

Central States Communication Association
Performance Studies and Autoethnography Interest Group
Business Meeting Minutes
Conducted via email end of March through April, 2020 due to COVID-19 Pandemic

In attendance: No attendance to report as business meeting took place through email.

Meeting opened by Travis Brisini via email (March 30, 2020).

- I. Motion to approve 2019 minutes brought via email by Chloe Sferra and seconded by Chris Collins. The minutes were approved with one small alteration: Dianah McGreehan's name was misspelled as Dianah McGreeham. The minutes were adjusted.
- II. Elections: Via email (April 9, 2020), Travis Brisini sent out a Qualtrics survey wherein members could nominate people for the next secretary position. Travis followed-up via email (April 21, 2020) to report that Meggie Mapes had been nominated and accepted to run from the position of Secretary for 2021. Travis invoked candidate acclamation by general consent as Meggie was the only candidate. Following-up on April 23, 2021, Meggie had been unanimously voted in as Secretary for the 2021 Convention.
- III. Via email (April 8, 2020), Travis Brisini announced the 2020 Interest Group Awards:
 - A. Top Debut Paper Award winner Shelby Swafford "Embodying/Writing/Performing 'Women's Work': Pleasurable Tensions and Double Binds of Feminist Performance"
 - B. Top Competitive Paper Award winner Mark Orbe "When Home Goes from Being a Place to Being a Person: A Critical Autoethnography of Identity, Culture, and Geography"
 - C. Outstanding Book in Performance Studies/Autoethnography winner Tami Spry *Autoethnography and the Other: Unsettling Power through Utopian Performatives*
 - D. Outstanding Scholar in Performance Studies and Autoethnography winner Tony Adams
- IV. Via email (April 9, 2020), Travis Brisini introduced the 2021 Conference theme "Inspire."
- V. Via email (April 22, 2020), Travis Brisini laid out the procedures for bringing new business to the business meeting for this year.
 - A. Via email (April 22, 2020), Travis Brisini brought new business discussing the vacancy created when the current Vice-Chair resigned their post. Travis explained that we needed both a stopgap measure and alterations to the bylaws to prepare for possible future issues.
 1. Stopgap Measure Options:
 - a) Molly Wiant Cummins (current Secretary) could step into the role but doesn't feel comfortable not moving through the process.
 - b) Snap election to fill the role, but we'd still be moving someone quickly into this role.
 - c) Travis could volunteer to maintain the Chair role and plan the conference again for 2021.

2. Bylaws Alteration:

a) Travis's suggestion:

- (1) Secretary: We would need to acquire the previous year's minutes from the newly-resigned secretary, but it would not impact the planning of the convention going forward. Their replacement would be elected at the following year's convention. Perhaps the vice chair could be responsible for taking meeting minutes, until the new secretary is elected at the conclusion of the business meeting? (Or, we could move the secretary's appointment to the beginning of the next year's meeting, and make their position immediate, tasking them with taking the minutes for that year).
 - (2) Vice-Chair: should the vice chair resign, it would make sense to pull the secretary up into the role of vice chair immediately. We didn't do so this year--mostly out of a sense of confusion and uncertainty--but going forward, it's the most sensible process. The newly-appointed v.c. could help the chair plan the convention, and also serve as the respondent for the top paper panel (this is more of a norm than an established protocol in our interest group, but it has held for years).
 - (3) Chair: should the chair resign, it makes sense to pull the v.c. up into the role of chair immediately. Hopefully this would happen with enough time for them to assume the role before convention planning has begun, but if not, this change would need to be communicated to the CSCA organization, as the chair is the only individual granted access to the online submission system. CSCA would need to be alerted to the change in leadership to allow smooth transitioning, slotting of panels, etc.
3. Chris Collins wrote in (April 22, 2020) to retain Travis for the 2021 Convention in the Chair role and to accept Travis's suggestion of the bylaws alteration.
 4. Paul Siddens wrote in (April 22, 2020) to agree with Chris on accepting the bylaws alteration and Travis as the current Chair.
 5. David Wendt wrote in (April 22, 2020) to agree with Chris and Paul on accepting the bylaws alteration and Travis as the current Chair.
 6. Ron Pelias wrote in (April 22, 2020) to agree on accepting the bylaws alteration and Travis as the current Chair.
 7. Lesa Lockford wrote in (April 22, 2020) to agree on accepting the bylaws alteration and Travis as the current Chair.
 8. Jen Tuder wrote in (April 22, 2020) to agree on accepting the bylaws alteration and Travis as the current Chair.

9. Molly Wiant Cummins wrote in (April 22, 2020) to agree on accepting the bylaws alteration and Travis as the current Chair.
- B. Via email (April 22, 2020), Jen Tuder suggested the Division consider how we could translate or offer non-face-to-face formats for the 2021 Convention in the likely event that COVID-19 would still be an issue.
 1. Meggie Mapes wrote in (April 22, 2020) to say the most successful digital conferences she had attended used Slack as an option for asynchronous presenting and feedback. She also thanked Travis for successfully guiding the Division through this Convention.
 - C. Via email (April 28, 2020), Travis Brisini called for a vote through acclamation by general consent to install Travis as the ad-hoc Chair, moving Molly Wiant Cummins into the role of Vice-Chair, and Meggie Mapes into the role of Secretary for the 2021 Convention. The vote through acclamation by general consent also covered the new language to the bylaws. The official language to the bylaws was included:
 1. **Article IV: Officers:**
 - a) In the event of an officer resigning their position, the officer that was slated to succeed the resignee shall immediately assume the title and responsibilities of the resignee. This entails duties up to, and including, program planning for the annual convention. In the case of a secretarial resignation that occurs prior to the discharging of their duties, the chair shall call for a snap election at the beginning of the next business meeting, immediately after the approval of the minutes, and before any other business is conducted. The newly elected secretary shall then record the proceedings of the business meeting, and produce minutes after the meeting concludes. In the case of a vice chair's resignation after the officer has completed their secretarial duties, the chair shall acquire the minutes from the prior year's business meeting, and retain them. The elected secretary shall then assume the role of vice chair. In the case of a chair's resignation, the vice chair shall assume the role of chair.
- VII. Jake Simmons made a motion to conclude the meeting via email (April 28, 2020) which was seconded by Lesa Lockford (April 28, 2020). Meeting Adjourned by 3pm

Minutes submitted by Molly Wiant Cummins (March 18, 2021)