Meeting Minutes of the Interpersonal Communication Interest Group
Eastern Communication Association
105th Annual Convention 2014: Communities of Dissent
Providence, Rhode Island, Omni Providence Hotel
Thursday April 24, 2014, 2:30-3:45

In attendance: Lance Bennett, Shannon Carton, Megan Dowd, Hailey Gillen, Meredith Harrigan, Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey, Pamela Lannutti, Kelly Odenweller, Katherine Thweatt, Mary Toale

1. Meeting called to order
   a. Time: 2:31
   b. Megan Dowd, chair, called meeting to order

2. Approval of documents
   a. Agenda from 2013 approved
   b. No minutes from 2013; former secretary left discipline

3. Acknowledgement of service
   a. Paper readers:
      Kerry Byrnes, Megan Dillow, Kimberly Field-Springer, Brandi Frisby, Hailey Gillen, Sean M. Horan, Pamela J. Lannutti, Phillip Reed, Linda Sampson, Nicole Smith, Katie M. Striley, Candice Thomas-Maddox, Jessalyn Vallade
   b. Panel chairs:
      Jack Banks, Megan Dowd, Hailey Gillen, Carmen Hernández-Ojeda, Mary Nagy
   c. Respondents:
      Lori Bindig, Kristen Campbell-Eichhorn, Katherine Thweatt, Linda Sampson
   d. Reminder: Authors must submit papers directly to respondents; not all respondents received papers this year

   a. Theme for ECA 2015 Philadelphia is Deliberation
   b. Kanan Sawyer is VP elect
   c. Other reminders: (i) do not necessarily focus on including “deliberation” into submission titles, (ii) we will co-host a session with NPR affiliate in Philadelphia, (iii) goal to focus on ECA book authors in 2015, (iv) please complete a forthcoming questionnaire about 2015 short courses

5. Competitive Top Papers
   b. “It’s not always what you say: Perceptions of social support conversations” by Virginia McDermott
   c. “Intergroup socialization: The influence of parents’ family communication patterns on adult children’s racial prejudice and tolerance” by Kelly Odenweller & Tina Harris
6. **Review of old business**
   a. 14 submissions, 9 acceptances (down from previous year)
   b. 2 panels submitted and accepted
   c. 5 programs, slotted for 7 but was unable to fill 2

7. **Turn meeting over to Pamela Lannutti for new business**
   a. Thanked Megan Dowd for her service
   b. Elections
      i. Chair for 2016 (Baltimore)
         1. Mary Toale self-nominates
         2. Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey moves, Megan Dowd seconds
      ii. Secretary for 2015 (Philadelphia)
         1. Lance Bennett self-nominates
         2. Kelly Odenweller self-nominates
      iii. Nominations closed, ballet vote for secretary

8. **Report from Executive Council representative Meredith Harrigan**
   a. 2014: 658 people in attendance, brief reporting of events
   b. 2015 planning: Philadelphia at Sheraton Society Hill Hotel
      i. Potential program app for smart phones for the program next year, which will be voted on by finance committee and would cost $10,000 more than paper programs alone
      ii. Possible sites for 2017, 2018, 2019:
         Boston, Pittsburgh, Providence (respectively)
   c. New ECA logo: five submissions for new logo, voting will occur soon
   d. Megan Dowd will be new representative for Executive Council

9. **Additional announcements for ECA Interpersonal interest group**
   a. Kelly Odenweller named secretary for 2015
   b. Mary Toale suggests following group on Twitter and Facebook
   c. The use of an interest group email account for submissions (in lieu of email for current chair) was successful

10. **Meeting adjourned**
    a. Time 2:56
    b. Move to adjourn Katherine Thweatt, Mary Toale seconds

*Minutes prepared by Shannon T. Carton (stcarton@mix.wvu.edu), Secretary 2014*