

NCA Public Address Division Business Meeting  
Friday November 16, 2012; Dolphin Hotel, Orlando, FL

Angela Ray called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Upon a motion to do so, the agenda was approved by voice vote, as were the minutes from the 2011 meeting.

Paul Stob gave the report of the division's nominating committee, and he distributed and collected ballots for this year's election.

Angela Ray gave the chair's report, which is available separately on the PAD website. In short, she:

- offered thanks to the division officers, webmaster, nominating committee, and the Nichols, Benson-Campbell, and Winans-Wichelns award committees;
- announced the conclusion of the 12-issue "Vibrant Voices" series that she coordinated this year;
- provided an update on divisional membership, which stood at 669 members in January of 2012 (a slight increase since January 2011) and at 605 on November 12, 2012;
- announced that the division's financial allotment grew by 60% for fiscal year 2012-3;
- announced the division's expenditures of \$566.66 for award checks and plaques;
- described the development and current status of the Benson-Campbell dissertation award;
- announced that Mary Stuckey will lead an effort to update the division's by-laws.

Mary Stuckey gave the vice-chair's report. She reviewed this year's submissions to the division. We received 102 paper and 17 panel submissions. Two-thirds of the papers came from graduate students, but the majority of panels came from faculty. These papers included many about the presidency, Hillary Clinton, citizenship, the Cold War, sexuality, and the politics of culture. There were not many papers about feminism. We had only 23 panels this year, including our business meeting, a decrease from previous years. As a result, our acceptance rate was 55% for papers and 60% for panels. Stuckey concluded by presenting two paper awards: the Wrage-Baskerville to David Cisneros (Northeastern University) and the Gunderson to Paul Hendrickson (University of Wisconsin).

Kirt Wilson presented the Nichols award to Belinda Stillion Southard (University of Georgia) for *Militant Citizenship: Rhetorical Strategies of the National Woman's Party, 1913-1920*. He thanked Lester Olson and Davis Houck, who served on the award committee.

Zornitsa Keremidchieva presented the Benson-Campbell award to Erik Johnson of Northwestern University.

Kirt Wilson reported from the NCA nominating committee. The nominees for NCA second vice-president are Christina Beck from Ohio University and Roseanne Mandziuk from Texas State University.

Angela Ray reported from Legislative Assembly. Her report included a review of Nancy Kidd's presentation on the organization's programmatic development and lobbying activities. She also described Tom Hollihan's report from the task force proposing a new governance structure (composed of a board of governors and a members council). The proposal prompted a lively discussion in the Legislative Assembly, including a number of objections (including that the members council would be insufficiently diverse and that member oversight of the board of governors was unclear), and it was ultimately rejected.

Angela Ray called upon David Henry to update the division on behalf of the Publications Board. He noted the trend in universities decreasing support for editing activity, he urged people to become editors, and he listed the five NCA journals that have new incoming editors, including the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, which will be edited by Barbara Biesecker.

Kari Anderson reported about planning for next year's convention, which will be held in Washington, D.C. The theme will be "Connections." None of the divisions will see a reduction in their number of programming slots; our number was increased to 26. The NCA first vice-president will sponsor three forms of panels: Connections to Community, Connections within Communication, and DC Connections.

In old business, Angela Ray introduced proposed bylaws for the Benson-Campbell award. Those revisions to article VI, section 2, of the division bylaws passed. The revised bylaws are included at the end of these minutes. Angela Ray also presented a proposed call for the Benson-Campbell award. Leah Ceccarelli moved that the words "and plans for using the \$500" be deleted from the second paragraph, and that amendment passed. James Klumpp moved that the deadline be made May 1 but, after discussion, withdrew that motion. James Klumpp then moved that we recommend this call to the committee. That motion passed and then became the main motion, and it passed again. That call is also attached below.

Paul Stob announced the results of the election. The elected nominating committee consists of Jennifer Abbott, Tasha Dubriwny, Robin Jensen, Sara VanderHaagen, and Nate Stormer (chair). Jeff Bennett and Sue Zaeske were elected to the Nichols award committee. Bonnie Dow was elected to the Winans-Wichelns award committee. For the Benson-Campbell award committee, Josh Gunn was elected to serve a one-year term, Shawn Parry-Giles was elected to serve a two-year term, and John Murphy was elected to serve a three-year term. Cindy Koenig Richards was elected secretary of the division. Leah Ceccarelli was elected vice-president of the division.

Angela Ray invited announcements from the floor. Marty Medhurst announced NCA's Hope Conference, and Mary Stuckey announced the Alta argumentation conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Maddux

## Revisions of Public Address Division Bylaws, Approved 2012

### Article VI, Section 2

#### ARTICLE VI. Committees of the Division

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Sec. 2.3. The Nominating Committee shall slate candidates for each of the following positions as they become vacant: vice-chairperson elect, secretary, nominating committee (five members), the Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award Committee (two members), the Benson-Campbell Dissertation Research Award Committee (three members), and a representative on the James A. Winans-Herbert A. Wichelns Memorial Committee.

Sec. 2.3.1 Nominees to the Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award Committee should not also be serving on the Winans-Wichelns Committee, the Diamond Anniversary Award Committee, or the Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Committee. Nominees to the Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award Committee agree that, if elected, they will not accept nomination to an overlapping term on one of these other committees. 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, is the immediate past chair of the Public Address Division.

Sec. 2.3.2. The Benson-Campbell Dissertation Research Award Committee will consist of three elected members of the division each serving a three year term. One member is elected each year, and the member in his or her third year on the Committee shall serve as its chairperson.

Sec. 2.3.3. Nominees to the Winans-Wichelns Award Committee should not also be serving on the Nichols Award Committee, the Diamond Anniversary Award Committee, or the Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Committee. Nominees to the Winans-Wichelns Award Committee agree that, if elected, they will not accept nomination to an overlapping term on one of these other committees.

Sec. 2.3.4. In the event of the incapacity of an elected committee member, the Executive Committee of the Division shall, at its discretion and in accordance with the bylaws of the Association, divide the uncompleted duties among existing members, elect a replacement to serve until the next business meeting, or establish a nomination and election procedure for selecting a replacement.

**Benson-Campbell Dissertation Research Award, [YEAR]**  
**Call for Nominations**

The Public Address Division of NCA solicits nominations for the Benson-Campbell Dissertation Research Award, which honors the scholarly contributions of Thomas Benson and Karlyn Kohrs Campbell by recognizing outstanding promise in doctoral research in rhetoric and public address. A \$500 award will be presented at the business meeting of the Public Address Division in [CITY] in November [YEAR].

Competition for the Benson-Campbell Award is open to graduate-student members of the Public Address Division who have successfully defended a Ph.D. dissertation prospectus. A completed nomination packet consists of (1) a 7-10 page summary of the dissertation prospectus, (2) a statement by the nominee about the progress of the dissertation to date, and (3) a letter of support from the nominee's dissertation advisor that certifies that the nominee has successfully defended the prospectus and provides a rationale for why the nominee should receive the award. Complete nomination packets must be received electronically by [COMMITTEE CHAIR] at [EMAIL] by [DEADLINE], in order for the nominee to be considered for the award.

Criteria for selecting the award winner include originality of the proposal; significance of the potential findings; contribution to the theory, history, or criticism of public address; and appropriateness and/or innovation of the research design and method.

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