

Greetings ACESJ Members,

I hope that this email finds you all healthy and safe.

After the vote, the minutes from the last meeting last year have passed (44 voted, 42 voted to approve, 1 voted approve with concerns--would like more detail, 1 voted no). Attached you will find the agenda for this meeting (we will make attempts to keep this as detailed as possible).

A few things to start this "meeting" off:

### **Awards & Recognitions**

- We received 21 paper submissions and 3 panel submissions to fill four slots (actually three--one was used for our business meeting). However, Al Gonzalez was able award the division one additional slot. For this reason, we were able to accept 15 papers and two panels. We've grown in membership, so I'm hoping that we will have five slots for 2021 (or even six!!). Please encourage people to keep joining this division. I think that we have seen in the past month more reasons to bring attention to activism, communication ethics and social justice than we could possibly list. We should be a big deal in CSCA... and I think we're well on our way in that direction!
- The division has two awards: top paper and top student paper. We actually had two papers that tied, and both were student papers. For that reason, we have co-top papers this year. They will split the \$100 award for top paper.
  - a. Ahn Tuan Nguyen. Perception of Racial Diversity: International Embracement or Racial Inclusiveness? A Critical Race Perspective Study in International Communication
  - b. Elizabeth Ann Hintz. Breaking Through the Participant-Researcher Divide: Communication as Social Justice in the Qualitative Research Study
- Ahn Nguyen is putting together a YouTube presentation of her paper. I will send you all a link soon. Please provide input and commentary to help her move this project forward!
- I would also like to thank all of the people who helped review papers and panels for this years conference. See the minutes for the list of names for all of those people. Thanks everyone for all of your help! Also, please sign up to review for next year. The more we have, the better this process goes. When we only have a few (and we didn't have a whole lot this year) it becomes a grueling process. We'll send around a qualtrics before the end of this meeting for people to sign up. Again, please do.

### **Succession**

The CSCA guidelines for the succession, and how that would play out in our division, are outlined in the agenda. Please take a look at that information. **We have discussed it among ourselves, and we (the current officers), are more than happy to serve an additional year in those posts**--CSCA leadership tells us that this is an option. However, it does have to be voted on. A survey vote can be found here (<https://www.questionpro.com/t/APbXCZg9zx>). Should we keep the current officers for one year, or elect a new secretary? Please submit your vote by Monday, April 13 at 2pm. If the majority of people who vote want to keep the current officers, we will move on with the meeting and making preparations

for 2021. If the majority of people who vote want to take the "normal" succession route, we will elect a new secretary. This means that we will take nominations from the floor, and then hold a second vote.

**After Succession**

After we complete the matter of succession, we will move along to the 2021 call, and announcements from the floor.