

Rhetoric & Public Address Interest Group
Minutes from the Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, April 27 @ 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order (Brent Sleasman)

- a. Those in attendance: Tim Barney, Benjamin Bates, Jennifer Biedendorf, Abbe Depretis, Jason Edwards, Heather Ferrara, Chris Hirsch, Mike Hostetler, Trevor Parry-Giles, Valerie Schrader, Brent Sleasman, Michael Stulz, Michael Tumolo, and Jill Weber

II. Old Business

A. Approval of minutes (approved unanimously)

B. Report from Executive Council

1. We need to elect an Executive Council representative
2. Don Stacks is the new editor of Communication Research Reports
3. Annette Holba was nominated for editor of Qualitative Research Reports in Communication
4. ECA is creating new Facebook page as part of a new social media marketing strategy. Please "Like it" and interact on it
5. Approved contract to explore housing ECA archives at Ball State University

C. 2013 Conference information

1. Paper/Panel submissions

- i. 31 papers and 4 panels submitted

1. 24 papers accepted, 4 panels accepted

- ii. Every paper was reviewed by three people. All papers voted to be slotted were slotted.

2. 12 slots for the division

- iii. Top paper panel was last night. Great turnout.

2. Acknowledgements

- i. Thanks to everyone who served as paper reviewers, chairs, and respondents

3. Transition to new Chair

- a. Co-chairs for next year are Valerie Schrader and Heather Ferrara

D. Executive Council Representative (2013-2015)

1. EC will begin with meeting tomorrow and transition to next year.
2. It is our division's turn to elect a representative to the Council
3. Valerie Schrader volunteered to serve as division's representative (motion moved, second, and approved unanimously)

III. New Business

A. Nominations (2015 Conference)

- a. Tim Barney was elected last year to plan Philadelphia conference in 2015
- b. Michael Tumolo and Jill Weber were elected to serve as 2016 conference interest co-planners
- c. Chris Hirsch was nominated for division secretary for 2015
- d. Brent Sleasman was selected as a candidate for position as ECA representative for nominating committee for NCA

B. 2014 Conference (Heather Ferrara and Valerie Schrader)

a. Announcement

- i. 2014 Conference theme is "Communities of Dissent"
- ii. Suggestions for conference intersections, topics and panels include:
 1. Intersections/co-sponsorship with Political Communication, Voices of Diversity, and Argumentation and Forensics divisions
 2. Topics including: Syria and Arab Spring, Fiscal Crisis, Facebook Memes as Political Statements, the Occupy Movement's subversion of mainstream media, Boston Marathon bombings and issues of rights, gun control, Rhode Island and gay marriage, rhetoric of justice, ethics and the law, discussions encouraging consensus, other efforts to internationalize the conference theme.
 3. Panel topics including: spotlight panels recognizing scholars from our region, new books in public address, WWI panel in honor of 100 year anniversary, anniversary of fall of Berlin Wall,
- iii. Division agreed that it would like to get respondents for each panel
- iv. The planners will set up a generic Gmail account for the division and pass on information to future planners

b. Recruitment of Reviewers, etc.

- i. A sign-up sheet was circulated

IV. Announcements

- a. The interest group thanks Brent Sleasman for a job well-done as conference planner

V. Move to adjourn