

WSCA Legislative Assembly Agenda  
Sunday, February 23, 2020  
6:45 – 9:00 pm Mt. Columbia  
Hyatt, Denver, CO

**NOT APPROVED**

- I. Rodney Reynolds, President - called to order at 6:54pm
- II. Announcement of Recording Secretary, Caitlyn Lewis, and Parliamentarian, Donna Gotch (Reynolds)
- III. Reynolds reviewed Legislative Assembly procedures
- IV. Reynolds as for Approval of the Agenda – approved
- V. Credentials Committee Report –Lynn Reynolds (Chair), Anuraj Dhillon, and Kesha Morant Williams  
L. Reynolds reported there were 44 voting members and 13 non-voting members present
- VI. Reynolds asked for approval of the 2019 Legislative Assembly Minutes – approved
- VII. Information Items
  - A. Reynolds reported the results of association-wide elections:
    - i. First Vice President: Heather Canary
    - ii. Second Vice President: Kimberly Harden
    - iii. Delegates-at-Large to the Legislative Assembly: Shadee Abdi, Veronica Dawson, Qingweng Dong, Nandita Sabnis, and Michael Walker
  - B. Reynolds reported the following Executive Council Actions & WSCA Information
    - i. Appointment of new *Communication Reports* Editor (Amanda Denes, University of Connecticut) 2024 Convention Hotel - Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada
    - ii. 2025 Convention City - Albuquerque, New Mexico with University of New Mexico as local host
    - iii. 2026 Convention City - San Diego with San Diego State as local host
    - iv. 2020 Convention Registration - 651
    - v. 2020 WSCA Membership - 757
    - vi. The WSCA Policies and Procedures was edited to include the Gender Neutral statement, diversity in leadership, clarification in procedures, no photography, etc.)
    - vii. Model Communication Program Award committee will explore options to expand the scope of the award
    - viii. Tournament Operating Procedures amended to include British Parliamentary style and give speech activities coordinator (SAC) authority to add other formats
  - C. Hundley reported the 2018-2019 End of Year Budget stating that WSCA is in excellent financial health
  - D. Hundley presented the July 1, 2019 – present Budget
  - E. Hundley presented the WSCA 2019 Assets - Investment account with socially responsibility discussed

VIII. Reports from NCA Legislative Council - Representatives: Colleen McGoff, 2017-2019, Robert Stockton, 2018-2020, Melissa Tafoya, 2019-2021

IX. Action Items

- A. Hundley proposed the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 budget explaining the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice present budget line change to merge the USRC and GPOH allowing the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP to use the budget line as needed. A motion was made to add a welcome reception to the kick-off line allowing the President-Elect to use the budget as needed for either or both of those events. A motion was made to increase the Professional Photographer line C3-15 from \$1000 to \$3,000. Photography security discussed, increased professionally discussed, money used in 2020 for photography – estimated \$2,400. The budget with all amending motions was passed unanimously.
- B. Motion was made to remove “K-12” from Model Communication Program Award-The motion passed with **3 no: 5 abstentions: 33 yes**
  - i. A guest (non-voting member) opposed the motion and discussed: History loss, K-12 worthy examples, loss future students
  - ii. A counterargument discussed previous efforts and discussions to have K-12 programs apply for the award.
  - ii. Motion was made to Dissolve Freedom of Expression and Political Communication Interest Group- Motion did not pass with **18 yes: 21 no: 2 abstentions**. Representative abstention due to lack of information about concerns- proposed 2 years of probation to reinvigorate. President-Elect addressed the difficulty working with the group. President addressed history of this proposal. Future chair of interest group and Executive Council dissolution discussed. Group dissolution protocol was reviewed. Tabling the motion was discussed, motion moved. Motion to table did not pass. Diversity at the core was discussed. Scheduling conflict was discussed.
- C. Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Passed unanimously
- D. Motion to Accept new interest group: Communication, Identities and Difference – 46-50 papers have been accepted on average for the past two years. Passed unanimously
- E. Resolutions/Actions from Interest Groups – none presented
- F. Resolutions/Actions from the Floor
  - i. Motion was made for 2 Year Probation for Freedom of Expression & Political Communication Interest Group. Motion passed: **26 yes: 10 no: 4 abstentions**
  - ii. Resolutions of Appreciation - Motion to resolution to add appropriate titles be added - passed unanimously

Be it resolved: that the Western States Communication Association expresses its heartfelt appreciation to the following for their service:

Brian Heisterkamp, Immediate Past President of WSCA;  
 Rodney Reynolds, President of WSCA;  
 Marnel Niles Goins, President Elect for convention program planning;  
 Christina Yoshimura First Vice President for membership drive efforts;  
 Shinsuke Eguchi, Second Vice President, for planning the Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference, the Graduate Students Workshop, and the Graduate Programs Open House;  
 Heather Hundley, Executive Director;  
 All committee members who have served during the year;  
 Local Host Samuel Jay, the Local Host Committee, and the faculty, students, and staff of Metropolitan State University of Denver Department of Communication Studies for convention arrangements;  
 Speech Activities Coordinator Carlos Tarin for coordinating the Western States Communication Association tournament;  
 Event Planning Manager Gina Torres and the staff and management of the Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel for their outstanding service and hospitality;

Be it resolved further that the outgoing President of WSCA be instructed to write letters communicating the appreciation of the Legislative Assembly to the above named persons and to their appropriate administrators.

#### X. Elections

- A. At-Large Representatives to Executive Council – **two members** (to serve 2020-2022, starting with the meeting tomorrow morning, including an annual meeting at NCA the evening prior to the convention and an annual meeting at WSCA the day prior to the convention). These representatives are required to be at the WSCA conventions in Irvine and Portland as well as the NCA conventions in Indianapolis and Seattle. Stepping off are Wendy Hine and Colleen McGoff Dean. Continuing on are Robert Layne and Anthony Cuomo. Two nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee: Santhosh Chandrashekar (University of Denver) and Amy Edwards (Oxnard College). No other nominations received, elected by acclamation.
- B. WSCA Nominating Committee – **two members** (to serve in the 2020-2021 starting after the current convention). The current members ending their terms are Michael Lechuga and Nikki Yeboah. The committee members consist of Rodney Reynolds (Chair), Jenette Lovejoy (Elected by EC), 2 newly LA elected members, 1 newly EC elected member, and the following Interest Groups' Chairs: Darrian Carroll Communication Theory, Andi Zamora Community Colleges, Jimmie Manning Interpersonal Communication, Hillary Jones Media Studies, and Stephanie Marek Muller Environmental Communication.
  - a. Nominated Benny Lemaster - Arizona State
  - b. Nominated Robert Gutierrez-Perez, University of Nevada, Reno
 No other nominations received, elected by acclamation.
- C. WSCA Representative to the NCA Legislative Assembly – **one member** (to serve 2020-through WSCA Convention in 2022 starting with the NCA Convention in Indianapolis, including Wednesday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday morning meetings). This is a three-year term and the representative is required to attend the next three NCA conventions (Indianapolis, Seattle, and New Orleans) and WSCA conventions (Irvine, Portland, and Phoenix). Stepping off the committee is Colleen McGoff Dean. Other members include Robert Stockton and Melissa Tafoya.
  - a. Nominated Rob Leonard- Sinclair Community College. No other nominations received, elected by acclamation.

- D. WSCA Scholar Award Committee – **one member to serve 2020-2022** starting after the current convention. The member ending the term on this committee is Jose Maldonado. Other members include Roberta Chevrette, a newly LA-elected member, a newly EC appointed member, a newly Presidential appointment of a past *WJC* or *CR* editor, and an At-Large Representative to Executive Council (see A above).
  - a. Nominated Jimmie Manning- University of Nevada, Reno. No other nominations received. Elected by acclamation.
  
- E. Distinguished Teaching Award – **one member to serve 2020-2022** starting after the current convention. The member ending the term is Benny LeMaster. Other members include Anthony Cuomo (Chair), Carlos Flores, a Presidential appointment, and a newly LA-elected member.
  - a. Nominated Shadee Abdi- San Francisco State University. No other nominations received. Elected by acclamation.

Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:11pm

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