

Intercultural Communication Interest Group
2024 Business Meeting Minutes
Central States Communication Association
Saturday, April 6, 2024
From 12:30 to 1:45 pm (location – Grand View A)

Officers

Chair: Andrew Donofrio, St. Lawrence University (NY)

Vice Chair: Ahmet Aksoy, Columbia College (SC)

Secretary: Kim Omachinski, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Number of attendees: 27

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Andrew Donofrio made a call to order at 12:33 PM
 - b. Andrew Donofrio introduced Ahmet Aksoy (vice chair) and Kim Omachinski (secretary).

- II. Approval of 2023 minutes
 - a. The minutes were sent out to members on Wednesday, April 3 to members of the Intercultural Communication Interest Group.
 - b. Lindsay Cramer made a motion to accept the minutes.
 - c. Diana Trebing seconded the motion.
 - d. The minutes were approved.

- III. Report on 2024 submissions
 - a. 8 slots were provided to the Intercultural Communication Interest Group
 - b. 1 business meeting
 - c. 4 discussion sessions
 - d. 1 special session for a works-in-progress workshop
 - e. 3 paper sessions
 - f. Submissions included:
 - i. 13 papers (4 faculty and 8 student papers) were submitted
 - ii. 5 of the 8 student papers were debut papers, and one paper was rejected
 - iii. 4 discussion panels including the works-in-progress feedback parlor
 - iv. There were 18 reviewers, 6 chairs, and 3 respondents

- IV. Top Paper Awards
 - a. *Top Paper*: Laura D. Russell, Faculty, Denison University and Tra Vo, Graduate Student, Denison University titled “Cross-cultural mirrors of the self: How international college students perceive and respond to their looking glass-self”
 - b. *Top Student Paper*: Ebuka Okoli, Graduate Student, Illinois State University titled “Complexities of Cross-Cultural Ethics in Multinational Organizations”
 - c. *Top Panel*: Hsin-I Sydney Yueh, Faculty, University of Missouri; Ahmet Atay, Faculty, College of Wooster; Emi Kanemoto, Faculty, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and Elizabeth M. Lozano, Faculty, Loyola University Chicago titled “What We Learned from Our Failure in Teaching Intercultural Communication: Suggestions for International Scholars of Color”
 - d. *Top Inclusive Paper*: Anjana Mudambi, Faculty, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Seokhoon Ahn, Faculty, Central Washington University; and Mike Allen, Faculty, UW-Milwaukee titled “Simultaneity of Acculturation Patterns Across and Within Contexts: Undocumented Immigrant Bloggers’ Acculturation, Acculturative Stress, and Attitudes toward the US”

V. New Business

a. Revisiting Top Panel award and revisions of bylaws

i. Article VI, section 1

1. Last year Seokhoon Ahn brought up a discussion of changing the bylaws for Article VI.
2. John Baldwin had suggested making a bylaw committee which had been formed.
3. Today Andrew Donofrio brought up the changes from this committee including rolling approval for the top panel (in Article VI).
4. Several years ago, when Heather Neisemeier was Chair, they formed a nominations committee with three people to determine who the recipient of the Top Panel would be.
5. Today it is more difficult to find people by the deadline, especially with changes made after the pandemic.
6. A motion to continue the discussion next year was made by Andrew Donofrio.
7. Second made by Dorothy Pennington.

ii. Article VIII, section 1

1. Motion by Andrew Donofrio to discuss revising Article VIII, section 1: “Once a quorum is established at the annual meeting, the chair will be designated to open the floor for nominations, including self-nominations, for eligible executive officer positions”
2. A larger discussion on what the definition of “quorum” means was held.
3. Members suggested next year the group revisit specific definition of a “quorum” should be added to the agenda about modifying the bylaws.
4. A motion was made by Jennifer Willis-Rivera to state: “At the annual meeting, the chair will open the floor for nominations, including self-nominations, for eligible executive officer positions.”
5. Second made by Carolyn Calloway-Thomas.
6. Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion to change the by-laws.

b. Nominations/elections of new officers

- i. Andrew Donofrio opened the floor for nominations for Vice-chair. He reminded everyone that the secretary has a two-year position, and Kim Omachinski will continue for one more year next year.
 1. Scott Mitchell nominated Jennifer Willis-Rivera for Vice-chair.
 2. Jennifer Willis-Rivera accepted the nomination.
 3. No other nominations were made.
 4. Jennifer Willis-Rivera was unanimously elected the next Vice-chair.

c. Discussion on 2025 convention

i. Discussion on the 2025 Theme: “Widening the scope”

ii. Solicitation of CSCA 2025 potential panels

1. Looking to connect with other divisions
2. “GIFTS” panel when people teach an intercultural chapter in basic course
3. Failures and mistakes we have made in teaching intercultural communication
4. Anti-DEI – how does this impact our teaching environment?
5. Bring in international scholars virtually who can’t come in person
6. Looking at schools within a 120-mile radius of conference to be intentional and target potential presenters (something Andrew Donofrio and Ahmet Aksoy did this year)
7. Panel on senior scholars no longer involved at CSCA
8. Co-sponsor an event at the Underground Railroad Museum
9. Develop an essay contest for local elementary or high schools (in Cincinnati) and invite them to the conference to present

10. Special panel: works in progress parlor (used this year since we had an extra slot, and we wanted to encourage those with works in progress to engage with other scholars to build a sense of community and support)
11. A Non paper or discussion panel but rather a performance, pictures or posters
- iii. Sign-up for reviewers for the 2025 convention
 1. Andrew Donofrio created a QR code to sign up to be a reviewer

II. Announcement of new officers

- a. Chair: Ahmet Aksoy
- b. Vice-chair: Jennifer Willis-Rivera
- c. Secretary: Kim Omachinski

III. Announcements & Closing

- a. Andrew Donofrio expressed his gratitude to Ahmet Aksoy, Kim Omachinski, and all members.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.