Media Ecology (Affiliate Organization) @ ECA

<u>Business Meeting</u>: Eastern Communication Association 116th Annual Convention

Date: March 28, 2025 Location: Hyatt Regency, Franklin Room, Buffalo, New York Time: 8:30am

Agenda:

1. Welcome

2. Attendance

Peggy Cassidy, Adelphi University Susan Drucker, Hofstra University Erik Garrett, Duquesne University Ryan McCullough, West Liberty University (MEA Liaison) Lance Strate, Fordham University

3. Executive Council Report

See additional attachment.

-Executive Council is looking for at large members, graduate students, and undergraduate students to serve on the newly-formed Membership Committee.

4. Liaison Report

-See Report from January -Attendance at ECA panels -Neil Postman Roundtable: 10 -Urban Comm Paper Panel: 8 -Competitive Paper Panel 6 -Given the other panels I (Ryan) attended, attendance at MEA panels seemed fairly

strong.

5. Election/Selection of Secretary

-Did not happen. I can handle taking minutes as liaison. The group decided that it would be best to have a graduate student or someone new to MEA to serve as secretary as a way to get involved.

6. Planning for ECA 2026

-Suggested accepting "working papers" as a way to get more individual paper submissions.

-Panel ideas:

-Theme for ECA 2026 is "Emergence" might work well as a connection to

emergent systems.

-Since it is in Pittsburgh, might have an "oral history" of media ecology at Duquesne University.

-Warhol museum in Pittsburgh might work well for explorations of Warhol and McLuhan.

-Encourage submissions from Duquesne graduate students.

-Brent Malin (University of Pittsburgh) might be a good contact.

-Brainstormed potential co-sponsored panels with IGS and UCF.

7. Announcements

-Media Ecology at NCA -Gary Gumpert Memorial and McLuhan Screening -Media Ecology Convention -Media Ecology at ICA -AKML Lecture and IGS Symposium -Submit to EME

8. New Business

-Reach out to whoever you can to submit.

9. Adjournment