

1. As a result of former Publications Council Chair Devika Chawla's unexpected resignation as Chair, John M. Sloop was appointed as Chair for 2024. When, later this year, Chair-elect Bernadette Calafell also resigned, Sloop was approved to extend his Chairship through 2025.
2. The Publications Council solicited names for editor elects for six different journals and had the following approved by Executive Committee and Legislative Assembly:

Stephen Croucher--*Communication Monographs*.

Leland Spencer--*Critical Studies in Media Communication*

Casey Kelly--*Quarterly Journal of Speech*

Stephanie Kelly--*Review of Communication*.

Ryan Neville-Shepherd--*Communication and Democracy*.

Leda Cooks--*Communication Teacher*

3. The PC Chair finalized NCA programming, including a session debating the merits of Open Science/Open Data and a session to discuss what is expected in the revision process from reviewers and from authors. In addition, given the success from last year of embedding editors in the NCA Scholar's Office Hours, we have once again worked collaboratively to include the editors in that session. We will publicize their appearance there. Finally, the conference will allow a Publications Council working meeting as well as a meeting with Taylor & Francis representatives and the editors/editor-elects of each journal
4. The PC chair spent time unraveling the impact of Informa's (T&F's parent company) decision to sell access to its journals for AI training purposes. We ultimately helped inform the NCA membership of our understanding of the impact of the sale as well as our concerns about how NCA was notified (and not conferred with). We have added to our agenda conversations with analogues in other organizations to make recommendations for next steps.
5. As always, the PC Chair, in collaboration with NCA staff and representatives from T&F, have overseen the "normal" tasks of the publications program. This includes reading proposals for special issues of journals, discussing book proposals, discussions of ethical issues that arise with individual journals (e.g., charges of plagiarism, slander), as well as issues regarding editors who are not as responsive to author's submissions as would be ideal.

6. From September through November, one on one meetings were held with each journal editor (and editor-elect), Dane Claussen (NCA) and a representative from T&F. The PC Chair attended, when possible, given teaching obligations.
7. The Publications Council Manual and Editors Manual were updated and distributed to Council members and to Editors
8. NCA co-sponsored with T&F a reviewer training session for African scholars from all disciplines, and T&F and NCA may do this again in the future for another global region.
9. Dane Claussen chaired a Council of Communication Associations panel at the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC) convention about open data sets.