

**Adjunct & Temporary Faculty Caucus Business Meeting
Central States Communication Association
Virtual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 27 8:00-9:15 am (via Zoom)**

2021 Officers

Chair: Ali Gattoni, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Vice-Chair: Heather Nesemeier, Minnesota State University Moorhead
Secretary: Jacob Isaacs, Purdue University

- I. Call to order (Ali Gattoni)
 - a. Meeting called to order at 8:02 am CDT via Zoom

- II. Welcome and Introductions (6 attendees)
 - a. Ali Gattoni – Chair – University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
 - b. Heather Nesemeier – Vice-Chair – Minnesota State University – Moorhead
 - c. Jacob Isaacs – Secretary – Purdue University – West Lafayette
 - d. Kim Omachinski – University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
 - e. Anke Wolbert – Eastern Michigan University
 - f. Stacey Mirviss-Jossart – University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
 - g. Wendy Anderson – University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

- III. Approval of Minutes 2020
 - a. Moved to approve – Heather Nesemeier
 - b. Seconded- Stacey Mirviss-Jossart

- IV. Chair Report: 2021 Leadership and Caucus Business
 - A. 2 panel submissions for CSCA 2021 virtual conference.
 - B. 2 panels slated for CSCA 2021 conference
 - a. Slating was different, based on the number of submissions.
 - C. 6 reviewers total for panel submissions
 - a. Ali Gattoni extended thanks for the panel reviewers.
 - D. Panels were referred to by other sessions and business meetings
 - a. Hooray for our work!
 - E. Potential Vice-Chair Panel for next year
 - a. Perhaps we could “Re-Connect” with Past Participants and Officers?

- V. Election of Officers-
 - A. Ali Gattoni reminded those attending that, due to the standard three-year progression of officers (Secretary to Vice-Chair to Chair), the only vacant position is Secretary.

B. Ali Gattoni led a discussion of the duties of each officer.

C. Nominations for Secretary were then opened.

D. Voting

1. Anke Wolbert approved as Secretary by acclamation.
2. Jacob Isaacs moved up to Vice-Chair
3. Heather Nesemeier moved up to Chair

VI. New Business

i. The Basic Information Form needs to be filled out by new officer team.

ii. 2022 Convention Theme: Re-Connect

1. Conference site: Madison, WI (3/30/22-4/3/22)
2. Submissions Due: October 8, 2021
3. Discussion of Panel Topics/Ideas for 2022
 - a. Professional development panel - exploring funding, navigating challenges,
 - b. Reconnecting with professional development opportunities
 - c. Reconnect to campus – with colleagues and students, transitioning back to on-campus operations, space availability
 - d. Alt-Ac/ Plan B Panel (Imagine Ph.D.)
 - e. “Quit Lit” or “I Just Can’t Quit You” – A Discussion on the Lack of Scripts in the Discipline
 - f. Teaching as your Identity - Who and what am I without it
 - g. Confronting the Perception of Leaving Teaching as "Failure".
 - h. Co-sponsor with Grad Student Caucus and/or Women's Caucus (based on conversations in the business meeting yesterday)
 - i. Life in the Discipline After Retirement
 - j. Re-Connect and Re-Imagine the Association/ Higher Education
 - k. Non-renewable Contract/ Visiting Faculty
 - l. We’re the Small Caucus, but We’re the Majority Caucus

iii. Questions to Consider:

1. How can we advocate for our population when we are the largest group that remains virtually unrepresented in the association?
2. How can we take the lead to show our members who to advocate for themselves where they are?
3. How can we push the association to be more useful to the broader needs of students and professionals in our discipline?
 - a. Contract negotiation
 - b. Retirement planning
 - c. Alternative career paths
 - d. Adjacent fields
 - e. Be more than just a “Research and Teaching” organization.

VII. Adjourn

a. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am