**Central States Communication Association:**

**Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group Business Meeting**

**Saturday April 6, 2019 (12:30)**

1. Greetings to members-Meeting began at 12:32pm.
2. Approval of the minutes from the 2018 meeting—minutes were verbally reviewed and passed unanimously.
3. Conference Update—10 panels this year along with business meeting. 2 spotlight panels. Well attended. Membership appears stable.
4. New Business—none
5. Presentation of Top Paper Awards
   1. Karlyn Kohrs Campbell Top Paper Award Winner: *Lawrence and Garner v. Texas* and the “Right to be Let Alone” (Hilary Rasmussen, Elmhurst College).
   2. David Zarefsky Top Student Paper Award Winner: No More Thoughts and Prayers: A Dialogic Narrative Analysis of Parkland Survivors (Diana Casteel, University of Illinois at Chicago)
6. Additional Business—announcement to sign up for the CSCA RTC Facebook group. Make sure to sign up for the convention portal.
7. Election of the new Officers
   1. Kristen McCauliff (Chair)
   2. Terra Lenox (Vice Chair)
   3. Elect New Secretary—Hilary Rasmussen nominated and elected unanimously.
8. Discussion of the 2020 conference- Chicago (April 14-19) will be out by O’Hare
   1. Theme—Borders and Breakthroughs
   2. Potential topics and collaborations—celebrate what we’ve been able to do through collaborative work. Submission dealing will be October 11th.
      1. The public relations group has voted to rename themselves to Strategic and Applied Communication Interest Group, which overlaps in interesting ways with rhetoric and could provide an interesting joint panel.
      2. Spotlight panel on women running for office, maybe focus on new mayor of Chicago—emphasize breakthroughs and the down ballot
      3. Possible panel addressing the problems with the boundaries of partisanship
      4. Breaking through the boundaries of traditional rhetorical theory
      5. Scientific discourses and rhetorical boundaries
9. Adjourn—12:50pm