

**Health Communication Division
National Communication Association
2021 Business Meetings**

November 8th, 2021

Business Meeting #1: 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (PST) – Held Virtually via Zoom

November 20th, 2021

Business Meeting #2: 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (PST) – In Person

BUSINESS MEETING #2

- ▶ **Immediate Past Chair:** Dr. Jennifer Kam, University of California, Santa Barbara
- ▶ **Chair:** Dr. Kate Magsamen-Conrad, University of Iowa
- ▶ **Vice-Chair:** Dr. Ambar Basu, University of South Florida
- ▶ **Vice-Chair Elect:** Dr. Leandra H. Hernández, Utah Valley University
- ▶ **Secretary:** Dr. Charee M. Thompson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- ▶ **Graduate Student Representatives:** Doctoral Candidate Joshua Santiago, Dr. Laura-Kate Huse
- ▶ **DEI Committee members:** Dr. Anuraj Dhillon, California Polytechnic State University (Chair), Dr. Iccha Basnyat, George Mason University (Vice Chair), Dr. Gabriela Morales, New Mexico State University (member)

I. Call to Order

- A. Vice-Chair Ambar Basu called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. (PST)
- B. Vice-Chair Ambar Basu went over the agenda for the business meeting.

II. Officer Reports

A. Vice-Chair Elect: Dr. Leandra H. Hernández

Legislative Assembly Report:

- a. 2022 proposed budget was approved
- b. A new journal proposal, Communication and Race, has been approved. Details coming from NCA.
- c. News council approved—Mentorship and Leadership Council approved, including its bylaws. Added as member of EC and LA.
- d. Caribbean Communication Caucus and the SWANA caucus approved.
- e. Comics Studies and Institute of General Semantics affiliates approved.
- f. The above items were business items, LA minutes can be found [here](#).

2022 NCA Conference:

- a. Honoring PLACE is the theme
- b. Relayed the call from Afifi and the meaning of the theme
- c. A few highlights:

- i. 38 slots for HC
- ii. Loss of 46 across the board, smaller venue
- iii. One slot for the theme across caucuses and division
- iv. Virtual pre-conferences
- v. Discussion of task force for varied forms/virtual for the future
- vi. Proposal to use business meeting slot for something else? Continue virtual meeting?
- vii. Early programming?
- viii. Policies
 - 1. If you are submitting, consider the role of the respondent (purpose and need)
 - a. How are we giving feedback in reviews and at the panel?
 - 2. Important consideration: reviewing statement
 - a. Concrete reflection of sample diversity beyond a few lines in the discussion and limitations

B. 2022 Pre-conference Planner: Maria Venetis

- a. Will it be online?
- b. If you are interested in helping with planning and serving as mentor, etc., please reach out to Maria.

C. DEI Committee Vice Chair: Iccha Basnyat

- a. What are some resources for individuals outside of the convention, resources support
- b. What are the supports we can provide to graduate students, particularly students at the margins
 - i. Please continue supporting students through grants
 - ii. Mentor-mentee program

D. Graduate Student Representatives Joshua Santiago, Dr. Laura-Kate Huse

- a. Mentor-mentee program: hybrid this year, meeting at conference and outside of
- b. Look out for post-conference mentorship program survey about how to better the program for graduate students

E. Vice-Chair: Dr. Ambar Basu

- a. Brief report of some sessions we have had the last few years that Kate Magsamen-Conrad started
 - ix. This year we're able to see how they work in-person.
- b. Data blitzes are meant to be 3-4 minute presentations of data
 - x. We had 12, 8 data sets were presented and we have had great discussions
 - xi. Good feedback and a way to include more people.
- c. We have a lot more diverse programming, so carefully read their functions so you can take advantage of them and submit appropriately.
- d. Research in progress
 - xii. 16 tables
 - xiii. Mentors at each table gave feedback and led discussion

- xiv. Good feedback on this as well
- xv. Continuing to refresh them
- e. Poster session was 8am on Thursday
 - xvi. There was confusion with the NCA office and the area was not ready, but it was resolved and ended up being a fruitful session
- f. Reviewing bylaws
 - xvii. We are working hard in the EC to revise them in ways that optimize our potential
 - xviii. We'd like to have discussion so we can follow up with votes:
 - 1. How we can divide our roles to distribute work and also recognize the transference of historical knowledge, mostly the point that the Vice Chair has an enormous planning work burden
 - a. Comment from the floor: The commentor shared similar experience planning in the Mississippi Communication Association, and the value of passing historical knowledge by serving in roles, dividing labor, etc.
 - b. A second Vice Chair?
 - c. Comment from the floor: Have a small committee to assist the Vice Chair? Helps and also provides training, learning.
 - d. Questions from the floor: How to be a part of the EC (from a new member).
 - i. Lea reviewed the positions of EC: VCE, 3 LA, VC for DEI, Grad Student
 - 1. Need a third LA member, solicitation coming in January
 - e. Question from the floor: Resources for how to volunteer or contribute in ways that aren't a part of the larger election process?
 - i. Please consider reviewing when the call is distributed.

F. Vice-Chair Elect: Dr. Leandra H. Hernández

- a. Circulating a message for reviewers, chairs, etc. for next year.
 - i. Will ask information about you to make good matches
 - ii. Also coordinating with other divisions
- b. Please share ideas for spotlight panel.
- g. Comment from the floor: A request for future meetings to better acknowledge award winners in-person, even as we have virtual (more?) meetings.
 - xix. Have a whole panel moving forward for the award winners (Iccha Basnyat replied to comment).

G. Announcements from the floor:

- a. Nancy Harrington: 17th annual KCHC; abstract system is open until 12/1
 - xx. Academic clinical partnerships is pre-conference
 - xxi. Vish Viswanath is keynote speaker

H. Vice-Chair: Dr. Ambar Basu

- a. Reminder that to receive our emails, please make sure you are a registered member and that you have checked our division.

III. Adjournment

Ambar Basu adjourned meeting before panel ended at 12:15pm (exact time not captured).

Respectfully submitted,
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