

Central States Communication Association
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Caucus
Business Meeting
April 2014
9:30-10:45
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- Greetings and introductions to members
- Email to be sent out of 2013 Business Minutes to members
- One co-sponsored panel this year (G.I.F.T.S) and continuing to build bridges with other interest groups
- New item: Bylaws (nothing to be updated) and will be available electronically
 - Discussion about changes of length of officer positions (secretary, vice-chair, and chair). Currently a two year commitment for each.
 - Potential online voting of these changes; obtain membership names from Kathy
- 2014 Conference update
 - 10 papers submitted, 2 panels; only 2 papers rejected
 - Top Paper awards (with \$50)
- Some challenges with conference development
 - Finding reviewers and review pool sustainability
 - Reach out to other groups (Graduate Students, Women's Caucus)
 - Potential open reviewer process? (Discussion)
- Elections: Tim McKenna-Buchanan voted as new Secretary; David Ta (Chair); Stephanie Young (Vice-Chair)
- New Business: Program Planning
 - Conference theme is convergence
 - 5 slots open for SOGI Caucus
 - November 3rd deadline and 2 weeks to review submissions
 - New submission coversheets (for panels and papers)
 - Discussion of possible ideas
 - Convergence of culture
 - Intersections with faculty and students
 - Method panel
 - Key scholars/spotlight panel
 - Bridges with other interest groups (Communication education and best practices within the classroom addressing LGBT issues)
 - Intersectionality of LGBT, race, and religion
 - Connect with local organizations and LGBT workshop
 - Charity run/5K/donations
 - Organizational communication, workplace discrimination, harassment and LGBT individuals
 - Political communication, rhetorical theory, and same-sex marriage debate