**Central States Communication Association**

**Organizational & Professional Communication Interest Group**

**Business Meeting Agenda**

**April 6, 2019 11:00 AM**

**Nebraska Room Omaha, NE**

1. Call to Order – Sarah Riforgiate called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.
2. Approval of 2019 Business Meeting Agenda.
   1. Motion: Matt Vorell (SCSU); Second – Deb Ford (Creighton)
3. Approval of Minutes from 2018 convention
   1. Motion: Matt Vorell (SCSU); Second – Tim McKenna-Buchanan (Manchester University)
4. Chair’s Report on 2019 Convention
   1. Paneled all of the discussion panels based on review recommendations to panel – 4 discussion panels (1 co-sponsored)
   2. Paneled all paper panels based on review recommendations to panel – 3 paper panels (2 co-sponsored)
   3. Four competitive paper panels were slotted (70% acceptance rate) – 17 papers received, 12 were paneled based on reviewer recommendations.
   4. We had 14 slots total, 2 time slots were added to our total to accommodate the tour to Table Grace Café; all slots were used.
5. Recognition of Top Paper and Paper Panel
   1. **Diamond Anniversary Award for Top Paper –** *Personal Privacy Orientations: A Look at Core and Catalyst Criteria that Shape Discourses in the Work-Spouse Relationship* (Chad McBride, Creighton; Allison Thorson, University of San Francisco; Karla Mason Bergen, College of St. Mary)
   2. **Top Panel** *–Behind the Curtain: Creating Dialogue in and about the Academic Publishing Process.* (Assembled by Stacy Tye-Williams, Iowa State)
   3. There was not a top student paper based on the submissions and reviewer recommendations
6. Elections: Nominations from the floor.
   1. We have two leadership positions to fill in this division (Secretary – elected, one-year term; Vice Chair – elected, two-year term. Serves one year as vice chair, then ascends to chair for the second year).
   2. In the past, the Social Media Chair has been appointed, one-year term. Sarah Riforgiate indicated that Rebecca Dohrman (Maryville University) volunteered to serve as the SMC for next year. No other members expressed interest in the position.
7. Nominations for Vice Chair
   1. Catherine Kingsley Westerman (NDSU) – nominated Kyle Heuett (Ball State University)   
      Sarah Riforgiate (UW-Milwaukee) – nominated Anne Kerber (MSU, Mankato)
8. Nominations for Secretary
   1. Matt Vorrell (SCSU) nominated Tim McKenna-Buchanan (Manchester)
   2. Matt Rothrock (IUPUI) nominated Anna Carmon (IUPU-Columbus)
   3. Kristin Pengelly (DePaul) nominated DeAnne Priddis (Middle Tennessee State University)
   4. Xiaodong Kuang, Edgewood College (self-nominated)
9. Election Results:
   * 1. Vice-Chair: Anne Kerber, MSU Mankato
     2. Secretary: Tim McKenna-Buchanan, Manchester University
10. Other Business:
    1. Sarah recognized Deb Ford (previous chair) for her leadership and especially help with chairing and responding to panels at the last minute this year. Additionally, she recognized Peggy Fisher (Vice Chair) and Anne Kerber (Secretary) for leadership with division this year
    2. Division Logistics for CSCA 2020 (April 14-19; outside of Chicago, IL)
       1. Sign up form for reviewers, respondents, and chairs was sent around the room.
       2. Peggy Fisher said that at the Program Planner’s meeting, they discussed how there was lots of entertainment and food near the O’Hare airport, even though we will not technically be in Chicago. The conference hotel is located one block from the elevated train, which will be convenient for transportation to/from airport and downtown.
       3. The conference theme is: Borders and Breakthroughs. The theme emphasizes not just physical but also conceptual boundaries. Additionally, there was discussion of bringing in community partners next year, and inviting them to be part of the conversation (breaking down the academic-community border).
       4. Attendee Interactive – If you’re not on it, make sure you get registered. This is how information will be submitted and how the planners will be communicating with everyone. If you have changed institutions/have new contact information, make sure to update.
       5. Submissions will likely open in September, are due Oct. 11. More information will be coming in late April.
       6. We will have 11 slots for next year.
       7. Matt Vorell asked if we had anyone had connections in Chicago area that might be able to help us organize a tour of a local organization (similar to our previous tours of Clockwork, Steel Case, the Discovery Center, Ward 4, Table Grace Café, etc).
11. Sarah Riforgiate passed the proverbial gavel to our incoming chair, Peggy Fisher.
12. New Business/Announcements
    1. Public Relations Interest Group Name Change
       1. Debbie Sellnow-Richmond (chair of Public Relations Interest Group) – announced their IG voted this year to change name to Strategic and Applied Communication Interest group, pending 30 days public forum (starting after this conference). The change better reflects the kinds of papers the interest group is receiving. She said there are opportunities for submitting papers to this area as well as co-sponsorship of panels with OPCIG. Jeff Brand is Strategic and Applied Communication Interest group’s planner for next year’s conference. Sarah Riforgiate noted that co-sponsored panels tend to extend our reach as a division and get larger audiences.
    2. Discussion of Panels for 2020 Conference:
       1. Peggy Fisher reminded attendees that the conference theme emphasizes both physical and conceptual borders, and how do we go through them.
       2. Peggy Fisher also noted planners are trying to encourage the involvement of people from outside of academia. Stacy Tye-Williams raised the question of whether the community partners would have to register or pay for a day pass to participate in one panel, which might be a deterrent for participating. Deb Ford said she would check on this at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
       3. Peggy Fisher liked having a panel on mentorship into publishing, noting this is the second year we have done this – and asking if people wanted to continue it. Stacy Tye-Williams the publishing panel was well-attended (about 25 people) and was co-sponsored with the Interpersonal Communication interest group which may have helped it draw more folks. When the journal editors realized that two interest groups were trying to schedule a publishing-focused panel, they suggested combining.
       4. Matt Vorrell said the AMA session this year did a good job of removing professional hierarchy in the conversation (a boundary). He suggested a similar session for next year regarding what more senior scholars have found to be useful in their career.
       5. Peggy Fisher noted that attendance was somewhat limited at top paper panel. Matt Vorrell asked this an issue of scheduling the panel on the weekend. Sarah Riforgiate said that the top paper panel had been scheduled in our top timeslot.
       6. Sarah Riforgiate suggested a panel about consulting or reaching beyond the borders of academia. DeAnne Priddis and Peggy Fisher expressed interest in working on this. DeAnne Priddis agreed to take the lead on this.
       7. Anne Kerber suggested a panel on interdisciplinary projects and grants. Deb Ford, Sarah Riforgiate, Xiaodong Kuang (Edgewood College), and Seth Frei (Texas State) expressed interest in working on this. Sarah Riforgiate agreed to take the lead on this.
       8. Other panel suggestions: Focusing on teaching (Peggy, Tim); a speed-dating session with senior scholars (Sarah); tenure (Matt);
       9. Sarah Riforgiate said that she, Stacy Wieland, and Erika Kirby will take charge of the organizational tour (interested in potentially O’Hare?) Others suggested that Walgreen’s is headquartered in Chicago.
       10. Sarah Riforgiate cautioned against too many planned panels because required panels (IG Bus Meeting, Top paper panel) take two of our slots. The tour of an outside organization may also take a couple of spots. Additionally, there are frequently competitively selected panels, and we want to make sure we are paneling high-quality offerings. We had 3 additional slots (normally have 11) this year because of co-sponsorship. We don’t lose slots if we don’t panel them.
13. Meeting adjourned at 11:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kerber