

Central States Communication Association
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Caucus
Business Meeting 2020
March 27-April 30
Online

Purpose: Annual meeting of the SOGI caucus to discuss current and relevant issues as we plan for the conference in 2021.

Announcements:

- I. Due to the Global Pandemic, 2020 Business Meeting will be Conducted via Email
 - A. As acting president, Justin Rudnick will facilitate online interactions
 - B. Initial email sent out to members March 27

- II. Approval of the 2019 SOGI Caucus Business Meetings
 1. Justin Rudnick email members for any additions or missed agenda items
 2. By the April 1 deadline, members had submitted alterations
 3. On April 3, Justin Rudnick called for a motion (and second) to approve the minutes from the 2019 business meeting
 4. Sara Baker Bailey motioned, with Matthew Craig accepting
 5. On April 9, with a 39-1 vote, members approved the minutes from the 2019 business meeting
 6. As per CSCA bylaws, William Sipe sent the 2019 minutes to the Exec. Director

- III. Welcome to 2019 CSCA SOGI Business Meeting/Introduction of Officers (April 9)
 1. Justin Rudnick, Minnesota State University – Mankato
 2. Nicholas Lorang, South Dakota State University
 3. William Sipe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- IV. 2020 Conference Update (from planner Justin Rudnick)
 1. 8 papers submitted (7 accepted)
 2. This was up by 2 papers from 2019!
 3. No panels submitted
 1. Exec board put together two panels (one on queer mentoring and one on supreme court rulings) with assistance from SOGI members--thank you to those who contributed!

- D. Panel collaboration & co-sponsorships
 1. We received a few requests for panel co-sponsorships, which we were happy to accept! SOGI was going to be a co-sponsor for the Calloway-Thomas Inclusivity Series Spotlight Panel featuring the work of Dr. Robin Boylorn from the University of Alabama, and we

were co-sponsoring the queer mentoring panel with the CSCA Next Leaders Network.

V. 2021 Conference Call

1. March 23-28, 2021 in Cincinnati, OH!
2. Theme: "Inspire." Dr. Debbie Ford (Creighton University) is the conference planner.
3. Call for submissions distributed to caucus membership

VI. Secretary Elections

1. Secretary serves a 3-year term.
2. From bylaws: The Secretary/Vice Chair-elect shall assist the Vice Chair as necessary with planning the CSCA conference of the coming year, cooperate with the Second Vice President of CSCA as necessary to plan the conference of the year after that, and prepare for the Office of Chair by becoming familiar with these bylaws and other Caucus procedures. The Vice Chair-Elect shall assume the Office of Vice Chair when the Vice Chair's term expires or when the Vice Chair otherwise vacates the office. As Secretary this officer will record the minutes at each meeting and distribute copies of the minutes to all members prior to the next meeting.
3. Call for nominations made by Past-Chair Justin Rudnick. Nominations (self or external) should be sent to exec board by 5:00pm CST on April 17, 2020. Nominations should include name, affiliation, email, and statement of qualifications (max 200 words).
4. Nominations opened on April 15, set to close April 17.
5. No nominations received by April 17; Rudnick extended the deadline to April 20th.
6. Two nominations received:
 1. Scott Sellnow-Richmond: I am currently an assistant professor of communication at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where I study identity in various interpersonal, familial, and organizational contexts. Specifically my research has covered topics such as gendered communication surrounding paternity leave, and gendered behavior stigmatization within the LGBTQ+ community. I have experience with the SOGI caucus as a reviewer and presenter, including being selected for the top paper panel in 2014 for my co-authored work examining family communication patterns and gendered messages for LGBTQ+ individuals. I have found that CSCA and this caucus in particular have given me opportunities I value and would welcome the opportunity to give back by serving as secretary.
 2. David Wendt: I am currently an Assistant Professor at Iowa Wesleyan University. My qualifications are over 30 years as a member of CSCA. I have chaired the following

divisions: Communication Education, Instructional Resources, Adjunct and Temporary Faculty, States Advisory Council and Community College. I also chaired the Nominating Committee two years ago. I had a term on the Executive Board and many years on NCA Legislative Assembly. Currently I am serving as Co-Chair of the NCA GIFTS Division.

- G. Rudnick moved to close nominations; Lorang seconded.
- H. Rudnick compiled & distributed the ballot to members on April 20; votes due by 12:00pm (noon) CST on April 24.
- I. Scott Sellnow-Richmond (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville) was elected as 2020–2021 SOGI Secretary. Welcome, Scott!

VII. New Business (occurring simultaneously with secretary voting)

1. Awards announcements!

- 1. **Innovator Award:** Ahmet Atay (College of Wooster) and Sandra Pensoneau-Conway (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)
- 2. **Outstanding Scholarship Award:** Robert Gutierrez-Perez (University of Nevada, Reno) and Luis Andrade (Santa Monica College)
- 3. **Jimmie Manning Top Paper Award:** Jimmie Manning (University of Nevada, Reno), Tony Adams (Bradley University), and Ahmet Atay (College of Wooster). “Gay, Grey, Gray, and Play: Fifty Shades Queer.”
- 4. **Top Papers:**
 - 1. Megan Orcholski (University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee), “Would You Say You Had Sex If...You Were Queer? Exploring Sex Constitution and Discourse in Queer Communities”
 - 2. Mick Brewer (Lincoln University), “Psycho/somatic: Diaspora of the Sexual Borderlands as Queer Ontology.”

- B. Call for submissions; special issue of *Review of Communication* being edited by SOGI members Jimmie Manning and Kathy Denker.

VIII. Adjournment

- 1. Rudnick called for motion to end the business meeting
- 2. Motion made by Ahmet Atay; seconded by Heather Nesemeier.
- 3. Rudnick sent a survey to members to vote for adjournment.
- 4. Meeting adjourned (vote: 24-0)