

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 2020 business meeting. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions at JoelLansing@gmail.com

We will proceed through these steps

1. First, review the 2019 minutes and suggest amendments. The 2019 minutes are available in this Google Doc:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IRRXQTcZaXoMopsy2kHfXrh4S3TVaXL5ygibg21NTkA/edit?usp=sharing>
 - a. Someone will need to make a motion to approve the minutes and that motion will need to be seconded. You can make or second that motion here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZ6X7V2>
 - b. Once a motion and second have been entered, I will update this document.
 - i. **MOTION:** Dr. Mitchell McKinney
 - ii. **SECOND:** Dr. Kelly Winfrey
 - c. The floor is open to discussion of the 2019 minutes until 8pm CDT today. If you have updates to the 2019 minutes, please email me at JoelLansing@gmail.com
 - d. I will add all suggested updates to this document:
 - i. **UPDATES/CHANGES:** None
 - e. At 8pm today voting will open to approve the minutes. This survey will be used for that vote and to collect other information from members:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSPNPHS>
2. Complete the survey above to submit items for new business, suggest 2021 panels, or nominate individuals for leadership positions by 5pm CDT Tuesday, June 9th.
 - a. Please consult the call for CSCA 2021 on the following page of this document.
 - b. Voting closes June 9th at 5pm CDT, June 9th.
 - c. At that time, I will accept motions and seconds to close nominations and update that information here.
 - i. **MOTION:**
 - ii. **SECOND:**
 - d. After voting closes, I will send an email to all nominees for the Secretary position requesting a brief bio. I will then distribute those bios along with all submitted announcements, amendments, or new business matters to this email list.
3. We will then use a Google vote for a new secretary and any other matters of new business requiring votes.
4. Please see the Chair's report on page three of this document for an overview of the 2020 conference submissions and top paper awards. Special congratulations to Top Overall Paper authors Brett Bricker and Jacob Justice and Auer Award winner Bryan Paul.



Call for Papers and Panels

**Central States Communication Association (CSCA)
Annual Conference at Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, OH
March 23-28, 2021**

Inspire

You are cordially invited to submit competitive papers, panel discussions, and performance sessions for our 90th Annual Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Members are encouraged to reflect on the theme of *Inspire*. Our many roles as teachers and scholars ask a great deal from us intellectually, emotionally, and relationally. Our annual conference provides us an opportunity to pause, reflect, connect, and reconnect with each other and with what *inspired* us to choose these lives we lead. When the conference is at its best, our connections often help us to reinvigorate our energy so that we can return to our homes to offer energy to our students, our colleagues, our families and friends, and our work. This is particularly true as we navigate through and out of the COVID-19 pandemic. How does our work inspire other individuals, communities, organizations, and societies toward their aspirations? How can we inspire our students? Each other?

Central States is a space that is reinvented every time we gather together at the conference, every time we talk with a colleague, and every time we share our research, our teaching ideas, and our very selves. We are not a perfect organization. How can we inspire each other to create a welcoming space for all our members?

Faculty, students, independent scholars, and community members are all encouraged to submit and attend the convention. Institutional and community partnerships are particularly welcome. Submissions inclusive of all methodological perspectives in the communication discipline are expected and embraced.

Look for specific calls and submission information from each of the 20+ CSCA Interest Groups, Caucuses, and Sections.

For questions about the general call or the 2021 conference, please contact Debbie Ford, 2021 primary program planner, at DebraFord@creighton.edu.

Deadline for Submissions: 11:59 PM CST, **October 9, 2020**

Primary Program Planner: Debbie Ford (DebraFord@creighton.edu)

Central States Political Communication Political Communication Interest Group Chair's Report 2020

This year's annual meeting drew a group of strong competitive paper submissions. The interest group program included:

- Seventeen competitive papers
- Two competitive discussion panels
- One invited discussion panel

Many thanks to Dr. Mitchell McKinney of University of Missouri for organizing the senior scholars discussion. We hate missing the insightful conversation and look forward to it 2021.

A very big thank you to the 15 dedicated reviewers who read competitive submissions. This behind-the-scenes work makes programming possible. Please consider volunteering this year as you are able.

Finally, many thanks to those who agreed to serve as panel respondents in Chicago. Please save your wisdom and insight for 2021.

Top Paper Panel

This year's top paper panel, including the four highest-ranked competitive papers, demonstrates the breadth and depth of our field. It includes quantitative, qualitative, and critical approaches and represents the work of two faculty members and two graduate students. Congratulations to the top-paper panelists. We look forward to reading these works in our journals.

Agonistic Spirit: What Eulogies for John McCain Reveal (and Redefine) about Deliberative Democracy

Daniel M. Chick, University of Kansas

Construction of the Trump/Putin Presidential Summit by the U.S. and Russian Press: A Comparative Analysis

Ekaterina Rybakova, John Huxford, and K. Megan Hopper, Illinois State University

Jeffrey Auer Award for the top competitive paper presented by a student: The Political Hero on Main Street: Revealing the American Monomyth as Master Narrative in Local Government

Wm. Bryan Paul, University of Missouri

Top Overall Paper: Brett Kavanaugh's Self-Defense: A Case Study in Hyper-Partisan Apologia
Brett Bicker and Jacob William Justice, The University of Kansas

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