

FINAL

**Minutes
National Communication Association
Legislative Assembly Meeting
April 19, 2024
Virtual**

Presiding: Marnel Niles Goins, President

Recording: Justin Danowski, Interim Executive Director

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Call to Order: President Niles Goins called the 2024 Legislative Assembly (LA) Spring virtual meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Eastern on Friday, April 19.

Land Acknowledgement: President Niles Goins 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 Jeanetta Sims announced that at 1:10 p.m., 92 delegates were registered from the 180 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 Niles Goins 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 Niles Goins directed attention to the proposed agenda. *A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.*

ASSOCIATION UPDATES

President Niles Goins recognized the following individuals:

- First Vice President Sims updated the LA on current convention planning and NCA's new Virtual Learning Opportunities (VLOs).
- Second Vice President Tina Harris provided an update on convention planning for 2025 in Denver, Colorado.
- Immediate Past President Walid Afifi provided an update on the Leadership Development Committee.
- Finance Committee Chair Jimmie Manning provided an update on NCA finances and current stability in revenue and investments.
- Interim Executive Director Justin Danowski provided an update on National Office activities since the convention.
- IDEA Council Chair James Cherney updated the LA on current council goals.
- President Niles Goins, 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 Shaunak Sastry updated the LA on current council goals.
- Teaching and Learning Council Chair Katherine Thweatt updated the LA on current council goals.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

President Niles Goins provided an update on the Ad-Hoc Presidential Address Inquiry Committee.

President Niles Goins provided an update on the Ad-Hoc Ethics Committee Report.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Journal Editor Approval

President Niles Goins 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 Stephen Croucher, Massey University, as Editor of Communication Monographs. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Leland Spencer, Miami University, Hamilton, as Editor of Critical Studies in Media Communication.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Casey Kelly, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as Editor of Quarterly Journal of Speech. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Stephanie Kelly of North Carolina A&T State University, as Editor of Review of Communication. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Ryan Neville-Shephard, University of Arkansas, as Editor of Communication and Democracy. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*
- *A motion was forwarded to the LA by the Publications Council with endorsement from the Executive Committee to approve Leda Cooks, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, as Editor of Communication Teacher. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Adjournment: With no further business, President Mandziuk adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin Danowski
NCA Interim Executive Director