Argumentation & Forensics Interest Group
2017 Meeting Minutes
ECA Annual Convention, Boston
April 1, 2017

In attendance: Carl Hyden, Thomas McCloskey, Jade Olson, Ted Scheckels

I. Call to Order

II. Outstanding business
   a. Gauged interest in ensuring business meeting is scheduled later in the day during upcoming conventions (members present decided against pursuing changes to scheduling)
   b. Membership numbers, though seemingly low, are relatively high compared to previous five years
   c. Minutes from 2016 meeting were approved

III. Chair’s Report
   a. Two papers and two panels were submitted; two panels were scheduled
   b. Some discussion about whether papers that can’t be scheduled should be sent for review anyway so the authors receive feedback
   c. Members proposed exploring whether business meeting could also be a top papers panel; Jade will ask Leanne Bell McManus for guidance

IV. Elections
   a. Ted Scheckels was elected Vice Chair (will plan the 2019 convention in Providence)
   b. Sean Luechtefeld was elected Secretary (will take notes at the 2018 convention in Pittsburgh)
   c. Carl was elected Executive Council Representative (to serve 2018-2020 term)

V. 2018 Convention (Pittsburgh)
   a. Conference is April 25-29 at the Omni William Penn (there will be Sunday panels)
   b. Jade Olson will serve as planner
   c. Room rate is $179/night
   d. Ideas to drive up membership numbers
      i. Co-sponsorship with other groups
      ii. Outreach to forensics communities
      iii. Outreach to PR scholars who lack a “home” at ECA
      iv. Skyping people in who can’t travel during that time of the semester
   e. Potential ideas for 2018 submissions (we again have only two slots)
      i. Theme is “Building Bridges”
      ii. Panel to honor Tom Kane?

VI. Adjournment