public Address Division.
 - 2.2.1. Susan reported that the membership of the division was now 672. This is about average; there has been some fluctuation over the course of several years.
 - 2.2.2. Last year we had 36 panel slots, this year 31.
 - 2.2.3. Susan reported that the division has sponsored a number of activities over the course of the year including a short course on teaching Women's American Public Address.
 - 2.2.4. Susan Zaeske stood to inform the division that the Public Address Conference at Vanderbilt in October was a great success. 110 people attended. She also reported that the next conference will be at Madison, WI, and the theme will be "Representing the Republic."
 - 2.3. Chair Susan Huxman reported that the division's budget was \$590. We now have about 10 cents left, she said.
 - 2.4. Susan concluded by encouraging the division's members to submit their work to the division for the 2007 NCA convention.
3. Robert Terrill, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave his report and administered the ballot.
 - 3.1. Robert began by thanking the members of the Nominating Committee for their efforts.

- 3.2. The 2006 members of the Nominating Committee were: Matthew Barton, Lisa Burns, Jim Cherney, and Eric Watts.
- 3.3. The Public Address Division Ballot was distributed.
 - 3.3.1. Candidates for Vice Chair Elect—Bonnie Dow and Chuck Morris
 - 3.3.2. Candidates for Secretary—Jim Cherney, Jennifer Mercieca, and Kevin Stein. It was announced that Jim Cherney had removed his name from consideration.
 - 3.3.3. Candidates for the Nominating Committee—Kari Anderson, Courtney Bailey, Jeff Bennett, Lisa Burns, Kathy DeHann, Amy Heyse, Todd McDorman, Angela Ray, David Schulz, Helen Tate, and Dave Tell.
 - 3.3.4. Candidates for the Resolutions Committee—Jason Black and Dan Schowalter
 - 3.3.5. Candidates for the Winans Wichelns Awards Committee—John Sloop and Ron Green.
 - 3.3.6. Candidates for the Marie Hochmuth Nichols Awards Committee—Nichola Gutgold, Robert Terrill, and Susan Zaeske
- 3.4. Robert Terrill opened the floor for additional nominations. None were forthcoming, so the voting proceeded.
- 3.5. Robert left the room with members of the Nominating Committee to tabulate the votes.
4. Lisa Hogan, division Vice-Chair, offered her report. A complete copy of that report may be found online.
 - 4.1. Lisa began by thanking everyone who reviewed papers for the 2006 convention.
 - 4.2. Lisa said that submissions were down from last year, but that last year was a “record high” so the number of 2006 submissions should not be interpreted as a downward trend.
 - 4.3. Lisa did express some concern that there were fewer submissions that focused on women and public discourse. Is it possible that some of the other divisions are drawing these papers, she queried?
 - 4.4. Lisa reported that there was an 80% acceptance rate for individual paper submissions and panel proposals.
 - 4.5. She offered the following assessment of the convention planning process:
 - 4.5.1. Most of my time was spent answering questions about all academic. The system has many problems as many of you noticed.
 - 4.5.2. Paper submissions seemed to have few problems, but panel submissions encountered significant problems. Few of the membership followed directions and submitted the abstracts and rationales of panels to the system. We need to be sure that we do this next year.
 - 4.5.3. If you are submitting a panel for 2007, you need to do more. You need to load all of the required information into the submission database.
5. Presentations of the Division Awards

- 5.1. Lisa Hogan presented this year's Robert G. Gunderson Award for the top student paper went to Dru A. Williams. Dru received this award for his paper titled, "Staying Committed to the Mission: Epideictic Argument and George W. Bush's Performance in the 2004 Presidential Debate."
- 5.2. Lisa Hogan presented the 2006 Wrage-Baskerville Award for the top contributed paper to Lisa Keranen, Lisa Irvin, Jason Lesko, and Alison Ellen Vogelaar. Their paper was titled, "Myth, Mask, Sword and Shield: Dr. John H. Marburger III's Rhetoric of Neutral Science for the Nation."
- 5.3. Amy Slagell presented the Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award for the top scholarly book/monograph to Angela Ray. The award honors Angela's book, *The Lyceum and Public Culture in the Nineteenth-Century United States*.
6. Past Chair Amy Slagell offered her report concerning the Legislative Assembly.
 - 6.1. All NCA membership dues will be increased this year with the exception of students.
 - 6.2. Last year there was a heated discussion about undergraduate standards. A study group considered this issue and resubmitted a set of guidelines. These guidelines are not a certification system for departments. The guidelines will be posted on the NCA website, and an ad hoc committee will review them each year.
 - 6.3. The assembly passed a new labor disputes policy. The most important element of the policy is the inclusion of language that allows NCA to alter the terms of its contact with a host in the event of a labor dispute.
 - 6.4. The election cycle for positions in NCA is changing—May 1st to June 15th will be the cycle for future elections.
 - 6.5. The online magazine is now up and running—*Communication Currents* is its name.
 - 6.6. Amy informed the division that the Life Membership fee will increase significantly. It has been at \$3,500 for a long time, so as of July 1st of 2007 it will be raised to \$4,500.
 - 6.7. The 2008 NCA convention held in San Diego, CA, will have a slightly different schedule—from Friday to Monday the 24th of November.
7. Reports from PAD and NCA Committees
 - 7.1. Jennifer Mercieca, the division's representative to the Resolutions Committee, said, "I fear that there is nothing to report."
 - 7.2. Amy Slagell reported from the NCA Nominations Committee that the slate for the Second Vice President election is Dawn Braithwaite and Diana Carlin.
8. The division's Vice Chair Elect, Lester Olson, offered the following report:
 - 8.1. The next NCA convention is in Chicago, IL. Its themes is "Communicating World Views: Faith, Intellect, Ethics." We need to have a good showing at the next convention.
 - 8.2. It is very important to get your submissions in early, because once the deadline passes, the computer system—All Academic—tends to shut itself down.
 - 8.3. A discussion about possible panel ideas ensued, led by Lester.

- 8.4. A discussion about how to keep our paper submissions high also transpired. The focus of the discussion was on the paper length requirements for all submissions and whether those lengths helped or hurt submissions.
9. Clarification on the composition of the Nichols Committee as stipulated in the bylaws.
- 9.1. Susan informed the membership that we needed to amend the bylaws to clarify the composition of the Nichols Award Committee.
- 9.2. The motion she brought to the membership follows: “The composition of the Nichols Committee will consist of two elected members of the division each serving a one year term. The third member, serving as the committee’s chair, shall be the immediate past chair of the Public Address Division.
- 9.3. After a second to the motion and little discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
10. Announcements from the Floor.
- 10.1. The *Southern Communication Journal* is going to publish a special issue on Katrina and its aftermath. The deadline for submissions is coming, look for it.
- 10.2. A call was made for nominations for the Taylor & Francis digitized article archive. What works should be digitized and put online? Amy Slagell invited division members to make recommendations.
- 10.3. Tell your students that the 2007 doctoral conference will be at the University of Colorado, Boulder. The 2008 doctoral conference will be at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa (it will focus on civil rights issues).
11. Elections Results
- 11.1. Chuck Morris was elected as our Vice-Chair Elect.
- 11.2. Jennifer Mercieca was elected as our next Secretary.
- 11.3. Nominating Committee: The division elected Kari Anderson as the Chair of the committee. She will serve with Todd McDorman, Angela Ray, Dave Tell, and Amy Heyse.
- 11.4. Jason Black was elected as the NCA Resolutions Committee representative.
- 11.5. John Sloop was elected to the Winans-Wichelns Awards Committee.
- 11.6. Robert Terrill and Susan Zaeske will serve on the Marie Hochmuth Nichols Awards.

At this point James Darsey offered a motion to thank Susan Huxman for her wonderful work as Chair. The motion was quickly seconded and passed with widespread acclamation. The meeting adjourned.

*Minutes recorded by
Kirt Wilson, Secretary
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