



NCA Public Address Division 2018 Chair's Report  
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Across the conference this year, with the theme "Communication at Play," the work of public address scholars and teachers is as critical as ever. And as always, our division is well represented across the program.

I want to start by recognizing the division leaders, who have just been fabulous. Immediate Past Chair, Jen Mercieca, Vice-Chair Kristy Maddux, Vice-Chair-Elect Isaac West, and Secretary Maegan Parker Brooks. Whenever I've needed input or just more eyes, these folks have been generous and thoughtful. Extra thanks to Jen who has helped me understand the various tasks all along the way and more than once has sent me a gentle nudge to remind me of something that I needed to take care of, to Maegan, who is finishing her three year term as secretary. Thanks to Trevor Parry-Giles, who does all the work of maintaining our website while he juggles the work of being our Executive Director.

We also need to recognize everyone who has served on the division committees.

**Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award Committee:**

Jennifer Mercieca, Texas A&M University  
Dave Tell, University of Kansas  
Robert Terrill, Indiana University

**PAD Nominating Committee:**

Jiyeon Kang, University of Iowa (chair)  
Megan Irene Fitzmaurice, University of Maryland  
Kelly Jakes, Wayne State University  
Emily Sauter, Minnesota State University  
Michael Steudeman, Pennsylvania State University

**Benson-Campbell Award Committee**

Cara Finnegan, University of Illinois (chair)  
Kristen McCauliff, Ball State University  
Carly Woods, University of Maryland

**Winans and Wichelns Award Committee**

Belinda Stillion Southard, University of Georgia (chair)  
Michael Lee, College of Charleston  
Maegan Parker Brooks, Willamette University

And of course, we need so much recognition of the work that Vice Chair Kristy Maddux has done putting together all of the panels for the division. It's a huge job that requires tons of time, patience, carefulness, and consideration. Thank you, Kristy, and thanks to everyone who agreed to review, chair, and respond.



Our membership is down this year. Significantly. We were at 596 last year, and this year we are at 471. Perhaps we can all help promote the division to our colleagues.

If you are new to the division, you may not know about our Facebook group, so please check that out. We can also use our listserv and our hashtag #teamrhetoric to stay in touch.

Though our numbers took a big hit, our budget did not. This year, we received \$1,100, up from \$990 in 2017. We use that money to fund awards.