

Kenneth Burke Society
Eastern Communication Association
Boston, MA
April 1, 2017

Call to order 11:02 (Brian Gilchrist)

2016 minutes submitted and approved

Current Business

Report on Boston (Brian Gilchrist)

- Gratitude to respondents, chairs, and reviewers
- 4 panels: Top Paper panel, 1 roundtable (19 in attendance), 1 student paper panel (17 in attendance), business meeting
- 2 panel submissions (both accepted), 3 papers (all accepted)

Report on Executive Council (Elvera Berry)

- 47 registered for KB last year, 35 this year; we should try to get back into the 40s
- ECA is redoing bylaws (Trevor Parry-Giles is heading that up); working to make a document of stable bylaws, separate from malleable “policies”
- 600 registered for ECA at beginning of conference, numbers are a bit down (not surprising given the location)
- Possibility of ECA sponsoring more events or underwriting some costs; possibly offering a service component to the city we’re conferencing in
- Possible Sunday morning panels next year because hotel is smaller and there are fewer meeting rooms
- 2018 Pittsburg, coming up: Baltimore, Cambridge, Providence

Report on ECA 2018 (Brian Gilchrist)

- Pittsburg: Theme is “Building Bridges”
- William Omni Penn, \$179/night
- April 25-29
- Note from Vice President: Attend all the receptions! Buy ads in the program!
- Need reviewers for the Undergraduate Scholars Conference
- October 15 submission deadline
- 4 slots next year
- Panel ideas:
 - Jean Miller: Co-sponsor (with political comm?) a panel tribute to Trevor Melia; Richard Vatz, Richard Thames would be interested, perhaps Herb Simons, U Pitt (Robin); get a Vice President Spotlight panel; building bridges from the past to the future
 - Cem: Burke’s early childhood in Pittsburg

New Business

- Chair/Planner for 2019 and 2020
 - Cem Zeytmoglu, Annie Laurie Nichols nominated, Jean Miller seconded, unanimous approval
- Kenneth Burke Triennial Conference
 - June
 - Registration opens Monday, April 3
 - Tom Chapin concert, Keynotes Jim Klumpp and Ann George
 - Lunch, receptions, and banquet are included
 - Can stay on campus, newly built dorm suites; or hotels, resort
 - Facilitating carpool system, free parking
- Motion to adjourn Jean Miller, seconded Cem Zeytmoglu

Adjourned 11:44

Attendance: 9

Chair/Planner for 2017 and 2018: Brian Gilchrist
Chair/Planner for 2019 and 2020: Cem Zeytmoglu
Executive Council for 2017 and 2018: Jean Miller
Secretary for 2016 and 2017: Annie Laurie Nichols
Secretary for 2018 and 2019: Steven Zwier

Minutes prepared by Annie Laurie Nichols