



Eastern Communication Association  
Interpersonal Communication (IPC) Interest Group Business Meeting  
Minutes  
Online Pathable Meeting via Zoom  
March 26, 2021

In attendance: Mary King, Candice Thomas-Maddox, Dana Borzea, Elizabeth Glowacki, Erin Brummett, Aimee Miller-Ott, Alan Goodboy, Hannah Jones, Heather Matthys, James Baker, Jennifer Theiss, Jorlanditha Austin, Katherine Armstrong, Kelly Matheney Weikle, Kevin Knoster, Lauren Fellers, Lauren Lee, Matt Shin, Megan Dillow, Meredith Harrigan, Nora Radway, Rhiannon Kallis, Katherine Thweatt

1. Call to order by Mary King and seconded by Jennifer Theiss
2. Minutes approved by Megan Dillow
3. Acknowledgments: Aimee Miller-Ott for her service and dedication to the Interpersonal Interest Group as Chair in 2020

Top Paper Awards:

*Assessing the Effects of COVID-19 on Romantic Relationships and the Communal Coping Strategies Partners Use to Manage the Stress of a Pandemic*

Hannah Jones, Rutgers University

Deborah B. Yoon, Rutgers University

Jennifer Theiss, Rutgers University

Jorlanditha Austin, Rutgers University

Lauren Lee, Rutgers University

*Spousal Interference and Relational Turbulence during the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Kevin C. Knoster, West Virginia University

Heath A. Howard, West Virginia University

Alan K. Goodboy, West Virginia University

Megan R. Dillow, West Virginia University

*Predicting Content Sharing Behavior on Social Media through Interpersonal Goals*

Zena Toh, University at Buffalo

David Lee, University at Buffalo

#### Paper Readers:

James Baker, Nicole Blau, Erin Brummett, Erin Crow, Marianne Dainton, Katie Neary Dunleavy, Danette Ifert Johnson, Rhiannon Kallis, Corey Liberman, Melissa Rizzo Weller, Valerie Rubinsky, Candice Thomas-Maddox, Andrea Vickery

#### Chairs & Respondents:

James Baker, Nicole Blau, Erin Brummett, Erin Crow, Katie Neary Dunleavy, Corey Liberman, Nora Radway, Christy Rittenour, Valery Rubinsky, Candice Thomas-Maddox, Melissa Rizzo Weller

#### 4. Old Business:

-Overall, fewer submissions this year perhaps due to COVID and online format, uncertainty about whether the convention would be entirely online or not

-Attendance has been good, between 10-20 participants in every panel even with other panels being held simultaneously

-Paper/panel acceptance/rejection figures

i. 1 panel submitted, 1 accepted, 100% acceptance rate for panels = 1 panel slotted

ii. 9 paper submissions, 8 accepted, 88.9% acceptance rate = 3 paper panels slotted

iii. Each paper read by three reviewers- scores tabulated via online format for submissions and there was a clear distinction between top three papers and other papers

iv. Created additional 5 panels (Interview with a Scholar, Physiology and Communication, Top 2020 Papers, Research-In-Progress, Covid-19) = all 5 panels slotted, some were introduced and proposed for last year's conference and some were new ideas, important to acknowledge top research from last year and we were able to schedule this year and feature top paper panel into this year's lineup

-Physiology and Communication was one of the biggest panels this year and some participants were introduced to physiological communication as a methodology, ongoing effort to bring physiological communication to ECA and encouraging to see if well-attended

-Interview with a Scholar panel was also well-attended

v. Had 11 slots available/used 9- encourage peers to submit papers to Interpersonal next year, consider a panel if a paper isn't in the works, important to note that panel discussions can be as fruitful as competitive paper discussions, explore panel options and encourage those submissions

#### 5. Introductions of Leadership Team and report from Executive Council by Dana Borzea:

-*Communication Quarterly*- declines in reviewers, rejection rate of 56%, Zack Johnson will be taking over as editor, continuing grad student education program so students have the chance to gain experience and knowledge (Heather Matthys is interested in participating in the mentorship opportunity)

-*Communication Research Reports*- reviewer participation down, more faculty research, up to 13 submissions/month since COVID, acceptance rate of 21.4%,  
-Site Selection Committee- Buffalo (2022), Baltimore (2023), Cambridge (2024), contact Erin or Dana if you have suggestions for future sites

-Proposal approved for Community Scholarship Fund, scholarship will focus on advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion, faculty and students are eligible, can submit a two-page rationale for the need of the scholarship, applications will be due January 15 of each year, five members on the review committee, maximum amount that will be awarded is \$2000, NCA will provide one-time seed money, members and non-members can donate to the scholarship, should be available starting January 2022

## 6. Elect new officers

a. Vice Chair (1-year term ascending to Chair and plans 2023)- Erin Brummett- nominated by Megan Dillow and approved by Dana Borzea, acclamation from the floor

b. Secretary (No election; to be elected at the 2022 convention)- Elizabeth Glowacki (continuing)

c. Other nominations – EC Representative (No election; to be elected at the 2022 convention)- Erin Brummett (Katherine will double check to see if she is eligible since she will be the new Vice Chair and will check on needing a rep from Interpersonal)

## 7. Review new business

a. Pass virtual torch to Candice Thomas-Maddox (we very much appreciate Mary King and all of her hard work this year)

b. Preview 2022 convention (Buffalo, NY)- May 1, 2021 the Hyatt Regency is scheduled to reopen and we may need to pivot depending on the future, the theme is *Reunion* and Pam has ideas for different departments to host reunion celebrations for alumni, bringing a reunion panel together of scholars who have been instrumental of launching areas within Interpersonal Communication, let Candice know of ideas related to the theme, April 27, May 1, deadline October 15, 11:59pm PT, hotel rate 169 for single and double, 194 for triple, 11 slots planned for Interpersonal, Buffalo airport is close to downtown area

c. Encouraging submissions and service- encourage people to submit papers/panels and ideas, Candice will send out a Qualtrics asking people to review and a link to Qualtrics this fall

d. Other new business- in our interest groups we are looking for an ECA rep for NCA legislative assembly (four-year rep) and we need an ECA rep to NCA's Nominating Committee (you are the advocate for ECA and for getting members nominated)

-ECA rep to NCA Nominating Committee (contact Katherine if interested)

-ECA rep to Legislative Assembly (Mary King nominated)

## 8. Adjourn- motion by Mary King, so moved by Jennifer Theiss

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Elizabeth Glowacki (*Secretary*)