Philosophy of Communication Interest Group

Business Meeting – Eastern Communication Association

Friday, April 15, 2011 6:00pm

Attendance: Jeanne Persuit, Christy McDowell Marinchak, Kristen Majocha, Chelsea Binnie, Deborah Eicher-Catt, Douglas Marshall, Elvera Berry, Celeste Seymour, Beth Michalee, Isaac E. Catt, Leeanne Bell, Joel Ward, Annette Holba, John Prellwitz, Brent Sleasman

1. Old Business
   a. Approval of minutes: Sleasman stated that the minutes from the PhilComm business meeting from 2010 will be resent to interest group members for review and an electronic vote to approve 2010 minutes.
   b. 2011 Conference submissions
      i. 8 papers rec./6 papers accepted; 3 panels rec./2 panels accepted
      ii. Membership – 68 members to date – 5 panel slots
      iii. Sleasman acknowledged paper reviewers, chairs, and respondents.
      iv. Executive Council report: With Arnett’s move into ECA Executive Director, Brent Sleasman is now the Rep to the ECA Executive Council. Locations for future ECA conventions are: 2012 Cambridge MA; 2013 Pittsburgh; 2014 Providence; 2015 Philadelphia. Editors for ECA journals receive stipends for administrative support. Discussion of three openings: First Vice President Elect Select; ECA Representative to NCA Nominating Committee; and ECA University Representative to NCA Legislative Assembly. After discussion, no name was moved forward.
   vi. Transition to new chair: Kristen Majocha
   vii. Kristen M. report on planning 2012: Convention is April 26-29, 2012 at the Royal Sonesta. Conference theme is “Transitions”-in 2012 no panels will be accepted with all members from same school. If special needs are needed, get requests in early. Send innovative submissions to include (but not limited to): competitive papers, panels sessions, workshops, symposiums, debates, open forum, community involvement, readers circle. First call – May 2011; second call August 2011; Deadline for submissions 10/14/11; 11/16 planner submits to convention planner.
   viii. Discussed multiple ways to promote participation by being creative with dissemination of call for papers.

2. New Business
a. Creation of newsletter. To start us off Brent asked Christy McDowell and Celeste Grayson to do first edition – discussion over whether a newsletter ought to be a task of the Vice chair elect who is not planning (this year it is Leeann Bell) or a separate role for an independent interest group member resulted in tabling the decision until next business meeting.

b. Interest Group has a list serve. Holba to send email to interest group and invite members to subscribe.

3. Announcements – Submit to Semiotic Society of America upcoming conference at Duquesne University (deadline is June 17, 2011; conference is October 27-30); Support NCA PhilComm Division – join membership; Potential Lizzie Borden Community presentation for 2012. Deborah Eicher-Catt (Chair of PhilComm for NCA) reminded IE members to join PhilComm NCA if not already a member.