Greetings and introductions to members

Email to be sent out of 2013 Business Minutes to members

One co-sponsored panel this year (G.I.F.T.S) and continuing to build bridges with other interest groups

New item: Bylaws (nothing to be updated) and will be available electronically
  - Discussion about changes of length of officer positions (secretary, vice-chair, and chair). Currently a two year commitment for each.
  - Potential online voting of these changes; obtain membership names from Kathy

2014 Conference update
  - 10 papers submitted, 2 panels; only 2 papers rejected
  - Top Paper awards (with $50)

Some challenges with conference development
  - Finding reviewers and review pool sustainability
  - Reach out to other groups (Graduate Students, Women’s Caucus)
  - Potential open reviewer process? (Discussion)

Elections: Tim McKenna-Buchanan voted as new Secretary; David Ta (Chair); Stephanie Young (Vice-Chair)

New Business: Program Planning
  - Conference theme is convergence
  - 5 slots open for SOGI Caucus
  - November 3rd deadline and 2 weeks to review submissions
  - New submission coversheets (for panels and papers)
  - Discussion of possible ideas
    - Convergence of culture
    - Intersections with faculty and students
    - Method panel
    - Key scholars/spotlight panel
    - Bridges with other interest groups (Communication education and best practices within the classroom addressing LGBT issues)
    - Intersectionality of LGBT, race, and religion
    - Connect with local organizations and LGBT workshop
    - Charity run/5K/donations
    - Organizational communication, workplace discrimination, harassment and LGBT individuals
    - Political communication, rhetorical theory, and same-sex marriage debate