

Meeting Minutes of the Philosophy of Communication Interest Group
Eastern Communication Association
104th Annual Convention 2013: *Confluence*
Pittsburgh, PA, Omni William Penn Hotel
April 27, 2013

In attendance:

Ronald C. Arnett, Duquesne University
Jill Burk, Pennsylvania State University, Berks
Susan Carr, Duquesne University
Jonathan Crist, Duquesne University
David DeJuliis, Duquesne University
Sarah Flinko, Duquesne University
Janie Harden Fritz, Duquesne University
Brian Gilchrist, Duquesne University
Annette Holba, Plymouth State University
Craig Maier, Duquesne University
Kristen Majocha, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
Christy McDowell Marinchak, Duquesne University
Amanda McKendree, University of Notre Dame (secretary)
Leeanne Bell McManus, Stevenson University (chair)
Bryan Picciotto, College at Brockport: State University of New York
Erin Potts, University of Utah
Brent Sleasman, Gannon University

1. Call to Order

- Leeanne Bell McManus, chair, called meeting to order at 9:03AM

2. Approval of Minutes for 2011 & 2012

- Leeanne called for 2011 & 2012 Meeting Minutes approval
- Move for approval: Ronald C. Arnett; 2nd: Janie Harden Fritz
- Leeanne announced that all minutes are posted on ECA website.

3. Report from Chair

- Leeanne announced that 20 papers and 6 panels were submitted. We were able to accept 12 papers and 3 panels.
- Leeanne extended thanks to the 2013 Interest Group Reviewers:
 - Jill Burk, Pennsylvania State University, Berks
 - Janie Harden Fritz, Duquesne University
 - Annette Holba, Plymouth State University
 - Kristen Majocha, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown

Christy McDowell Marinchak, Duquesne University
Amanda McKendree, University of Notre Dame
Celeste Seymour, Western Governor's University

- Leeanne referred to page 145 of conference program that includes information on next year's conference that will take place from April 23-27, 2014 at the Westin Providence in Providence, RI.
- Leeanne reminded attendees that there is no shuttle service as of yet.
- Leeanne reminded attendees to register for room ASAP so overflow hotels can be arranged.
- Leeanne announced that the hope for next year is to increase the number of slots.

4. Report from Executive Council

- Person elected to Executive Council is Kristen Majocha. She will attend two meetings every year. Her term ends mid 2014.

5. Elections for 2014

- Nominations from Floor: Craig Maier by Janie Harden Fritz; Deborah Eicher-Catt by Leeanne Bell McManus
- Move to close: Kristen Majocha; 2nd- Janie Harden Fritz; 0 abstentions
- Craig is incoming chair.

Discussion: Good sign of health when multiple people are interested in leadership positions.

6. Call for Papers

- Kristen announced that the first call will be sent in May with a 2nd call in September. The deadline for submission is October 15th. Kristen will rank proposals and send to Tom Flynn by December 15th. We will know how many slots we have been allotted by that time. Responses will then be sent to those who submitted by the end of December. The program should be finished mid-January. AV requests need to be made ASAP due to costs. Kristen reminded attendees that NCA dates are close to reviewer deadline dates; reviews need to be back by November 26th.

Discussion: Theme for ECA 2014. Kristen announced that the theme is "Communities of Dissent"-dissenting from political and social pressures; rebellion.

Tom Flynn distributed materials for the 2014 conference site and discussed the local character of Providence.

Annette Holba reminded attendees of the Lizzie Borden Bed and Breakfast in Fall River, Massachusetts.

7. Volunteers needed-Paper reviewers/chairs/respondents

- Kristen distributed a sign-up sheet for those willing to serve as reviewers, panel chairs, and/or panel respondents at the 2014 conference.
- Leeanne announced that attendees should keep in mind students' work as the conference next year will be student friendly.

8. Old Business

- None

9. Announcements

- Leeanne announced that the position of Representative to Executive Council is now a two-year term.
- Ronald Arnett mentioned that 4 people have approached him with reservations about Hartford (site for 2016) and that we need to be aware of conversation.
- Brent Sleasman announced that the Pennsylvania Communication Association Pre-conference theme is Albert Camus and Philosophy of Communication. The pre-conference will be held from Oct. 17-Oct. 18 right before the annual PCA conference. The deadline for submissions is June 1st. Brent also circulated a petition for a PCA Philosophy of Communication Interest Group. The goals of forming this interest group are for philosophy of communication to become more identified with the state level organization and to encourage a philosophy of communication pre-conference on a regular basis on a given author.
- Danette Ifert Johnson thanked attendees for their participation and reminded attendees of the ECA Business Meeting and Receptions. She thanked Leeanne for her service and presented her with a gift of appreciation.
- Leeanne reminded attendees to check the box for Philosophy of Communication when registering.
- Leeanne reminded attendees that the top competitive papers (4 total) in philosophy of communication would be presented in Conference Room C at 9:30AM.
- Leeanne reminded attendees that December 20th is the Undergraduate Scholars Conference deadline.

10. Adjourn

- Move to close: Janie Harden Fritz; 2nd: Brian Gilchrist

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