

Minutes

Southern States Communication Association

Executive Council Meeting

Las Vegas, NV

Rio Hotel, Friday, November 20, 12:30 p.m. -1:45 pm

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order by President Jean DeHart at 12:35 pm
2. **WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS** –Jean DeHart welcomed members to NCA and to Las Vegas.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** --The minutes from the midyear meeting in Chicago had been approved previously. The minutes from the Tampa breakfast meeting were unavailable and will be approved in Austin.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –The agenda inadvertently omitted a report by Vice President-Elect Vicki Gallagher. A motion was made and approved to add the Vice President-Elect report to the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved without objection. The agenda as amended was approved.

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 President – Jean DeHart

5.2 Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee – John Hass, announced the candidate slate for Vice President-Elect which included Jennifer Samp from the University of Georgia, and Jason Munsell from Columbia College. Haas noted that nominations for the position of 4 year representative to the NCA Legislative Assembly would be forthcoming.

5.3. Vice-President – Roseann M. Mandziuk, *Texas State University*

5.4 Executive Director – Jerold Hale, reported on the investment of association funds (see attached report). He also gave a mid-year membership reported indicating that two divisions had fallen below the 5% membership needed to maintain division status. A follow-up review will be reported after the Austin conference. He gave a follow-up report to the discussion from the Tampa business meeting on terms of service for Executive Directors of the four regional associations (see attached).

5.5 Marketing Director – Jennifer Mize Smith,

5.6 *SCJ* Editor – Leroy Dorsey, *University of Memphis*--

5.7 NCA Legislative Assembly Representatives – The Legislative Assembly representatives reported that proposed constitutional changes were approved on the first day of the conference, but rescinded on the second day and sent back to the NCA constitution committee for additional consideration.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Committee on Committees – Jean DeHart reported that all committee positions had been filled.
- 6.2 Finance – No report
- 6.3 Time and Place – Reported that Dallas, Fort Worth, and Frisco were being considered as 2020 conference sites.

7. DIVISION REPORTS

- 7.1. Applied Communication, Patrick Dillon, *University of Memphis*
- 7.2. Communication Theory, Pavica Sheldon, *University of Alabama at Huntsville*
- 7.3. Community College, Richard Falvo, *El Paso Community College*
- 7.4. Freedom of Speech, Mark Grabowski, *Adelphi University*
- 7.5. Gender Studies, Ashley Barrett, *Baylor University*
- 7.6. Instructional Development, Stephanie Kelly, *North Carolina A&T University*
- 7.7. Intercultural Communication, Mary Meares, *University of Alabama*
- 7.8. Interpersonal Communication, Mary Beth Asbury, *Middle Tennessee State University*
- 7.9. Language and Social Interaction, Linda Di Desidro, *Marine Corps University*
- 7.10. Mass Communication, Gyro Newman, *University of Mobile*
- 7.11. Performance Studies, Rebecca Walker, *Southern Illinois University*
- 7.12. Political Communication, Lauren Reichart Smith, *Auburn University*
- 7.13. Popular Communication, Danielle Williams, *Georgia State University*
- 7.14. Public Relations, Shirley Serini, *Valdosta State University*
- 7.15. Rhetoric and Public Address, Christi Moss, *University of Memphis-Lambuth*
- 7.16. Southern Forensics, Pat Wheaton, *Georgia State University*