

ECA Instructional Communication Interest Group Business Meeting

Minutes from Friday, April 2007

Providence, RI

I. Call to Order

Chair Elizabeth Bernat called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

II. Approval of 2006 Business meeting minutes

- A. Ann Bainbridge Frymier moved to approve the 2006 ICIG business meeting minutes
- B. Richard West seconded the motion
- C. The motion was passed with all in favor

III. Acknowledgements

- A. Given the absence of any new members, Bernat thanked the veteran members present at the meeting
- B. She announced that the Top Paper Award went to Timothy Mottet, Jessica Parker-Raley, Steven Beebe, and Cory Cunningham. They would receive a certificate soon. Congratulations were given to the great team.
- C. She thanked Jason Wrench, Qin Zhang, Marian Houser, and Linda Sampson for reading the manuscripts submitted to the ICIG
- D. She thanked the members who served as chairs and respondents. She also thanked those who submitted papers to the ICIG

IV. Old Business

A. Acceptance Figures

- a. Bernat reported that 9 papers were submitted and 7 were accepted. The submission was down this year
- b. 6 panels were submitted and 4 were accepted
- c. Some papers or panels were rejected because they were also submitted to other interest groups
- d. ICIG co-sponsored 2 panels with the Voice of Diversity

B. Report from Executive Council Meeting

- a. Danette Ifert Johnson reported that a new editor of *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication* was selected
- b. She reported that Baltimore was selected as the site for 2010 ECA annual meeting
- c. She also reported that a new award for *Urban Communication* was approved
- d. Sara Weintraub welcomed all members to attend the meeting at Pittsburgh next year

V. Welcome New Chair: Danette Ifert Johnson, Ithaca College

- A. Bernat welcomed Johnson as the new chair of ICIG
- B. Johnson thanked Bernat for her work as chair

VI. New Business

A. Preview of 2008 Convention

- a. Johnson announced the date, theme, and location of the 2008 ECA convention
- b. Sara Weintraub will be the planner for the convention
- c. Scott Myers will be the coordinator of spotlight on scholarship series
- d. There was a brief discussion regarding the policy of technology. Johnson urged those who need to use technology to inform her in advance

B. Election of New ICIG Officers

- a. Vice Chair
 1. Candice Thomas-Maddox nominated Leeanne Bell for the position
 2. Timothy Mottet seconded the nomination
 3. Richard West moved to close the nominations for the position
 4. The nomination was approved with all in favor
- b. Secretary
Qin Zhang will hold the position for another year

C. Other Nominations

- a. ECA First Vice Present Elect-Select
Timothy Mottet, Mary Toale, Kelly Rocca, were suggested as possible nominees for the position.
- b. Elizabeth Bernat will be the representative for the Nominating Committee

D. Announcements and Other New Business

- a. Ann Bainbridge Frymier encouraged members to vote for the 2007 NCA election
- b. Richard West reported that 208 students pre-registered for the conference, which was about one third of the 628 members pre-registered for the conference
- c. Richard West reported that about 225 people attended the reception last night.
- d. Sara Weintraub thanked West for the wonderful job he did planning the program this year
- e. Timothy Mottet raised the concern of submitting papers to multiple panels
- f. Given that the number of submissions dropped this year, Ann Bainbridge Frymier suggested that email calls be sent out to everybody in July to promote the conference
- g. Since the ECA meets during the final week, Marian Houser raised the question of moving the conference later to May.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Richard West moved to adjourn at 8:45am
- B. Timothy Mottet seconded the motion
- C. The motion was passed with all in favor

Members present: Jerry Allen, Leeanne Bell, Elizabeth Bernat, Ann Bainbridge Frymier, Sean Horan, Marian Houser, Danette Ifert Johnson, James McCroskey, Timothy Mottet, Scott Myers, Candice Thomas-Maddox, Sara Weintraub, Richard West, Qin Zhang