

Business Meeting Minutes

Communication Theory and Methodology, August 2014

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Rosanne Scholl, head. Minutes for last year's meeting were could not be located therefore there was no vote on minutes.

2. Reports

a) Programming report: Myiah Hutchens and Mike Schmierbach, co-program chairs, discussed the Taylor and Francis funded preconference with Deen Freelon on using Python. 27 people registered. Revenue split with pol comm. Overall, our sessions have been well attended. They also discussed that AEJMC has made changes in slot programming so co-sponsored sessions get programmed first. This means that going forward, research sessions are likely to be scheduled at the beginning and end of the conference. They also announced that according to our latest numbers from Council of Divisions, we currently have 214 members, which means our membership is staying constant.

b) Research report: Kjerstin Thorson, research chair, reported that our submissions were somewhat down this year. We had a total of 79 submissions which lead to an acceptance rate of 57%. We had 55 faculty submissions (34 accepted) and 24 student submissions (11 accepted).

c) PF&R report: Jorg Matthes, PF&R chair, reported that both of our PF&R sessions were well attended. The session on Big Data, co-sponsored with Pol Comm, had more than 50 attendees and was standing room only. The Session on open access was also well attended with about 30 attendees.

d) Teaching report: Stephanie Edgerly, teaching chair, reported that both of our teaching panels were well attended. The session on online teaching, co-sponsored with CTEC, was attended by about 40 people, and the session on work-life balance, co-sponsored with ComSHER, was attending by about 25 people, and resulted in great dialogue. Attendees requested that we follow up on that session next year focusing on what it means to be a public scholar, and how to balance that as a junior faculty member.

e) CMM report: Jorg, Rosanne, Mike and Myiah meet with our Taylor and Francis representatives and got two updates. First, Andrew is stepping down as editor in 1.5 years. Roseanne will lead the committee to find a replacement. The hope is to begin reviewing applications in March, with a final decision made by July. This new editor will take over in December of 2015. The other update from T&F was that they officially submitted CMM for ISI listing in May. CMM's current mock impact factor was 1.4, which is better than they predicted. If CMM was listed right now, they would be the 19th most impactful communication journal. We should hear early next year about our ISI status.

3. Elections

a) Research chair: The election for research chair is between Jorg Matthes and Stephanie Edgerly. Both candidates gave statements.

b) Two-year term: Three individuals were nominated for the two open positions for the two-year elected term. The three are: Elizabeth Stoycheff, Michael Beam; Mike Wagner. All three candidates gave a statement.

Myiah lead the elections and counted ballots with Mike.

4. Awards

Kjerstin Thorson presented the awards for the paper competition. The winners are: Erika Johnson (Chaffee McLeod Top Student Paper), Matthew Barnidge (Second Place Student), Amanda Weed and Alexandra Beaucham (Third Place Student), Charisse L'Pree Corsbie-Massay and Stephan Reed (Top Theory, 2nd Place Open), Judith Rosenbaum and Benjamin Johnson (1st Place Open), and Erica Austin and Adrienne Muldrow (3rd Place Open). Jenny Korn was recognized as the winner of the Barrow Minority Scholarship Winner by Myiah and Mike.

5. New Business

Rosanne announced that next year will be our 50th year anniversary and opened up the floor for discussion of how to celebrate. Ideas that were mentioned included themed research panels, cake, a special call for a 50 year methods journal, bringing in past division heads to reflect on the past and on the future, a discussion of how should we deal with the changing nature of the division, and scheduling a social.

Myiah announced that we don't get to vote on conference locations as DC and Chicago are both up in the rotation. She also announced that there will be a conference theme for 2015: Global bridges. She said we have been encouraged to do something with that and asked for suggestions. Add an award? Special call for a panel? It was mentioned that CT&M does a lot of things that would fit within building bridges and to think about international cross-cultural bridges. How much do theories built in the US apply in other cultural contexts. Another idea was to solicit a co-sponsor (corporate?) for an event in San Francisco.

Mike proposes to modify bylaws so that we can have some sort of electronic voting where the membership could vote between sessions of AEJMC. Myiah notes that other divisions do electronic balloting so we wouldn't be the only one. Rosanne proposes that the proposal should always be mentioned at the meeting or distributed in advance so there is time to discuss it. Mike will circulate a proposal in advance of next year's meeting.

Myiah thanked Rosanne for her service to the division and Rosanne welcomed Myiah and Mike as the new co-heads.

The election results are announced. The next research chair is Jorg Matthes. The two elected into a two-year term are Michael Beam and Elizabeth Stoycheff. Mike and Myiah said the balloting was very close and encourages everyone to please stay involved.

6. Meeting Adjourned