2019 Diversity and Conference Climate Report
Board of Directors Meeting
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1. **DCCC Awards (The Gary Sailes Diversity Scholarship Award)**

- Two awards will be made at the 2019 NASSS conference in Virginia Beach, VA (One Masters award and one Doctoral award)
- Ten applicants (9 – Doctoral Submissions, 1 – Masters).
- All scores were tallied using a rubric.
- Names of the winners were given to the NASSS Secretary

Winners:

- **GSDA Doctoral Winner – Ajhanai (AJ) Newton - University of Connecticut**
  Research Agenda – Addressed her future contributions to the field of sociology of sport/physical activity. Ms. Newton plans to answer the challenge of Cheryl Cooky (2017) who asks sport sociologist to engage in public sociology. Her dissertation is to study the adoption of Diversity & Inclusion officers within collegiate and professional sports.
  Faculty Support – Joseph Cooper, Ph.D. – University of Connecticut

- **GSDA Masters Winner – Jamie Morales – University of Tennessee**
  Research Agenda – Sports participation, media representation, and Catholicism in the Latinx community.
  Faulty Support – Adam Love, Ph.D. – University of Tennessee

- **Committee Volunteers (assisted in the scoring of Gary Sailes Diversity Award):** Judy Lao, Dewitt King, Marques Dexter, Jamie Ali, Nida Ahmad, Sarah Barnes

2. **Committee Members:** 2019 is the last year of service for
- Erica Zonder
- Charles Crowley
- Jafus Cavil.

3. DCCC will host a workshop during 2019 NASSS conference:
- Teaching and Mentoring Students and Faculty of Marginalized Groups
  Panelist: Dr. Jay Coakley and Dr. Jasmine Hamilton

4. DCCC has a verbal commitment from Dr. Richard Lapchick to be the featured speaker at the 2020 DCCC Workshop in New Orleans, LA

5. Continued support of the + 1 initiative

6. In a collaborative effort and keeping in line with 2019 conference theme I will be a panelist on session developed by Chen Chen of the University of Alberta – **BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Caucus**