

Organizational Communication Division

1996 Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 23, 1996
San Diego Marriott
Level One Santa Rosa

Division Officers:

Chairperson: M. Scott Poole, Texas A&M University
Vice Chairperson: George Cheney, University of Montana
Vice Chairperson-Elect: Kathy Krone, University of Nebraska
Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Vernon Miller, Michigan State University
Awards Committee Chair: Connie Bullis, University of Utah

I. Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the Chair, Scott Poole.

II. Minutes of the 1995 Business Meeting were approved.

III. Presentation of the 1996 Research Awards

A. Connie Bullis, Chair of the Awards Committee, thanked the members of the Awards Nomination sub-committee

Patricia Geist, San Diego State University
Steve May, University of North Carolina
Vince Waldron, Arizona State University
Cynthia Stohl, Purdue University
Noshir Contractor, University of Illinois

B. The 1996 SCA Organizational Communication Best Article Award was presented to:

Dennis Mumby for his 1996 article, "Feminism, Postmodernism and Organizational Communication Studies: A Critical Review" in Management Communication Quarterly, 9, 259-295.

C. Top Three Conference Papers Awards went to:

Susan Hafen, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, "Doing Postmodernism in Organizational Studies."

Greg V. Fiebig and Michael W. Kramer, University of Missouri, "The Process of Emotions in Organizational Communication."

Christine M. Odden and Patricia M. Sias, Washington State University, "Peer Communication Relationships, Gender and Psychological Climate."

D. Top Student Papers:

David E. Weber, University of Denver, "Mouth of the Wolf: Encompassment Tendencies in a Ballet Company."

Catherine White, University of Washington, "Interactive Service Work and Speech Codes."

IV. Report from Division Secretary

Vernon Miller reported that the division's membership was approximately at 1320. The newsletter was mailed to members in early November.

V. Report on the 1996 Paper and Program Review

- A. George Cheney reported that 84 papers and 13 panels had been submitted for presentation and that 40 papers and 8 panel proposals had been accepted. Cheney thanked the following paper reviewers for their hard work:

Christine Beck, Noshir Contractor, Steve Corman, Dayna Finet, Majia Holmer-Nadesan, Michael Holmes, Lisa Howard, Bob McPhee, Jim Query, Patricia Sias, Ruth Smith, Angela Tretheway, and Ted Zorn.

- B. Raymond Russell, California State University at Riverside, was the keynote speaker for the OCD Pre-Conference on Democracy and Work. Approximately forty individuals were in attendance and 20 papers were presented.
- C. For competitive papers and panel proposals, the checklist feedback form and open-ended comments received positive feedback. It was recommended that in the future the reviewers provide at least one sentence for their decision.

VI. Report of the Nominating Committee

- A. Dennis Mumby announced the nomination slate:

Vice Chair Elect: Cynthia Stohl and Jim Taylor
Awards Committee: Steve Corman and Vince Waldron

- B. Thirteen paper readers were nominated and approved: Brenda Allen, Jean Dobos, Beth Ellis, Brad Hall, Renee Houston, Bridget Kilroy, Marifran Mattson, Marcy Meyer, Craig Scott, Joe Scudder, Angela Tretheway, Juanie Walker, Diane Witmer.
- C. Election Results: Cynthia Stohl was named Vice Chair Elect, and Steve Corman was named Awards Committee Chair.
- D. Future trends: A panel of poster presentation papers were available on the World Wide Web prior to the conference for dialogue. A special thanks was given to Steve Corman for posting papers on the Web.

VII. Report of the Legislative Council

A. Scott Poole reported an increase in SCA dues

Effective immediately, dues will be:

Regular Membership	\$110
Sustaining Membership	\$185
Patron Membership	\$275
Student Membership	\$45
Life Membership	\$3300
Department Membership	\$150

B. Budget:

Allocations:

1996/1997	\$1250
1997/1998 (projected)	\$1294
1998/1999 (projected)	\$1339

Expenditures (budgeted)

Awards	\$150
Newsletter	\$400
Conference Expenditures	\$200
Speaker fee	\$250
Abstracts	\$300

- C. In a straw vote of the SCA membership, approximately 2500 were returned and 75% were in favor of a name change to the National Communication Association. The name change will be presented to the membership.

VIII. Planning for 1997

- A. Kathy Krone, reported that the 1997 convention will be in Chicago and that the deadline for submissions is February 1. She noted that she was planning for around 19-20 programs.
- B. There is discussion of using a technology center at the next conference. A center may be set up so that others could see your instruction materials for computer and/or Web use.
- C. The form of "At the Helm" Series will be continued, but the scheduling of the programs are being evaluated.

IX. New Business

A. Motion by Don Cushman:

The Organizational Communication Division will institute the Award for Exceptional Influence. This award recognizes a scholarly work (such as an authored book, edited book, handbook, article, monograph, special journal issue) for its enduring and important influence on organizational communication scholarship and/or practice. The award is reserved for work that has not previously been recognized by a divisional award. The award will be given every 5 years on the first and fifth year of each decade. (The committee has the prerogative to deem no nominee worthy of the award or to hold nominations over until the following award year.)

B. Friendly amendments to the motion: “lasting significance in theory and research;” strike out sentence, “The award is reserved for work that has not previously been recognized by a divisional award;” and criteria for the award to be developed by the Awards Committee.

C. Motion failed and was referred to the Awards Committee for further development.

X. Turning Over of Chair

Chair Scott Poole turned the “gavel” over to incoming Chairperson, George Cheney.

XI. The Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Miller
Division Secretary