

Eurasian Communication Association of North America

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Eurasian Communication Association of North America (ECANA).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1: The purposes of the organization shall be: 1) to promote the study, criticism, research, teaching, and application of the artistic, humanistic, and scientific principles of communication in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, Central Asia and other Post-Soviet states; and, 2) to encourage collaborative work between communication scholars in North American and the aforementioned regions.

Section 2: ECANA, a not-for-profit organization, exists for educational, scientific, and literary purposes only. No part of the net revenues of the Association, if any, may be used for the private benefit of any individual or group, except that the Executive Council may establish scholarships or research grants for projects or purposes appropriate to the Association.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is open to persons interested in promoting the organization's purposes.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNING STRUCTURE

The governance structure of the Association shall consist of officers, an executive committee, and an advisory board.

Section 1: The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and an Executive Director. The Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President. The duties of officers are as specified in the By-laws. The term of office for the President and Vice President shall be one (1) year. The term of office for the Secretary shall be two years and the term of office for the Executive Director shall be five (5) years.

Section 2: The three officers plus the Executive Director working collectively shall constitute the Executive Committee. The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee are as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 3: The Advisory Board is constituted as specified in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Business meetings - The Association shall meet to conduct business each year at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Other business meetings shall be scheduled and announced, with an appropriate lead-time, to the membership as needed.

Section 2: Academic conferences and programs. The Association will sponsor and prepare panels for inclusion in the NCA program. In addition, the Association will participate in other appropriate academic conferences.

ARTICLE VII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1: Nominations. There will be a three person nominating committee to make recommendations for Vice President and Secretary (when needed). The President shall appoint one new member of the nominating committee each year. The term of office for this committee shall be three (3) years. In the first year of operation, the President, with the consent of the Executive Committee, will appoint one person for a one (1) year term, a second person for a two (2) year term, and a third person for a three (3) year term.

Section 2: First Year Nominations: In the first year of this Constitution's operation, officers shall be nominated by the Advisory Board with input from the Membership.

Section 3: Elections. Elections shall be held each year in the spring by electronic ballot as specified in the Bylaws. Ballots shall be collected and results announced by the Executive Director.

Section 4: Term of Office. Term of office shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

Section 5: Appointments.

A. The Executive Committee shall appoint Program Planners for NCA and other conferences as needed.

B. The President of the Association shall make other appointments as are deemed necessary to advance the business and mission of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII: DUES AND FEES

Dues will be set by vote of the membership as specified in the Bylaws and collected by the Executive Director.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

The Association shall have one standing committee, the Nominations Committee. The President may appoint ad hoc committees as necessary to advance the business and mission of the Association.

ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Parliamentary Authority for the meetings of the Association shall be Roberts Rules of Order

ARTICLE XI: ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall be initially adopted at a business meeting held at the 2010 NCA convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those attending.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended:

- A. By approval of the Executive Council and two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a business meeting, or
- B. By a majority vote of the membership at two (2) consecutive business meetings.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the membership by electronic ballot and in the manner prescribed by the relevant state laws. Subject to compliance with the applicable provisions of such laws, upon any such dissolution of the Association, all its property remaining after satisfaction of all its obligations shall be distributed to affiliated or successor associations as specified by the Executive Committee.