

**INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Eastern Communication Association 2014**  
**Providence, RI**

- I. Meeting called to order
  - a. Daniel Mansson called the meeting to order at 3:33pm on Friday April 25, 2014
  
- II. Approval of the 2013 meeting minutes.
  - a. Motion to approve minutes stated – Richard West
  - b. Motion to approve minutes seconded- Jennifer Waldeck
  - c. Motion approved
  
- III. Acknowledgments
  - a. Top Paper award winners were acknowledged:
    - “Exploring a 360° Approach to Assessing Instructor-Training Programs” (TOP PAPER) by Kristen LeBlanc Farris and Marian L. Houser both from Texas State University
    - “Examining the Role of Self-Disclosure and Connectedness in the Process of Instructional Dissent: A Test of the Instructional Beliefs Model: by Zac D. Johnson, Murray State University and Sara LaBelle, West Virginia University
    - “The Relationships between Student Self-Disclosure, Out-of-Class Communication and Leader-Member Exchange” by Michael Sollitto, Gregory A. Cranmer, Sara LaBelle, Zachary W. Goldman, matthew M. Martin, and Melody L. Thomas all from West Virginia University
    - “Revisiting the Relationship between Teacher Confirmation and Learning Outcomes: Examining Cultural Differences in Turkish, Chinese, and American Classrooms” by Zachary W. Goldman, West Virginia University, San Bolkan, California State University, Long Beach, and Alan K. Goodboy, West Virginia University
  - b. Paper readers were acknowledged
    - i. Daniel made the comment about making an effort to contact reviewers from multiple institutions, rather than have the majority of reviewers hail from one institution. This spurred a discussion about the lack of consistency between reviewers (e.g., top papers, that have also been accepted for publication were receiving 1’s).
      1. Alan Goodboy commented that individuals maybe ”messing” with the numbers to make other papers appear to be better in comparison.
      2. Ann Frymier made the case that multiple reviewers (that are competent in the field of instructional communication) need to be used to guard against this in the future.
      3. Katherine Thweatt asked Daniel if he followed up with these inconsistent reviewers, to which he replied that he had, and shared

with the group that the reviewers stuck to their position, claiming that the pieces they read were bad.

- c. Chairs were acknowledged
  - d. Respondents were acknowledged
- IV. Old Business
- a. Paper submissions
    - i. 21 papers submissions, 17 papers accepted (81% acceptance rate)
    - ii. 10 panel submissions, 5 panels accepted (50% acceptance rate)
    - iii. Submission were down from ECA 2013
  - b. Report from Executive Council Meeting (Katherine Thweatt)
    - i. Danette Ifert Johnson shared that we have 580 registered members of ECA (this was down from ECA 2013).
    - ii. Nancy Willets advocated for ECA to join with the Omni hotel group and book conferences through 2018. However, cost for hotel room in Boston (ECA 2018) would be \$259 for the end of April, or \$239 for the end of March.
      - 1. This caused quite a stir amongst members. Richard West gathered a straw poll of IDD members asking who would be willing or who could afford \$259 a night – less than half raised their hand. Options for how to subsidize this cost for undergraduate students and graduates students were discussed.
    - iii. Ron Arnett is currently executive director, and shared the budget with executive council. Our organization is up \$100k from last year. There was talk of creating an endowment to fund certain ECA projects.
    - iv. Nick Bowman, serving as the web master for ECA presented the executive council with 5 updated logos for ECA.
- V. New Business
- a. Welcoming new chair for 2014, Kerry Byrnes
  - b. Preview of the 2014 conference, Philadelphia, PA April 22-26
    - i. Theme- *Deliberation: Philadelphia*
    - ii. Submission deadline - October 15, 2014
    - iii. Submission deadline for undergraduate posters and papers – December 20, 2014
    - iv. Spotlight Panels – Five spotlight panels will be featured.
    - v. Tech Aspects – Some sessions will be a part of 2<sup>nd</sup> life and convention program will be offered as a phone App
    - vi. Conference hotel – The Sheraton Society Hill
    - vii. IDD is scheduled to have 12 slots next year (plus the business meeting), but this could fluctuate dependent upon quality of work. As always, we are encouraged to partner with other divisions. Also, do not just put “deliberate” or “deliberation” in the title, especially when the manuscript does not warrant such a title.
  - c. Nominations
    - i. Interest Group Chair to plan ECA 2016 Conference
      - 1. Jennifer Waldeck, Chapman University

- a. Nomination of Jennifer Waldeck was elected by acclimation
    - d. Interest Group Secretary for ECA 2015 & 2016 Conferences
      - i. Zac Goldman, West Virginia University
        - 1. Nomination of Zac Goldman was elected by acclimation
    - e. Interest Group Representative for Executive Council
      - i. Kristen Campbell Eichhorn was nominated as the interests group representative last year and will attend the executive council meeting on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Her term will run from mid April 2014-mid April 2016.
- VI. Announcements
- a. Richard West inquired about the actual balance of ECA (which is \$601k). He urged the leadership of ECA to spend the money (i.e., each division should be allowed \$500 stipend for awards, etc.). He will present his concerns at the general business meeting.
    - i. Ann Bainbridge Frymier suggested that ECA could spend money on students for the Undergraduate Conference.
    - ii. Sara Weintraub cautioned that if ECA accrues too much surplus in the budget that we may lose non-profit status.
    - iii. Katherine Thweatt suggested using money to help members, support research.
    - iv. Richard West commented that we only need 125k in the ECA budget.
    - v. Daniel Mansson commented that we could all use increased travel support.
  - b. Kerry Byrnes informed us that next year ECA there will be an app for smartphones with the program so ECA is spending money that way. Richard West was pleased that the leadership is spending the money we give them.
  - c. Kerry Byrnes stated that due to these reviewer issues, she anticipated many people would sign up for reviewer positions.
- VII. Members in attendance were: CJ Claus, Daniel Mansson, Kerry Byrnes, Melissa Tindage, Gregory Cranmer, Zac Johnson, Sara LaBelle, Michael Sollitto, Kristen Campbell Eichhorn, Sean Horan, Candice Thomas-Maddox, Katie Neary Dunleavy, Zac Goldman, Timothy P. Mottet, Laura Brown, Sally Vogl-Bauer, Sara C. Weintraub, San Bolkan, Jessalyn Vallade, Brandi Frisby, Shannon Carton, Alex Lancaster, Carrie Kennedy Lightsey, Laura Trad, Ann Bainbridge Frymier, Jen Waldeck, Marian Houser, Alan Goodboy, Kristen Farries, Harriet Benavidez, Jen Knapp, Steve Granelli, Steve Beebe, Rich West, Nikki Blau, Carrie Kennedy Lightsey, Katherine Thweatt
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm