

**THE MEDIA CONSORTIUM COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
2016 ELECTION BALLOT**

**Who May Vote:** Each member outlet of the Media Consortium is eligible to vote for members of the Coordinating Committee. Please assign one staff person to vote on behalf of your outlet.

**How Many May I Vote For:** You may vote for up to 5 candidates.

**When May You Vote:** Balloting will open on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Paper ballots will be available at our annual conference. If your outlet is not sending anyone to the annual conference, you may vote by email. Please email a PDF of your completed ballot to Linda Jue, [nvijdirector@gmail.com](mailto:nvijdirector@gmail.com)

**All ballots must be received by Friday, February 19 at 5pm.**

BALLOT:

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| Yea | Nay | <b>Kyle Harris</b><br>managing editor, Colorado Independent (TMC)  |
| Yea | Nay | <b>Caitlin Hendel</b><br>publisher, CEO, National Catholic Reporter (TMC)  |
| Yea | Nay | <b>Rachel Kennison</b><br>marketing & outreach director, Rethinking Schools (TMC)  |
| Yea | Nay | <b>Sharon Kyle</b><br>cofounder and publisher of the LA Progressive (TMC)<br>*Sharon is a current CC member running for a second term. |
| Yea | Nay | <b>Ivan Roman</b><br>former ED of NAHJ, media consultant (non-TMC)   |

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Outlet \_\_\_\_\_

## **Your Coordinating Committee for 2015:**

### **Returning Coordinating Committee Members (Not up for election)**

Maya Schenwar, Chair, Truthout

Steve Katz, Mother Jones

Jame Trimarco, Yes!

Antoinette June, FSTV

Lisa Rudman, Making Contact

### **Coordinating Committee Members Running For a Second Term**

Sharon Kyle, LA Progressive

### **Retiring Coordinating Committee Members**

Joseph Smooke, People Power Media (served partial term)

Rory O'Connor, Globalvision

Maureen Nandini Mitra, Earth Island Journal

## **Process for Nominating New Coordinating Committee Members**

- Coordinating Committee names members of a Nominating Committee
- Nominating Committee send out a call for nominees
- Nominating Committee reaches out to potential nominees, including those self-nominated, those nominated by others, and those recommended by the Executive Director or Nominating Committee members
- All individuals who are eligible to be nominated and who are willing to be put into nomination are nominated for the ballot.

**NOTE:** This year, the Coordinating Committee voted to change the make up of the Coordinating Committee by opening up to three (one-quarter) of the 11 seats to individuals who are not TMC members. This change will allow us to bring on people who have specific skills, knowledge and/or access to resources that would be highly beneficial to TMC's development and which are not otherwise available to the CC from within the TMC membership.

### **Nominating Committee Members:**

Linda Jue, GW Williams Center for Independent Journalism

Shay Totten, Chelsea Books

Antoinette June, FSTV

## CANDIDATES' BIOS

### Ivan Roman

Iván Román, a journalist and nonprofit manager with 32 years of experience, has most recently been a communications consultant in Washington, D.C. focusing on promoting media coverage of immigration reform, guest workers' rights, discrimination against immigrants and undocumented children in schools, and the importance of arts and humanities education for inner-city and immigrant children.

As the former executive director of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Román led NAHJ's strong advocacy for true net neutrality and against media consolidation and media mergers detrimental to Latinos, while enhancing its main mission of fighting for fair media coverage of Latinos and ethnic diversity in media. By the time he left NAHJ in 2011, he had guided the organization's shifting priorities toward increased digital and entrepreneurial training for journalists forced into freelance work and self-employment.

As executive director of the Center for Integration and Improvement of Journalism at San Francisco State University, Román spearheaded the creation of the Community Press Consortium, the country's first advanced professional training program for reporters and editors working in community and ethnic media. That was in line with his 17 years as a journalist in five newsrooms, where communities of color and immigrants in Miami, upstate New York, and people in Puerto Rico and throughout the Caribbean were the main focus of his local, national and foreign, racial and cross-ethnic beats targeting the poor, the marginalized and the voiceless.

Technology has helped spur tectonic shifts in how the public and our communities get their news. It opened the vast horizons of social media, challenged the influence of the traditional major gatekeepers, and amplified more voices in our media landscape. As such, technology can help shape a more inclusive and democratic public dialogue. Independent journalism is assuming a larger and ever more important role in the continuously changing news media landscape while also demonstrating the potential for having even greater influence. For this to continue, the long-term sustainability of independent journalism is of prime importance. Strengthening an organization like The Media Consortium that offers training and services to media outlets in this vital media sector is essential for that growth to continue. I would feel privileged to bring my many years of experience to help The Media Consortium assume a prominent leadership role in growing a bigger, more inclusive independent media sector.

### Kyle Harris

Kyle Harris works as the managing editor at The Colorado Independent. He has covered police killings, life in a mental hospital, urban gardening, tiny-house wars, same-sex marriage, art-world censorship and filmmaking as a feature contributor to Westword and Out Front Colorado. In 2009, he co-founded the online magazine The Precarious. In 2008, he launched the award-winning sex-politics site Queer Radical. He has programmed documentaries and produced television shows for Free Speech TV. His most recent movie, U.S.E.D., chronicles Colorado's fight to legalize syringe exchange. He currently serves as treasurer on the board of Working Films.

I'm interested in joining the TMC Coordinating Committee because our organization is a relative newcomer to the consortium and we want to build stronger ties with the TMC and peer organizations alike. I have energy, as managing editor of an online newsroom, to work with TMC to strengthen collaborations between groups, hone programming, and work with the TMC staff to make our group's efforts stronger.

### Caitlin Hendel

Caitlin Hendel is the publisher/CEO of the National Catholic Reporter Publishing Co., based in Kansas City, Mo. She has been a journalist for more than three decades, starting off on the copy desks of newspapers in Springfield, Mo., Dallas and Kansas City. At The Kansas City Star, she worked her way up to news editor, coordinating coverage of suburban news and then the Washington DC bureau and political news. In 1997, she and her family moved to Washington, where she managed coverage of the U.S. economy for five years. In 2002, she became the social policy editor at Congressional Quarterly (now CQ Roll Call), specializing in health care and agriculture news. She and her family returned to Kansas City in 2013, where she started at National Catholic Reporter as managing editor. In January 2014, she became the organization's chief executive officer and two years later she became publisher.

When I first became CEO of National Catholic Reporter, I found myself often turning to Mother Jones for guidance on how similar news organizations work. It was through that exploration that I came across The Media Consortium, and once I did I felt as if I'd walked into a room full of old friends. That sense of belonging was validated for me last February when I attended the TMC/AAN conference in San Francisco. I no longer felt alone in this adventure, and, as you know, it really is lonely at the top. As soon as I returned home, I applied for NCR membership with TMC, and NCR already has benefited from our affiliation with the group. I have been especially impressed with Jo Ellen Kaiser's leadership of this group. She has a keen sense of the industry and a real passion for growth and sustainability for independent publications. I would be honored to try to help the consortium not only guide its member organizations, but also set a point of reference for the industry as a whole. Therefore, I am putting in my name for nomination to the TMC coordinating committee, and I look forward to meeting everyone in Philadelphia.

### Rachel Kennison

Rachel Kenison is the Director of Marketing and Outreach at Rethinking Schools. The thirteen years before that she was in the educational publishing industry in sales and marketing working for publishers such as National Geographic, Lerner, and Okapi Educational Publishing. Though she has only been in the magazine publishing industry for less than two years, she has been a consumer of progressive media since she can remember. Rachel is currently chair of the TMC program committee and has been helping build member partnerships around advertising. She is excited to help TMC members continue to find ways to collaborate with and learn from each other about what is, and is not, working in our ever changing industry.

### Sharon Kyle

Sharon Kyle is the cofounder and publisher of the LA Progressive, a daily online publication that serves the greater Los Angeles area. The LA Progressive has promoted politically and socially progressive ideals via news pieces, op-eds, event sponsorship, and information activism for eight years. One of the drivers that motivated Sharon and her husband, Dick Price, to start the LA Progressive was the lack of racial and ethnic diversity in politically progressive circles in L.A.

The LA Progressive has been a member of TMC, and Sharon has served on the TMC Coordinating Committee for three years. As a member of the TMC CC, Sharon has sought to bring issues of racial and ethnic equity to the fore.

Sharon is seeking to run for a second term on the TMC CC because she feels she has more to offer now that she has a better understanding of the workings of the organization.

Sharon also serves on the board of the ACLU of Southern California and is a professor of law at the Peoples College of Law in Los Angeles.