

Communication & Social Cognition Division

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2011; New Orleans, LA

I. Call to Order: Lisa Lindsey

1. Lisa Lindsey called the meeting to order 3:30.
2. The sign-in sheet was circulated and members were asked to indicate if they were willing to review papers, chair panels, or respond to panel.

II. Approval of 2010 Minutes

1. Chris Morse passed out the minutes taken at the 2010 NCA convention in San Francisco.
2. The revised minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections needed.

III. Report on Legislative Assembly

Presentation of Concerns from Legislative Assembly

1. Resolution on Resolutions
 - Policy resolutions will now be divided into three types, Public, Ethical, and Administrative.
2. Reorganization of divisions
 - Last year it was proposed that there would be a reorganization of the divisions regarding moving away from divisions and instead focusing on tracks. This year, this topic was not discussed although the task force that was created is still active.
3. Budget
 - LA reported that NCA was “financially healthy” indicating that currently the organization is “8 million dollars in the black.”
 - Net profit from convention was \$500, 000
 - Profit from publications was \$450,000
 - No desire to increase fees this year, however a fee increase is likely to occur next year (no indication as to how much the increase will be).
 - There was a discussion about reducing student fees. Currently, students are generating \$250,000 in revenue with about \$190,000 of the being profit. It was discussed that the organization should not be profiting from students.
4. Discussion of Partner Benefits Resolution
 - During LA a resolution was proposed which would require all future job postings to include partner benefit descriptions in the posting. This issue was highly debated in the LA, eventually becoming a concern about what legal ramifications this represented to Universities and Colleges.
 - A modification was proposed which would change the language from “required” to “requested.” Based on this the author of the resolution retracted the proposal arguing that this change in language reduced its

effectiveness. Thus, resolution was never put to a vote and will be brought up next year.

- CSC board asked division for feedback on the issue. The general comments indicated that this resolution had some good ideas, but would be difficult and problematic to enact

5. First Vice Presidents Censorship Rights

- There was a discussion concerning the new guideline regarding the first vice presidents ability to review paper and panel titles for objectionable language and ask authors to change title or remove the paper/panel from the conference.
- A vote was called to remove this guideline, and after vote, guideline was removed.

6. NCA website

- There was an announcement that NCA will be developing new websites for each division. Information about how website will be constructed, who will have access, and how this process will take shape was not provided.

7. Division Profiles

- There was discussion about constructing profiles for each division concerning the scholarship done within that division.
- Suggestion was made to put together a group of volunteers to start the process. Matt, Deb and Claude volunteered.

IV. Report on Nominating Committee

1. There was a discussion on nominees for next vice president of NCA. Candidates were Ron Arnet and Carol Blair. The pros and cons of both candidates were discussed.
2. Division was asked to provide names for potential NCA presidential candidates

V. Research Committee Chair Report

1. The division received 59 submissions.
 - 3 reviewers were assigned to each submission (2 faculty and 1 doctoral student)
 - 9 sessions were allocated with 1 high density and 1 top paper panel
 - Total of 33 papers were accepted, indicating a 56% acceptance rate
2. Question was raised about whether the division has a rule concerning a requirement that doctoral students must have passed preliminary exams in order to be a reviewer. Research chair stated that while the division does not have an official rule in the by-laws, this has been the general practice.

VI. Elections

1. Nominations were requested for secretary/webmaster position
 - Sahara Byrne was nominated and accepted nomination
 - Josh Averbek was nominated and accepted nomination
 - Amy Chadwick was nominated by proxy
 - Initial vote indicated a tie between Sahara and Josh. Sahara withdrew from running making Josh the elected secretary/webmaster. Candidates were Ron Arnet and Carol Blair. The pros and cons of both candidates were discussed.
2. Nominations were requested for research chair elect position
 - Mark Hamilton was nominated and accepted nomination
 - Nick Palomares was nominated and accepted nomination
 - Graham Brodie was nominated by proxy
 - Kyle Andrews was nominated and accepted
 - Following vote, Nick Palomares was elected research chair elect

VII. Awards

1. Top Student Award:
 - ??? and Lisa Tan
2. Top Four Paper Awards
3. Distinguished Article Awards:
 - Greene, J. O., & Herbers, L. E. (2011). Conditions of interpersonal transcendence. *International Journal of Listening*, 25, 66–84.
 - Timothy R Levine, Kim B Serota, Hillary Shulman, David D Clare, Hee Sun Park, Allison S Shaw, Jae Chul Shim, Jung Hyon Lee (2011). Sender Demeanor: Individual Differences in Sender Believability Have a Powerful Impact on Deception Detection Judgments. *Human Communication Research*, 37, 377-403.
4. Distinguished Book Awards:
 - James Honeycutt & Suzette Bryan (2011). *Scripts and Communication for Relationships*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing.

VIII. New Biz

1. Mark Hamilton announced job postings at UCONN
2. Claude Miller announced job postings at University of Oklahoma
3. Lisa Lindsey asked division for views on the CSC business meeting being at the same time as other division business meetings (in this case Health Communication). General show of hands indicated that members of the division wished to be able to attend other division business meetings. Suggestions were made to ensure that this would be a possibility in future years.

IX. Gavel passing

1. The gavel was passed from Lisa Lindsey to Claude Miller

X. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:27pm.