

**Eastern Communication Association
Intercultural Communication Division
Minutes of the Meeting
April 27, 2018
Pittsburgh, PA**

I. Introduction

Outgoing Program Planner Doreen Jowi called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. She welcomed the attendees and thanked Incoming Program Planner Bruce Wickelgren for his help with the convention preparation. Leanne Bell McManus stopped by to give Jowi her Certificate of Appreciation. Bruce Wickelgren officially started his position as Program Planner. Rukhsana Ahmed became chair-elect and Beverly R. Natividad, secretary.

II. Attendance

Doreen Jowi (Bloomsburg University), Bruce Wickelgren (Suffolk University), Rukhsana Ahmed (University of Ottawa), and Beverly R. Natividad (Mt. San Jacinto College) attended the meeting. The low number of attendees was noted and attributed to scheduling conflict with the Voices of Diversity business meeting as a probable cause. To resolve this conflict, attendees agreed on suggesting to ECA's Program Planning Committee to schedule the Intercultural Communication Division and Voices of Diversity business meetings at different times.

III. ECA Executive Council Report

The division's representative did not have a report. However, based on information gathered from another division, attendees were informed that the Executive Council discussed increasing undergraduate and graduate student participation at the conference by helping them with travel funding. Suggestions from the division to boost student participation included promoting the conference in our department and working with students on manuscript submission.

IV. Tasks

Rukhsana will attend the Program Planners' meeting on April 28 in behalf of our division. Bruce will contact ECA Membership Services Director Kathie Cesa to update our information concerning division officers. Jowi will email Beverly a report on the number of panels and papers received and accepted for this year's conference. Beverly will email Bruce the minutes of the meeting.

V. Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.