Central States Communication Association

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Caucus

Business Meeting

April 6th, 2019

3:30-4:45PM – Capitol

Purpose: Annual meeting of the SOGI caucus to discuss current and relevant issues as we plan for the Chicago, IL conference in 2020.

Announcements:

1. Welcome to 2019 CSCA SOGI Business Meeting/Introduction of Officers
   1. Rebecca Johnson, University of Kansas
   2. Justin Rudnick, Minnesota State University – Mankato
   3. Nicholas “he’s not dead” Lorang, South Dakota State University
2. Approval of the 2018 SOGI Caucus Business Meetings
   1. Motion by S. Baker Bailey to approve the minutes
   2. Seconded by H. Trew
   3. 2018 minutes approved unanimously
3. 2019 Conference Update (8 conference slots including business meeting and awards ceremony)
   1. 6 papers submitted (100% acceptance)\*
      1. Down 1 paper submission from the previous three years
   2. 3 panels submitted (100% acceptance)
      1. Up 1 panel submission from last year
   3. No upcoming panels – this business meeting is the final SOGI event of the 2019 conference, job well done to everyone that presented!
4. SOGI Awards

**Innovator Awards**

Outstanding Edited Collection: Jimmie Manning & Jennifer Dunn

Special Journal Issue: Devika Chawla & Ahmet Atay

**Outstanding Scholarship Awards**

Justin Rudnick

Rebecca Johnson

Jimmie Manning & Danielle Stern

**Manning Award**

Fionna Dougherty Clark & Maria Butauski

**Chesebro Award**

Tony Adams

1. Respondent/Chair/Reviewer sign-up

New Business:

1. The SOGI Rainbow Gavel
   1. Unveiling of the new gavel from outgoing Chair Rebecca Johnson
   2. The SOGI rainbow gavel has been passed to Justin Rudnick
2. Elections for Secretary
   1. The Secretary/Vice Chair-elect shall assist the Vice Chair as necessary with planning the CSCA conference of the coming year, cooperate with the Second Vice President of CSCA as necessary to plan the conference of the year after that, and prepare for the Office of Chair by becoming familiar with these bylaws and other Caucus procedures. The Vice Chair-Elect shall assume the Office of Vice Chair when the Vice Chair's term expires or when the Vice Chair otherwise vacates the office. As Secretary this officer will record he minutes at each meeting and distribute copies of the minutes to all members prior to the next meeting.
   2. Nominations from the floor
      1. Hannah Trew, Illinois State University, nominated by T. Adams
      2. Mattthew Craig, Western Michigan University, nominated by S. Baker Bailey
      3. Will Sipe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, nominated by S. Young
      4. Motion made by J. Manning to close the floor for nominations, S. Baker Bailey seconded the motion
   3. Candidates provided short speeches regarding qualifications for Secretary position
   4. Will Sipe elected as the new SOGI secretary
3. SOGI Awards
   1. **Bylaws Updates**
      1. **Resolution** 
         1. **Whereas:** The SOGI caucus annually grants up to three Innovator Awards.
         2. **Whereas:** The SOGI caucus annually grants up to three awards for Outstanding Scholarship.
         3. **Whereas:** The SOGI caucus annually presents the Jimmie Manning award for the top paper submitted to the caucus.
         4. **Whereas:** The SOGI caucus will sponsor the James W. Chesebro award.
         5. **Be It Resolved:** That the SOGI caucus will annually present the Innovator, Outstanding Scholarship, and Jimmie Manning awards. The SOGI caucus will sponsor the James W. Chesebro award.
      2. J. Manning moved to accept. S. Young seconded motion to accept. No discussion. The resolution was unanimously approved. The bylaws will be updated to reflect the approved resolution.
   2. Development & Funding
   3. Both the Manning & the Chesebro award generates $75 per year with 1% growth.
   4. Manning award should be at least $75
   5. We have the $100 we are given by CSCA, plus the $150 generated by the two awards for a $250 total. We will specify in the bylaws the award amounts for the Manning and Chesebro awards.
   6. Goal is to have $500 annually to fund awards.
   7. Pull down menu on CSCA reflects a $5 donation cap.
   8. Can email CSCA at any time to make a donation.
   9. For another award, J. Manning recommends the structure that they are using for the Carolyn Calloway Thomas award for inclusion.
   10. Have form letters with donation amounts. Folx provide their name and email address and they can drop the donation letter with the CSCA staff.
   11. May want to consider affordable trinkets to give to caucus donors
   12. Fundraising Events at 2019 Chicago conference
   13. Drag show
   14. Burlesque show
   15. Trip to Boys Town
   16. Thesis and dissertation awards could be done through a partnership with Women’s and Gender studies.
   17. Early career awards at CSCA through inter-caucus collaboration that recognizes scholarship.
   18. We need to explore collaboration with other caucuses as we continue to grow and expand our reach.
   19. We have 72 members in the caucus.
4. Upcoming conference information:
   1. Theme: **Borders & Breakthroughs**
   2. Al is taking a broad approach to this theme. Can be an excellent fit with our caucus. How do these breakthroughs transcend boundaries? How can we celebrate these breakthroughs?
   3. Date and Place: April 14th – 19th in Chicago, IL near the O’Hare airport. One stop from the O’Hare L stop and near the entertainment district.
   4. Submission Information/Deadline: October 11
   5. Discussion:
   6. Intercaucus meeting organized by J. Manning on behalf of SOGI with ERIC, Women’s caucus, etc.
   7. Keynote speaker from outside academia, perhaps a local, Chicago activist
   8. We need to keep cost in mind with a keynote speaker. For example, judges can only accept $100 as payment.
   9. First Vice President brought in the 2018 keynote speaker Robyn Ochs
   10. J. Rudnick will try to poll caucus membership when the call for submissions goes out. Then we can follow up with Al based on recommendations from the membership
   11. Chesebro award winner could give a lecture as a keynote event
   12. Increase competitive paper submissions
   13. Activity on Facebook page to encourage submissions and reach more caucus members
   14. Drag kings for Chicago conference. Would have a community in Chicago and the surrounding areas to participate.
   15. Schedule past officers of SOGI on the business meeting and awards ceremony to block off these times to minimize scheduling conflict

Motion to adjourn made S Baker Bailey, and seconded by J. Manning. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.