

**Communication Traits Interest Group
Eastern Communication Association Convention**

Providence, RI

April, 2014

2014 Business Meeting Minutes

In attendance: L. McCroskey, A. Rancer, C. Gonzalez Alcala, J. O'Mara, J. Durbin, R. DiCioccio, C. Wigley, I. Engleberg, J. Katt, J. Lybarger, N. Smith, Y. Lin

- I. Called to order—Joan O'Mara (on behalf of Jerry Allen, Chair 2014).
- II. H. Schmit (Second VP of ECA) made an announcement regarding the 2015 ECA Annual Convention at Philadelphia, PA. The Conference theme is "Deliberation."
- III. Approval of Minutes from 2013 Interest Group Meeting—by R. DiCioccio, Secretary.
- IV. Old Business
 - Review of Leadership Succession 2015
 - a) 2015 Chair—Jim Katt
 - b) 2016 Chair—Rachel DiCioccio
 - c) 2017 Chair—Yang Lin
- V. New Business
 - A. Election for 2015 Secretary.

Andy Rancer nominated Christina Gonzalez Alcala; James Durbin seconded.
Christina Gonzalez Alcala was elected to the secretary for 2015.
 - B. Election for interest group Representative to Executive Council—Rachel DiCioccio nominated by acclamation.
 - C. Chuck Wigley expressed his concerns with the low attendance of interest group panels at the Convention.
 - D. Andy Rancer expressed his concerns with the number of members in the interest group. In 2014 the interest group has 33 members.
 - E. Jim Katt asked for ideas to program the panels for the 2015 Convention.
 - a. Use of the debate format to introduce topics related to communication trait research was suggested. The topics should be forwarded to J. Katt for consideration.
 - b. Updates of communication trait research should be considered again.
 - c. The interest group can work together with other interest groups to develop panels.
 - F. Jim Katt made an announcement that ECA plans to use programming clusters for the 2015 Convention. Each cluster includes groups with very different primary interests, and the panels of these groups will be scheduled at the same time for presentation/discussion.
 - G. Chuck Wigley suggested that QR codes should be used for people to access the papers presented at the Convention.
 - H. Adjournment.