***Political Communication Interest Group Business Meeting***

***2019 Central States Communication Association***

***Omaha, Nebraska***

***Thursday, April 5th, 11:00-12:15***

Officers in attendance:

Vice-Chair: Colene Lind, Kansas State University

Secretary: Joel Lansing Reed, University of Missouri

1.     Call to Order by Colene Lind at 11:00am

a.     Chair introduces officers and members

b.    Special thanks extended to Chair Terri Easley-Giraldo

c.    Previous minutes reviewed by members

2.     Old Business

a.     Overview of Conference

i.       Submissions

1.   27 competitive submissions

2. 18 papers, 4 discussion panels. 5 paper panels

3. Highest submissions in recent years

ii.       Slots

1. 13- including the business meeting and Trent Award Panel,

11 in 2018.

iii.       Reviewers

1. 16 total reviewers, each with 2-3 submissions to review. Lots of variance in reviewer background/experience.

3.    Awards

a.     Top Paper Panel, Friday, 9:30am-10:45am in Lewis Ballroom

b.     Top Paper Awards presented to:

i.   Wm. Bryan Paul, University of Missouri; Josh C Bramlett,

University of Missouri & Joel Lansing Reed, University of Missouri for “Mr. Flake Gets Out of Washington: Republican Retirement Rhetoric and the Martyr’s Continuum in the Age of Trump” (Top Paper)

ii.   Daniel Macon Chick, University of Kansas for “A Normative

 Pragmatic Theory of Situated Credibility” (Top Student Paper)

iii.   William Kelvin, Kent State University for “A Visual Analysis

of Corporate Image Management: TransCanada’s Keystone XL Pipeline Videos.”

iv.  Nicholas Labinski, University of Wisconsin-Stout for “Barack

 Obama as Phronimos: Understanding Obama’s Somber Tone in Announcing the Death of Osama bin Laden”

4.     New Business

a.     Proposed amendment to bylaws #1

i.     Would insert underlined language in ii to Article XII

ii.    “The Executive Committee of CSCA allocates funds to the

interest group each year. These funds shall be used at the discretion of the chair. Funding for the J. Jeffery Auer Award, presented at the annual conference, to a minimum of $100, shall be the first priority for allocated funds.”

iii.    Moved by Daniel Macon Chick (University of Kansas)

iv.    Seconded by Joshua Bolton (Loras College)

v.    Approved by voice vote

b.     Proposed amendment to bylaws #2

i.     Would create a new article XIII with the language provided in ii

ii.   “ARTICLE XIII: TRENT AWARD

Section 1. This award will be titled the “Judith S. Trent Award for Early-Career Excellence in Political Communication,” abbreviated as the Trent Award.

Section 2. This award honors an early-career scholar who has an outstanding record of research in the area of political communication. “Early-career” is defined as within the first 10 years of receiving a Ph.D. in Communication or a related field. An individual may apply multiple years but can only be awarded the Trent Award once.

Section 3. The monetary award will be funded through an endowment. Additional contributions will be collected to grow the fund.

Section 4. The Trent Award Committee will be composed of the Interest Group Chair and three established members of the Political Communication Interest Group appointed by the Interest Group Executive Committee. Each member of the committee, except the Interest Group Chair, will serve a three-year term; terms will be staggered and established with the selection of the 2019 Trent Award Committee. Each year, one member will cycle off the committee and will be replaced by a member appointed by the Interest Group Executive Committee.

Section. 5. This committee will distribute the call for nominations to model the previous year’s call by updating the application due date and will fairly vet nominations to determine a winner.

Section 6. The Chair of the Political Communication Interest Group shall serve as Chair of the Trent Award Committee, shall serve as a voting member, and will accept the award nominations.”

iii.    Moved by Benjamin R. Warner (University of Missouri)

iv.    Seconded by William Bryan Paul (University of Missouri)

v.    Approved by voice vote

c.     Selection of officers

i.     Nominations for Secretary solicited from the floor.

ii.    Joel L. Reed (University of Missouri) nominated Josh C.

 Bramlett (University of Missouri)

iii.   Benjamin Warner moved to approve by acclamation

iv.    Seconded by Joel L. Reed

v.    Elected by voice vote

c.     Floor opened to discussion of review procedures

i.     Terri Easley-Giraldo (*in abstentia*) asked for guidance for future

chairs on the submission process and on the number of reviews completed by each reviewer. She asked if 2-3 submissions were an appropriate number to review and whether more experienced reviewers and junior reviewers should be assigned to each submission.

ii.    Kelly Winfrey (Iowa State University) expressed support for

balancing less experienced reviewers with more experienced reviewers on submissions.

iii.   Benjamin Warner expressed agreement with the general

sentiment and proposed leaving the matter up to the discretion of the program planner and that three reviews was an ideal number.

d.     Discussion of 2020 conference

i.     Theme for 2020 was announced as "Borders and

 Breakthroughs"

ii.    We speculated (in our youthful naivety) that the primaries

would be the major subject of concern for political communication in April 2020.

iii.   Suggested 2020 panels and papers included a focus on issues of

immigration, community engagement (breaking down the borders of the ivory tower), Great Ideas for Teaching Campaigns, international political communication, get out the vote efforts, and teaching citizenship and vibilitin the classroom.

4.     Closing

a.     Adjournment moved by Benjamin Warner and seconded by Joshua Bolton.