

Division Officers:

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| Chairperson                 | Kathy Krone, University of Nebraska             |
| Vice Chairperson            | Cynthia Stohl, Purdue University                |
| Vice Chairperson-Elect      | Pamela Shockley-Zalabak, University of Colorado |
| Secretary/Newsletter Editor | Patty Sias, Washington State University         |
| Awards Committee Chair      | Steve Corman, Arizona State University          |

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Kathy Krone, Chair.
- II. *Announcements*  
Bob McPhee reported on the ASU Prize Lecture Competition that took place in October. Jim Taylor won the competition. Robin Clair, Francois Cooran, and Michael Kramer were finalists. Steve Corman will put the papers on the web.
- III. *Minutes of the 1997 business meeting were approved.*
- IV. *Presentation of the 1998 Research awards.*
  - A. Steve Corman, chair of the Awards Committee thanked the committee members and presented the awards. No books were nominated this year for the book award. The 1998 Best Article award was presented to:  
  
George Cheney, J. Straub, L. Speirs, Cynthia Stohl, D. DeGooyer, Jr., S. Whalen, K. Garvin-Doxas, and D. Carlone for their chapter published in Communication Yearbook 21 titled "Democracy, Participation, and Communication at Work: A Multi-disciplinary Review. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
  - B. *The Top Three Conference Paper Awards were presented to:*  
Melissa K. Gibson and Michael Papa, "The Mud, Blood, and Beer Guys: A Structural Analysis of Organizational Power, Ideology and Discourse in a Blue Collar Work Community." (Top Paper)  
  
Cynthia A. Szwapa, "Abusive Communication in the Workplace: The Facework-Emotion Management Experiences of Professional Women."  
  
Timothy R. Kuhn, "Dynamic Processes and Emergent Structures: A Parallel Distributed Processing Model of Communication Networks."
  - C. *The top student paper went to:*  
Timothy R. Kuhn, "Dynamic Processes and Emergent Structures: A Parallel Distributed Processing Model of Communication Networks."
- V. *Report from Division Secretary*  
Patty Sias reported that the division's membership totals approximately 1200 according to the national office. The newsletter was mailed to members in September. Patty advised the members that if they had anything they wanted included in next year's newsletter to submit the items to her by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

VI. *Report on the 1998 conference program*

- A. Cynthia Stohl reported that 76 competitive papers and 23 panels were submitted. Of these, 39 papers (51%) and 12 panels (52%) were accepted by the Division.
- B. Cynthia reminded members of two featured panels at this year's convention — the special tribute to Phil Tompkins and reception following on Sunday, and the special double-panel highlighting the work of NCA research award winners on Monday.

VII. *Report from the Legislative Council*

Legislative Council representative, George Cheney, was unable to attend the business meeting. Cynthia Stohl provided the report on his behalf.

- A. NCA's is currently negotiating the move of headquarters to Washington, D.C. from Annandale, Virginia.
- B. NCA is in "sound financial health" and was able to pay for child care at this year's convention.
- C. The legislative council made three financial decisions: (1) a membership assistance fund was established, sustained by membership fees and to be used by members in "crucial" situations; (2) the council approved reductions in membership fees and convention fees for the first three years after conferral of a terminal degree; and (3) the council decided against establishing a legal defense fund for individual NCA members.
- D. A new Commission was approved, the Human Communication and Technology Commission.
- E. A new Division was approved, the Ethnography Division.
- F. A new Professional section was approved for Emeritus and retired Professors.
- G. Agreed to no longer schedule division business meetings in the same block.

VIII. *Report from NCA Resolutions Committee*

Vince Waldron reported that no resolutions were discussed at this year's meeting.

IX. *Report from the Nominating Committee*

- A. Kathy Krone reported the following nominees for division positions:  
Vice Chair: Fred Steir and Ted Zorn  
Awards Chair: Michael Kramer and Bryan Taylor
- B. Ten paper readers were nominated and approved: Francois Cooren, Mark Aakhus, Christine Shea, Christina W. Stage, Melissa Gibson, Steve May, Patrice Buzzanell, Paaige K. Turner, Daniel Robichaud, and Cynthia Irizarry. During this time, discussion was held regarding the optimum number of paper readers. Based on logistical problems and ratings variance, a motion was made to have no more than ten paper readers. The motion passed, based on a show of hands.  
Election results: Ted Zorn was named Vice-Chair elect and Michael Kramer was elected Awards Chair.

X. *Report on budget*

A. Kathy Krone reported the following projected and actual expenses for FY 1998-1999:

|                        | <u>Projected</u> | <u>Actual</u>                      |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Abstracts:             | \$300.00         | \$ 58.40                           |
| Awards:                | 75.00            | 120.00                             |
| Convention planning    | 250.00           | (not avail. at time of mtg.)       |
| Misc. Expenses         | -0-              | -0-                                |
| Newsletter             | \$400.00         | \$575.00                           |
| Pre-conference speaker | <u>250.00</u>    | <u>250.00</u> (Tompkins reception) |
| Total                  | \$1,275.00       | \$1,003.40                         |

XI. *Old business*

No old business was discussed.

XII. *New business*

Pam Shockley-Zalabak reported the 1999 conference will be held at the Chicago Hilton; the Blackstone Hotel will not be used because of quality issues. She also reported that the Association has created a special unit for programming all poster sessions, to be headed this year by Jim McCroskey. She asked for feedback regarding whether plenary sessions should be separated out for divisions and whether to schedule "high density" panels. The general consensus was to not separate plenary sessions and to have high density panels.

Vernon Miller made a motion to create a committee to evaluate the Division's competitive paper evaluation process. The motion was approved and the following members were appointed to the committee: Vince Waldron, Bob McPhee, Anne Nicotera, Karen Medved, and Vernon Miller.

*Turning Over of Chair*

Chair Kathy Krone turned the gavel over to incoming Chair Cynthia Stohl.

*The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*