

**Meeting Minutes of the Interpersonal Communication Interest Group
Eastern Communication Association**

105th Annual Convention 2014: Communities of Dissent

Providence, Rhode Island, Omni Providence Hotel

Thursday April 24, 2014, 2:30-3:45

In attendance: Lance Bennett, Shannon Carton, Megan Dowd, Hailey Gillen, Meredith Harrigan, Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey, Pamela Lannutti, Kelly Odenweller, Katherine Thweatt, Mary Toale

1. Meeting called to order

- a. Time: 2:31
- b. Megan Dowd, chair, called meeting to order

2. Approval of documents

- a. Agenda from 2013 approved
- b. No minutes from 2013; former secretary left discipline

3. Acknowledgement of service

- a. *Paper readers:*
Kerry Byrnes, Megan Dillow, Kimberly Field-Springer, Brandi Frisby, Hailey Gillen, Sean M. Horan, Pamela J. Lannutti, Phillip Reed, Linda Sampson, Nicole Smith, Katie M. Striley, Candice Thomas-Maddox, Jessalyn Vallade
- b. *Panel chairs:*
Jack Banks, Megan Dowd, Hailey Gillen, Carmen Hernández-Ojeda, Mary Nagy
- c. *Respondents:*
Lori Bindig, Kristen Campbell-Eichhorn, Katherine Thweatt, Linda Sampson
- d. Reminder: Authors must submit papers directly to respondents; not all respondents received papers this year

4. Visit from Pamela Marshall about 2015 Planning

- a. Theme for ECA 2015 Philadelphia is Deliberation
- b. Kanan Sawyer is VP elect
- c. Other reminders: (i) do not necessarily focus on including “deliberation” into submission titles, (ii) we will co-host a session with NPR affiliate in Philadelphia, (iii) goal to focus on ECA book authors in 2015, (iv) please complete a forthcoming questionnaire about 2015 short courses

5. Competitive Top Papers

- a. “Spirituality, religiosity, and relationship maintenance in African-American Marriage” by Marianne Dainton (Top Paper)
- b. “It’s not always what you say: Perceptions of social support conversations” by Virginia McDermott
- c. “Intergroup socialization: The influence of parents’ family communication patterns on adult children’s racial prejudice and tolerance” by Kelly Odenweller & Tina Harris

6. Review of old business

- a. 14 submissions, 9 acceptances (down from previous year)
- b. 2 panels submitted and accepted
- c. 5 programs, slotted for 7 but was unable to fill 2

7. Turn meeting over to Pamela Lannutti for new business

- a. Thanked Megan Dowd for her service
- b. Elections
 - i. Chair for 2016 (Baltimore)
 - 1. Mary Toale self-nominates
 - 2. Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey moves, Megan Dowd seconds
 - ii. Secretary for 2015 (Philadelphia)
 - 1. Lance Bennett self-nominates
 - 2. Kelly Odenweller self-nominates
 - iii. Nominations closed, ballot vote for secretary

8. Report from Executive Council representative Meredith Harrigan

- a. 2014: 658 people in attendance, brief reporting of events
- b. 2015 planning: Philadelphia at Sheraton Society Hill Hotel
 - i. Potential program app for smart phones for the program next year, which will be voted on by finance committee and would cost \$10,000 more than paper programs alone
 - ii. Possible sites for 2017, 2018, 2019:
Boston, Pittsburgh, Providence (respectively)
- c. New ECA logo: five submissions for new logo, voting will occur soon
- d. Megan Dowd will be new representative for Executive Council

9. Additional announcements for ECA Interpersonal interest group

- a. Kelly Odenweller named secretary for 2015
- b. Mary Toale suggests following group on Twitter and Facebook
- c. The use of an interest group email account for submissions (in lieu of email for current chair) was successful

10. Meeting adjourned

- a. Time 2:56
- b. Move to adjourn Katherine Thweatt, Mary Toale seconds