

**EASTERN COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION (ECA)  
INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION DIVISION**

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Minutes from the Intercultural Division at the ECA meeting held in Boston. The meeting occurred in the Hawthorne Room of the Parker House Hotel at 8:00am on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Four members were present –

- Doreen M. S. Jowi (Chair) from Bloomsburg State University
- Gong Luo from Ohio University – [GL463715@ohio.edu](mailto:GL463715@ohio.edu)
- Ruma Sen from Ramapo College – [rsen@ramapo.edu](mailto:rsen@ramapo.edu)
- Bruce F. Wickelgren (Temporary Secretary) from Suffolk University – [bwickelgren@suffolk.edu](mailto:bwickelgren@suffolk.edu)

**Elections And Elected Officers**

1. A representative to the Executive Council of ECA was elected – **Doreen M. S. Jowi** – to begin in April. She will Chair the 2018 Intercultural Division at ECA in Pittsburgh
2. The Chair for the Division for 2019 was elected. **Bruce F. Wickelgren** from Suffolk University
3. Secretary for the Division is **Kathryn Hobson** from James Madison University. Ms. Hobson graciously volunteered to serve.

**Information**

1. Next year's convention
  - a. In Pittsburgh, PA
  - b. April 25 – 29, 2018
  - c. It was shared that there would be no tech available for presenters from the hotel due to expense. This means participants will need to bring their own if they so desire.
  - d. Executive Council suggests co-sponsored submissions
  - e. Deadline for submissions of papers and panels is October 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Reviewers
  - Doreen M. S. Jowi, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
  - Bruce F. Wickelgren, Suffolk University
  - Ruma Sen, Ramapo College
  - Gang Luo, Ohio University
  - Kathryn Hopson, James Madison University
  - Shavonne Shorter, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
  - Sraeash Das, University of Maryland, College Park
  - Rukhsana Ahmed, University of Ottawa
  - Shuzhen Huang, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
  - Lauren MacKenzie, Marine Corps University
  - Ningxin Wang, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce F. Wickelgren, Ph.D., Suffolk University/Temporary Recording Secretary