

Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
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Del Galloway, APR, Fellow PRSA, senior vice president, Communications, Atlantic and Pacific Regions, Wells Fargo, was elected president of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications at its spring 2022 meeting.



Del Galloway

Galloway has represented the Public Relations Society of America on the Council since 2018. He is the first public relations and strategic communications professional to lead the Council in its 77-year history. The Council was previously led by journalists representing news organizations. He replaces Council President Peter Bhatia, editor and vice president of the Detroit Free Press and freep.com, whose term ends this summer.



Greg Pitts

Greg Pitts, director and professor at the School of Journalism and Strategic Media at Middle Tennessee State University, was elected vice president. Pitts represents the Broadcast Education Association on the Council. Pitts replaces Dale Cressman, associate professor and associate director of student learning at Brigham Young University, whose term as vice president ends this summer. Cressman represents the American Journalism Historians Association on the Council.



Marie Hardin

Galloway and Pitts begin their three-year terms at the Council's Aug. 27 meeting.

The Council also elected officers and new members for the ACEJMC Committee. Marie Hardin, dean of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications at Pennsylvania State University, was elected to a second two-year term as Committee chair. Rochelle Ford, dean of the School of Communications at Elon University, was re-elected Committee vice chair, but she announced in late May that she has accepted a new position as president of Dillard University. A new Committee vice chair will be elected later this year.

Four new ACEJMC Committee members were appointed to serve three-year terms: Bhatia; Andy Alexander, visiting professional at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University; George Daniels, associate professor in the College of Information & Communications Sciences at the University of Alabama; and Gracie Lawson-Borders, dean of the Cathy Hughes School of Communications at Howard University. They replace four Committee members whose terms expire in 2022.

ACEJMC accredits 119 schools in the United States and outside the country. The Council conducts voluntary reviews for schools with professional journalism and mass communications programs.