

AEJMC
International Communication Division
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 5, 2016
8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 A special presentation by Yoke Sim Gunaratne, who talked briefly about Dr. Shelton Gunaratne's work on the system view of communication.
- 1.2 Outgoing Division Head, Jeannine E. Relly, calls meeting to order.
- 1.3 Relly acknowledges division leadership who worked with her the past year and introduces Ammina Kothari, the incoming division head
- 1.4 Kothari begins with the call to order.

2. ATTENDANCE

- 2.1 Based on the head count at 8:30 pm, 46 members were present at the meeting.
- 2.2 Minutes of the 2015 meeting were distributed. Some members said that they did not get information about where to access the minutes. Motion by Celeste Bustamante to approve the minutes as they are (may be modified later if needed). Minutes approved by voice vote.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 3.1 Incoming head acknowledges the following:
 - a. ICD Heads
 - b. *International Communication Research Journal* Editor Yusuf Kalyango Jr.'s sponsorship of journal's 50th anniversary celebration
 - c. Nanyang Technological University sponsorship of business meeting wine.
 - d. Research award sponsorship, *Latino/Latin American Research Award*, *African Journalism Studies*, and *Asian Journalism of Communication*
 - e. Teaching award competition sponsorship by the *International Communication Research Journal* and *African Journalism Studies*

4. CURRENT AND NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 Report on conference activities (2016) by out-going chair, Jeannine Relly
 - Division health*
 - 221 paid members
 - Annual Research Competition Participation*
 - 66 reviewers
 - 92 submitted papers (54 faculty, 38 student)
 - Programming*
 - 50th anniversary off-site celebration of the *International Communication Research Journal* hosted by Editor Yusuf Kalyango Jr.

- Pre-conference programming: 1 research, 1 PF&R, and 1 teaching session
- 6 peer refereed research sessions
- 2 invited research sessions
- 2 invited teaching sessions
- 2 invited PF&R sessions

Events

- Tour of Minnesota Public Radio and the International Control Center on Friday, August 5 @10 a.m.
- Annual Off-site Dinner (no-host) on Saturday, August 6 at The News Room, 990 Nicollet Mall, at 6:15 p.m., RSVP Ammina Kothari, abkgpt@rit.edu

- 4.2 *Membership chair report:* Membership chair Kevin Grieves reported that membership has declined over past few years. He observed that many other divisions are marketing themselves as catering to global interest and that might be influencing the interest in International Communication Division. Grieves asked for suggestions from the members. Heloiza Herscovitz observed that several divisions have lost membership and around 50% people attending the conference are not members of any division. Celeste Bustamante suggested that the division can announce more prizes for graduate students to attract new members.
- 4.3 *Report from Teaching Standards Chair, Anna Popkova:* Popkova reported that a teaching panel at AEJ has been conducted. She talked about the syllabus bank initiative and asked for contributions from members. She also reported the initiation of the teaching award contest, and thanked leadership and volunteers. She also acknowledged and thanked the sponsors for the content: International Communication Research Journal and African Studies Journal.
- 4.4 *Update about expansion of funding for the Latino/Latin American Research Award:* Leonardo Ferreira from Florida International University announced a \$ 3,000 contribution to encourage participation by Latino/Latin American Participants; out of the \$ 3000 amount, \$ 1,000 will be allocated to encourage Latin American/Caribbean universities to take part in AEJMC.
- 4.5 Sally Ann Cruikshank, Research Liaison-Sub-Saharan Africa, reported that she visited Africa and had discussions with some African Universities. She talked about the need for developing content repositories to help develop relationships with African Universities.
- 4.6 Kothari asked members for division's recommendation about the venue for the 2020 AEJMC conference. Member responses were measured through raise of hands. San Diego (29 votes) received the highest number of votes, followed by San Francisco (12 votes); Phoenix, AZ was rejected by voice vote.

5. NEW OFFICERS ARE SELECTED FOR ICD

- 5.1 Incoming chair, Kothari presides over the selection and voting of the new officers for ICD
- 5.1.1 Vice Head: Mohammed Al-Azdee (nomination and vote), University of Bridgeport
- 5.1.2 Robert L. Stevenson Research Competition Chair: Lindita Camaj, University of Houston
- 5.1.3 James W. Markham Research Competition Chair: Jatin Srivastava, Ohio University
- 5.1.4 PF&R Committee Chair: Sally Ann Cruikshank, Auburn University
- 5.1.5 Teaching Standards Chair: Anna Popkova, Western Michigan University
- 5.1.6 Membership Chair: Kevin Grieves, Whitworth University
- 5.1.7 Secretary: Summer Harlow
- 5.1.8 Newsletter Editor: Joseph Weber, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 5.1.9 Social Media Chair: Vanessa Bravo, Elon University
- 5.1.10 Research Reviewer Recruitment Officer: Mariana De Maio, San Diego State University
- 5.1.11 Digital Chair: Ivanka Pjesivac, University of Georgia
- 5.1.12 Branding Chair: Betty Tsakarestou, Panteion University (Athens, Greece)
- 5.1.13 Research Liaison – Asia: Parul, Jain, Ohio University; Yunjuan “Lily” Luo, Texas Tech University; Rauf Arif, University of Texas, Tyler; Jae Sik Ha, University of Illinois, Springfield; Imran Hasnat, University of Oklahoma
- 5.1.14 Research Liaisons-Europe: Betty Tsakarestou, Panteion University (Athens, Greece); Jessica Retis, California State University, Northridge; Joanna Spiteri, University of Malta; Lea Hellmueller, University of Houston
- 5.1.15 Research Liaisons-Latin America & the Caribbean: Jessica Retis, California State University, Northridge; Leonardo Ferreira, Florida International University; Victor Garcia, The University of Texas at Austin
- 5.1.16 Research Liaison-MENA (Middle East & North Africa): Fatma Elzahraa M.Elsayed, Cairo University; Mohammed Abduljadail, Bowling Green State University; Shaheen Pasha, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- 5.1.17 Research Liaison-Sub-Saharan Africa: Sally Ann Cruikshank, Auburn University; Uche Onyebadi, Texas Christian University
- 5.1.18 International Communication Research Journal Editor: Yusuf Kalyango Jr., Ohio University
- 5.1.19 International Communication Research Journal Editor Selection Chair: Robyn Goodman, Alfred University
- 5.1.20 Multimedia Contest Chair: Delwar Hossain, University of South Alabama
- 5.1.21 CSW Liaison: Enakshi Roy, Ohio University

6. RESEARCH

- 6.1 Kothari recognizes the reviewers for AEJMC 2016 convention and thanks *Institute for International Journalism(Director: Yusuf Kalyango)* at *Ohio University* for sponsoring gift cards for reviewers.
- 6.2 *Report from Kalyango, editor of International Communication Research Journal, the journal of the International Communication Division: ICRJ* completed 50 years in 2016; it started as a bulletin and has now evolved in a full scale journal. Last year it received 89 article submissions, out of which 69 were sent to the reviewers. Kalyango reported that the journal faces problems in getting reviewers and encouraged members to contribute as reviewers. The Journal has 263 subscriptions which went down by 7 compared to last year. Kalyango observed that after journal started online distribution through EBSCOHOST, many libraries moved to online version which might explain the drop in subscription. Kalyango reported that he is in contact with Sage publishing about publishing the journal but Sage is not interested at this stage because the journal publishes only 3 issues per year; Sage is interested in journals with at least 4 issues per year. Kalyango said that by 2017, ICRJ will be publishing 4 issues per year, which might make it meet the publication frequency expectations from Sage.
- 6.3 *Robyn Goodman's reports on 2016 WJEC conference in New Zealand: Goodman* reported that the event was a success and encouraged members to plan for the next WJEC in 3 years in Paris.

7. AWARDS

- 7.1 Kothari initiated the award distribution process. Al-Azdee presented the awards to the winners of Robert L. Stevenson Faculty Paper Competition and Camaj presented awards for James W. Markham Student Paper Competition
- 7.1.1 **Robert L. Stevenson Faculty Paper Competition awards**
- **First place:** Visual Dissent: Examining Framing, Multimedia, and Social Media Recommendations in Protest Coverage of Ayotzinapa, Mexico. Summer Harlow, Florida State University; Ramón Salaverría, University of Navarra; Danielle Kilgo, The University of Texas at Austin; Victor Garcia-Perdomo, The University of Texas at Austin/ Univesidad de La Sabana, Colombia
 - **Second place:** At a Crossroads or Caught in the Crossfire? Crime Coverage Concerns for Democracy in Portugal, Spain, and Italy. Maggie Patterson, Duquesne University; Romaine Smith Fullerton, University of Ontario; Jorge Tunon, Carlos III University of Madrid
 - **Third Place:** The Networks of Global Journalism: Global news construction through the collaboration of global news startups with freelancers. Lea Hellmueller, Texas Tech University; Sadia Cheema, Texas Tech University; Xu Zhang, University of Tennessee Knoxville

7.1.2 **James W. Markham Student Paper Competition**

- **First place:** A Network Agenda-Setting Study: Opinion Leaders in Crisis and Non-Crisis News on Weibo. Qian Wang, The University of Texas at Austin
- **Second place:** Securitization: An approach to the Framing of the ‘Western Hostile Force’ in Chinese Medi. Kai Xu, Wayne State University
- **Third Place:** Mediated Public Diplomacy: Foreign Media Coverage of Sochi Olympics. Yanqin Lu, Indiana University

7.2 **African Journalism Studies Top Paper Award**

Award presentation by Research Chair Mohammed Al-Azdee

- Beyond Hybridity: Intralocal Frictions in Music Video Production, Distribution, and Reception in Kenya. Brian Ekdale, University of Iowa

7.3 **Asian Journal of Communication Top Paper Award**

Award presentation by Research Chair Mohammed Al-Azdee

- A Network Agenda-Setting Study: Opinion Leaders in Crisis and Non-Crisis News on Weibo. Qian Wang, The University of Texas at Austin

7.4 **Latino/Latin American Research Award**

Award presentation by Professor Leonardo Ferreira of Florida International University

- Covering Argentine Media Reform: Framing the Conversation to Keep Control, Mariana De Maio. San Diego State University

7.5 **TEACHING COMPETITION AWARDS**

Award presentation by Teaching Standards Chair Anna Popkova

- **First Place:** Lea Hellmueller, Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University, with the project titled “The Future of Global Journalism”
- **Second Place:** Yael Warshel, Assistant Professor at the Pennsylvania State University, with the project titled “Responding to a Diverse and Global World”
- **Third Place:** Jae Sik Ha, Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield, with the project titled “Globalization and Media”

7.6 **NEWS STORY COMPETITION AWARDS**

Kothari presentation of awards for the AEJMC ICD International Multimedia News Story Competition

- **First place:** Rio de Janeiro works to hide its flaws before the Olympics. Michelle Malfini, Elon University
- **First Place:** Seoul searching: A journey home. Kimberleigh Anderson, Kent State University
- **Second Place:** Chinese students still struggle with university system in Iowa. Allison Pestotnik, University of Iowa

8. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Celeste Bustamante recognized Heloiza Herscovitz for becoming Full Professor and also for being elected to AEJMC board of Directors.

8.2 Tania Rosas acknowledged the growth of the division and Manual Chavez recommended that ICRJ editor Yusuf Kalyango’s contribution to the division be acknowledged in the minutes.

- 8.3 Heloiza Herscovitz acknowledged Rosental Alves's work and recognized him for receiving the 2016 Maria Moors Cabot prize for coverage of the Americas and the 2016 AEJMC Dorothy Bowles public service award. Professor Alves is the director of the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas and a professor at The University of Texas at Austin.
- 8.4 Robyn Goodman announced the release of her book 'Global Journalism Education: Challenges and Innovations in the 21st century' that she co-authored with Elanie Steyn.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1 Division Chair Ammina Kothari thanked all in attendance, welcomed new officers, and congratulated officers involved with 2016 conference.
- 8.2 Vote to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned
- 8.3 Minutes prepared by ICD secretary, Jatin Srivastava