

Eastern Communication Association (ECA)
105th Annual Meeting, Providence, RI
Health Communication Interest Group
Minutes

Call to order (11:32 a.m.)

Special Announcement: Andy Spieldenner

- Philadelphia Conference

Dr. McDermott Greetings

- Approval of 2013 Minutes, Pittsburgh, PA

- Move to accept.

- Acknowledgement of Paper Reviewers, Chairs, & Respondents

- Pass around volunteer form for above positions

Chair Report on 2014 Providence

- 23: 4 panels and 19 papers

- Review Process, Decision Criteria for Paper Acceptance

- 19 papers submitted, 15 were paneled and 4 were rejected.

Top Paper Awards

- “Health Literacy and Diabetes: An Indigenous Perspective” Terry Robertson, Missouri
Science and Technology

- “Maternal Mortality and the Gendered Urban Migrant Community Identity: In Our Own
We Trust” Vinita Agarwal, Salisbury University

- “This Is Not A Test: Do Fear-Based Weather Warnings Really Work?” Matt Ritter, High
Point University*

*Student paper and Debut paper

McDermott hands over duties to upcoming chair, Heather Stassen-Ferraro.

- Planning for the 2015 Convention in Philadelphia

- Many panels; need unique perspective and more interactive roundtables/discussions.

- Heather asks for ideas for the panels/short courses from the floor:

 - Health social entrepreneurship

 - Teaching health communication.

 - Invite health care providers (Henry Ford health system, etc.). Invited health academic systems to come talk (epidemiology, public health). Nathaniel Warshay offers to help sign up.

 - Community Involvement/Participatory Action Research

 - Affordable Care Act; One year later.

- Move to incorporate graduate students in chair role; potentially having two respondents to a panel.

Elections for 2015 Meeting

- Secretary Nomination: Hannah Ball (West Virginia University)

 - Approval from the floor

- Interest Group Planner for 2016-2017 Convention in Baltimore

 - Nomination (McDermott nominates Sara LaBelle)

 - Nomination (nomination Rukhsana Ahmed, Ottawa by Ben Bates).

 - Speeches from Sara and Rukhsana

 - Election for Interest Group Planner

- Sara LaBelle nominated to be Interest Group Planner for 2016-2017 Baltimore Convention

Adjournment (11:56 a.m.).