

# Argumentation & Forensics Interest Group

## 2017 Meeting Minutes

ECA Annual Convention, Boston

April 1, 2017

**In attendance:** Carl Hyden, Thomas McCloskey, Jade Olson, Ted Scheckels

- I. Call to Order
- II. Outstanding business
  - a. Gauged interest in ensuring business meeting is scheduled later in the day during upcoming conventions (members present decided against pursuing changes to scheduling)
  - b. Membership numbers, though seemingly low, are relatively high compared to previous five years
  - c. Minutes from 2016 meeting were approved
- III. Chair's Report
  - a. Two papers and two panels were submitted; two panels were scheduled
  - b. Some discussion about whether papers that can't be scheduled should be sent for review anyway so the authors receive feedback
  - c. Members proposed exploring whether business meeting could also be a top papers panel; Jade will ask Leanne Bell McManus for guidance
- IV. Elections
  - a. Ted Scheckels was elected Vice Chair (will plan the 2019 convention in Providence)
  - b. Sean Luechtefeld was elected Secretary (will take notes at the 2018 convention in Pittsburgh)
  - c. Carl was elected Executive Council Representative (to serve 2018-2020 term)
- V. 2018 Convention (Pittsburgh)
  - a. Conference is April 25-29 at the Omni William Penn (there will be Sunday panels)
  - b. Jade Olson will serve as planner
  - c. Room rate is \$179/night
  - d. Ideas to drive up membership numbers
    - i. Co-sponsorship with other groups
    - ii. Outreach to forensics communities
    - iii. Outreach to PR scholars who lack a "home" at ECA
    - iv. Skyping people in who can't travel during that time of the semester
  - e. Potential ideas for 2018 submissions (we again have only two slots)
    - i. Theme is "Building Bridges"
    - ii. Panel to honor Tom Kane?
- VI. Adjournment