

Philosophy of Communication Interest Group

Business Meeting – Eastern Communication Association

Friday, April 15, 2011 6:00pm

Attendance: Jeanne Pursuit, Christy McDowell Marinchak, Kristen Majocho, Chelsea Binnie, Deborah Eicher-Catt, Douglas Marshall, Elvera Berry, Celeste Seymour, Beth Michalee, Isaac E. Catt, Leeanne Bell, Joel Ward, Annette Holba, John Prellwitz, Brent Sleasman

1. Old Business

- a. Approval of minutes: Sleasman stated that the minutes from the PhilComm business meeting from 2010 will be resent to interest group members for review and an electronic vote to approve 2010 minutes.
- b. 2011 Conference submissions
 - i. 8 papers rec./6 papers accepted; 3 panels rec./2 panels accepted
 - ii. Membership – 68 members to date – 5 panel slots
 - iii. Sleasman acknowledged paper reviewers, chairs, and respondents.
 - iv. Executive Council report: With Arnett's move into ECA Executive Director, Brent Sleasman is now the Rep to the ECA Executive Council. Locations for future ECA conventions are: 2012 Cambridge MA; 2013 Pittsburgh; 2014 Providence; 2015 Philadelphia. Editors for ECA journals receive stipends for administrative support. Discussion of three openings: First Vice President Elect Select; ECA Representative to NCA Nominating Committee; and ECA University Representative to NCA Legislative Assembly. After discussion, no name was moved forward.
 - v. Interest Group Planner Timeline: Leeanne Bell 2013 and Annette Holba 2014. Annette Holba Secretary.
 - vi. Transition to new chair: Kristen Majocho
 - vii. Kristen M. report on planning 2012: Convention is April 26-29, 2012 at the Royal Sonesta. Conference theme is "Transitions"-in 2012 no panels will be accepted with all members from same school. If special needs are needed, get requests in early. Send innovative submissions to include (but not limited to): competitive papers, panels sessions, workshops, symposiums, debates, open forum, community involvement, readers circle. First call – May 2011; second call August 2011; Deadline for submissions 10/14/11; 11/16 planner submits to convention planner.
 - viii. Discussed multiple ways to promote participation by being creative with dissemination of call for papers.

2. New Business

- a. Creation of newsletter. To start us off Brent asked Christy McDowell and Celeste Grayson to do first edition – discussion over whether a newsletter ought to be a task of the Vice chair elect who is not planning (this year it is Leeann Bell) or a separate role for an independent interest group member resulted in tabling the decision until next business meeting.
 - b. Interest Group has a list serve. Holba to send email to interest group and invite members to subscribe.
3. Announcements – Submit to Semiotic Society of America upcoming conference at Duquesne University (deadline is June 17, 2011; conference is October 27-30); Support NCA PhilComm Division – join membership; Potential Lizzie Borden Community presentation for 2012. Deborah Eicher-Catt (Chair of PhilComm for NCA) reminded IE members to join PhilComm NCA if not already a member.