

Eastern Communication Association
Communication Traits Interest Group Bylaws

Article I – Name

The name of this interest group is “Communication Traits Interest Group.” Communication Traits Interest Group (CTIG) operates under the constitution, bylaws, decisions, and rules of Eastern Communication Association (ECA).

Article II – Purpose

CTIG members study communication traits, their causes, and consequences. CTIG members discuss and debate various aspects of communication traits with each other with the goals of scholarly research, scholarly publication, and enhanced understanding of the nature and causes of communication traits. Members as members focus on communication trait research, publication, and teaching.

All activities of the CTIG shall be guided by the paraphrased following portion of the mission statement as published on ECA homepage. The mission statement will serve as a guide in interpreting all actions and decisions undertaken by CTIG;

“From the earliest days of ECA, our members have been concerned with the study of ... communication traits. We now know that ... communication [traits] are caused to some extent by both learning and genetics.

“To advance our knowledge of the causes and effects of communication traits, further research in this area needs to be encouraged and the findings disseminated throughout our field. The **Communication Traits Interest Group** seeks to fulfill this function. It is our hope that, through the efforts of this interest group, communication scholars will be able to identify [numerous salient] communication traits and understand how to control or influence them (if possible) and to apply the knowledge gained to various areas of the study of human communication.

“Trait research is a thread that runs through and can potentially inform every area of study within our field. Therefore, we encourage scholars from all areas of study to consider joining the Communication Traits interest group.

Article III – Membership

Membership in CTIG is open to members of ECA in good standing who are interested in researching, publishing, understanding, and/or teaching about communication traits.

Article IV – Meetings

An annual business meeting of CTIG shall be held in conjunction with the ECA annual convention. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the ECA convention planner. Those members present at the ECA scheduled interest group business meeting(s) of the annual convention shall constitute a quorum.

Article V – Officers

The two officers of the interest group are Chair and Secretary. The Chair shall attend the first business meeting for interest group chairs at the annual ECA meeting, summarize the accomplishments of said chair, and turn the meeting over to the incoming chair. The incoming chair will immediately hold an election for Secretary, CTIG, said secretary to succeed the Chair, CTIG, at the next annual meeting as prescribed herein. While serving as chair, Chair, CTIG, shall make sure that a call for scholarly submissions for the next annual ECA convention is issued, shall assemble said submission(s), and through evaluation and review processes involving one or more CTIG members submit materials in a format suitable for scheduling in the following annual convention to the ECA. Said submission(s) shall be to the ECA officer serving as convention planner.

The Secretary, CTIG, shall attend all business meetings of the CTIG, record minutes for said meetings, and submit said minutes to the assembled group for approval. In the event of incapacitation of Chair, CTIG, Secretary, CTIG, shall serve as Chair.

Article VI – The Executive Committee

The Chair, CTIG, and Secretary, CTIG, serve as Executive Committee and may meet as deemed necessary by one or more of them in accordance with other provisions of the bylaws.

Article VII – Representative to the ECA Executive Council

Chair, CTIG shall select a member of CTIG to represent CTIG at meetings of ECA Executive Council (as required by ECA) and report to CTIG membership salient information relevant to CTIG from such meetings. Chair, CTIG, among others, may serve as said representative.

Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern meeting protocol.

Article IX – Amendment of the Bylaws

These by-laws may be amended during any regularly scheduled meeting of CTIG at the annual meeting of ECA by 2/3 vote of the quorum.

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