

Kenneth Burke Interest Group (KBIG)
Easter Communication Association (ECA)
2018 Annual Conference

Business Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2018
Pittsburgh, PA

Call to order 8:02 a.m. by Brian Gilchrist.
2017 Minutes submitted and approved.
2018 Minutes prepared by Steven Zwier

Business Meeting Attendance: Eleven

Current Business

Report on Pittsburgh: Brian Gilchrist

- Gratitude to chairs, respondents, submitters, and reviewers.
- KBIG submissions:
 - o Five papers submitted, four accepted (top paper is a student submission)
 - o VP Panel: Tribute to Trevor Melia
- ECA Program – Six slots
 - o Top paper, Faculty panel, VP Panel (Melia), Roundtable discussion, undergrad scholarship, business meeting.
- Gratitude to next program planner, Cem Zeytinoglu

Report on Executive Council: Jean Miller

- ECA created a taskforce to determine how to use funds productively.
 - o Considering traveling speakers
 - o Student travel – funding for undergrads (and maybe grads too)
- Gratitude to Darlene Bell for the cookie table.
- 710 Registered for ECA, slightly outgrowing some conference venues.
- Next year's ECA conference is in Providence, April 10-14.
 - o Room rates remain the same
 - o Theme: Creating our future
- KBIG membership – 26 (down from 47 (2016) and 35 (2017))
- KBIG Awards: Executive council is promoting interest groups to give awards, to make the awards for things like top paper more official, and to offer other awards such as a service award, etc. We can revisit bylaws to add official awards.
- Undergrad Scholars Conference discussion
 - o 218 submissions, accepted 105 papers, 30 posters, and 3 panels.
 - o Discussion on whether the USC students can pledge for interest groups

Report on ECA 2019 at Providence: Cem Zeytinoglu

- April 10-14
- Theme: "Creating Our Future"
- Hotel: Omni Providence Hotel

- Submission deadline: Mid October
- Upcoming ECA conferences: 2020 Baltimore (April 1) and 2021 Cambridge (March 24)
- Encouragement to pre-register and select KBIG on membership renewal.
- Panel ideas:
 - o Cem – cognitive psychology (biology and symbolism) and robotics; post-humanism (Jean/Brian), Creativity and mimicry (Jim), Smart devices (Elvera)
 - o Brian – A specific book by Burke; Later articles (Cem), Postscripts (Elvera), Variations on Providence and creativity (Cem), Toward Hell Haven (Jean)
 - o Elvera – Burke and Creativity (Jim)

New Business

- No new elections this year.
- Chair/Planner for 2019 and 2020: Cem Zeytinoglu.
- Motion to Adjourn Jean Miller, Seconded Jim Klumpp. Meeting Adjourned 8:44 a.m.

KGIB Officers

Chair/Planner for 2019 and 2020: Cem Zeytinoglu

Executive Council for 2019 and 2020: Jean Miller

Secretary for 2018 and 2019: Steven Zwier