

Bylaws of the Popular Culture Interest Group of the Central States
Communication Association

Article I: Name and History

The following Interest Group shall henceforth be called the "Popular Culture Interest Group." It will be referred to as "Interest Group" for the remainder of these bylaws.

The Interest Group was founded in 2011 after a petition with 50 signatures of support was submitted by Adam Tyma of the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Signatures were collected by Jennifer Dunn, Dominican University; Jimmie Manning, Northern Kentucky University; Adam Tyma, University of Nebraska-Omaha; and Danielle Stern, Christopher Newport University, the founders of the Interest Group. The founding officers, who were established with the petition, were Adam Tyma, University of Omaha-Lincoln, Chair; Danielle Stern, Christopher Newport University, Vice-Chair; and Jimmie Manning, Northern Kentucky University, Secretary. These bylaws were authored by Jimmie Manning, Northern Kentucky University, and were established as official with approval of the petition.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this Interest Group is to promote dialogue about and support scholarship related to popular culture studies in the communication discipline.

Article III: Membership

Members of the Interest Group must be members of the Central States Communication Association (hereafter referred to as CSCA) and should identify their affiliation to the Interest Group when paying dues to CSCA.

Article IV: Definitions

Unless otherwise specified, the phrase "majority of the Interest Group" refers to a majority vote of those members present at the meeting in which the vote occurs. If a vote is occurring through email, it must be announced via the Interest Group listserv, a voting period of no less than one week shall be available to Interest Group members, and at least ten people must vote for the results to be valid.

Article V: Officers

At minimum, the Interest Group will have a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary who also serves as Vice Chair-elect. The Chair and Vice Chair will assume their offices according to the order of succession outlined in Article VI. The Vice Chair-elect/Secretary will be elected by a majority of the Interest Group at the annual CSCA convention, following the procedures outlined in Article VIII.

Additional Temporary Officers required for the operation of the Interest Group may be elected by a majority of the Interest Group without amendment to these Bylaws. The Chair may appoint a Temporary Officer when necessary to fill a vacancy or otherwise address an emergency situation.

Officers may resign their positions or vacate them by death, but Officers may not be removed except by a majority vote of the Interest Group.

All Officers must be Interest Group members.

The Officers shall serve a term of the duration between their election or the beginning of the CSCA convention at which they assume office and the beginning of the next CSCA convention.

The Secretary shall serve a special term from beginning of the Annual Business Meeting in the year after the Secretary's election until the Secretary distributes the minutes of the subsequent Annual Business Meeting. The Secretary then becomes Vice Chair.

Article VI: Duties and Responsibilities of the Officers

The Chair shall establish agendas for and preside over Interest Group meetings, plan the annual program at the CSCA convention for the Popular Culture Interest Group, maintain control of the Interest Group treasury, oversee the operation of all committees, report to CSCA as required by the CSCA Constitution and Bylaws, and appoint Temporary Officers when needed.

The Vice Chair shall assist the chair. Additionally, he or she will assume the Office of Chair when the Chair's term expires or when the Chair otherwise vacates the office.

The Secretary/Vice Chair-elect shall prepare for the Office of Chair by becoming familiar with these bylaws and other Interest Group procedures. The Vice Chair-Elect shall assume the Office of Vice Chair when the Vice Chair's term expires or when the Vice Chair otherwise vacates the office. If the Vice Chair-Elect vacates the office before her or his term expires, the Chair, after consultation with the other officers, shall designate a Temporary Officer to fill the position until the Interest Group is able to elect a permanent replacement. As Secretary this officer will record the minutes at each meeting and distribute copies of the minutes to all members prior to the next meeting.

Article VII: Meetings

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Interest Group will hold its Annual Business Meeting every year at the annual convention of CSCA. Members are encouraged, but not required, to attend this meeting.

Article VIII: Elections

Any office that will not be filled by the order of succession established in Article VI will be filled by election at the Annual Business Meeting. Members present at the Annual Business Meeting will nominate candidate for those offices to be filled by election. Self-nominations are allowed. Members may refuse nomination and should be consulted about their willingness to perform prior to the election. Members may be nominated in absentia as long as their willingness to perform can be ascertained.

Nominees will be elected to office by a majority vote of those members present at the meeting.

The Chair will only vote in the case of a tie and will announce the results of the election before the close of the meeting.

Article IX: Committees

The Interest Group will have the power to establish additional committees as deemed necessary by a majority of the Interest Group. Committees should report their progress and activities at each Annual Business Meeting. Committees will exercise broad discretion over their own operation, but the Chair will oversee committee procedure, leadership, and membership when necessary. All actions by committees on behalf of the Interest Group should be approved by a majority of the Interest Group.

Article X: Amendments

Any member may propose an amendment to these bylaws by submitting a text of that amendment to the other members. The proposed amendment must be seconded by at least one other member.

Once a proposed amendment has been submitted and seconded, the following year it will be entered on the agenda and the Chair will call for a vote.

If the amendment is approved by 3/4 of the voting members of the Interest Group, the Chair will announce the passage of the amendment and, in timely fashion, submit a revised copy of the Bylaws to each member.

Unless otherwise specified, the approved amendment will go into effect immediately.