

International Communication Association
Political Communication Division

Business Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2006

Meeting called to order at 4:32

1) Welcome (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

2) Approval of the 2005 Minutes (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

Approval by voice acclaim

3) Membership and conference attendance (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

a) ICA overall

1. Membership: 3216

2. Conference attendance: about 1800 (second to New York City conference in 2005)

b) Political Communication division

1. Membership number: about 530 (stable since 2003)

2. Membership composition: 57% from the U.S.
25% from Europe
18% Elsewhere

4) Division budget report (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

a) The division has about \$5300 in its account.

b) Excess division funds are spent on student travel, plaques, receptions, Web site, etc.

5) Program Planner's Report (Patricia Moy)

a) Submissions: 173 paper submissions; 27 panel submissions

b) Acceptance rates: 54% paper acceptance; 41% panel acceptance

c) 127 reviewers assisted in the selection process

d) Continuing from last year, sessions in Dresden had both three and four paper presentations.

6) Newsletter Report (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

a) The newsletter (Political Communication Report) is published 3 times per year; approximately 900 people receive it.

b) The new editor is David Ryfe (dryfe@mtsu.edu).

- c) Professor Ryfe is seeking suggestions for new material for the newsletter; in particular, he asks members to send information on two topics:
 1. Course syllabi; he is hoping to improve the teaching resources section of the Report
 2. He is looking for information about studies that examine the use of technologies in education settings.

7) Joint publications committee Report (Montague Kern)

- a) The committee has members from the political communication divisions of ICA and the American Political Science Association.
- b) The purpose of the committee is to appoint new editors.
- c) Russ Neuman, committee member, added that the committee welcomes comments regarding the *Political Communication* journal. The term of the current editor, David Paletz, is nearing its end. Therefore, the committee will soon begin discussions about appointing a new editor of the journal.

8) Visit by Sonia Livingstone, ICA President-Elect

- a) She invited everyone in the association to attend the 2007 ICA conference in San Francisco (May 24-27, 2007).
- b) The conference theme is Creating Communication: Content, Control and Critique.
- c) She hopes the political communication division will contribute papers and panels that address this theme. For example, division members might examine whether and how new forms of online communication (e.g., blogs) have an impact beyond what we might expect from older forms.
- d) She hopes the program will contain more papers and panels than was the case this year.
- e) Send any suggestions for speakers and special events to her (s.livingstone@lse.ac.uk).

9) Political Communication Report (David Paletz)

- a) The journal is publishing about 500 pages per year, on average.
- b) It receives about 150 submissions per year, on average; the acceptance rate is about 10%.
- c) The publisher is providing good support.
- d) He notes his appreciation of the work of the reviewers.
- e) He believes the process of sharing reviews after decisions improves the quality of reviews.
- f) The journal added a book and film review section; send suggestions for book or films to the journal. Also, he asked book authors to ask their publishers to send books to the journal for review.
- g) He hopes to increase the number of submissions to the journal, particularly from authors from outside of the United States.
- h) The cost of the journal is \$43 for ICA and APSA members.
- i) Next year will be the final one for his term as editor.

10) Top Student Paper Awards (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

- a) Andrea Schrott (U of Zurich) & Daniela Spranger (U of Zurich); Mediatization and Political Negotiating Institutions
- b) Kristen Dawn Landreville (U of Florida); The Days After: The Re-Election of President Bush and International Newspaper Editorials
- c) Mary Angela Bock (U of Pennsylvania); Gates Wide Open: Video Feeds, Camera Pools, and Political Image Regulation
- d) Bruce William Hardy (U of Pennsylvania); Priming Strong Leader: The Attribute Agenda-Setting Function of Political Advertisements During the 2004 Campaign

11) Best Article of 2005 Award (Dan Hallin, award committee chair)

- a) Committee members: Dan Hallin, Robert Stevenson, Patrick Roessler, Juliet Roper, Michael Pickering
- b) Selection process began with committee members canvassing a wide variety of journals; each member nominated articles that were then evaluated by the entire committee.
- c) Winners:
 1. Dhavan V. Shah, Jaeho Cho, William P. Eveland, Jr., and Nojin Kwak (2005), "Information and Expression in a Digital Age: Modeling Internet Effects on Civic Participation," *Communication Research*, 32, 531-565.
 2. John Medearis (2005), "Social Movements and Deliberative Democratic Theory," *British Journal of Political Science*, 35, 53-75.

12) David Swanson Award for Service to Political Communication Scholarship (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

- a) The award was created to recognize David Swanson's service to the ICA and APSA political communication divisions
- b) Award committee: Gianpietro Mazzoleni (chair), Shanto Iyengar (co-chair), Christina Holtz-Bacha, John Tedesco, Scott Althaus, Jerry Manheim.
- c) The winner this year is Ann Crigler of the University of Southern California; the award is in recognition of her exceptional service to the political communication division of the APSA.

13) New officers (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

- a) Gianpietro passed the gavel to the new chair, Patricia Moy (will be chair for two years); in lieu of a gavel, he passed her an Italian chocolate stick.
- b) Vice-chair & Program planner: Kevin Barnhurst
- c) Secretary: David Tewskbury

14) Miscellaneous (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)

- a) Next year's conference (San Francisco): Organizational problems at the hotels could result in the conference's cancellation.
- b) This summer we will vote on the 2010 conference. The options are:
 1. Hong Kong

2. Osaka
3. Singapore
- c) The 2006 APSA meeting is in Philadelphia; Christina Holtz-Bacha was the political communication division program planner
- d) The political communication division Web site (<http://www.asc.upenn.edu/ica-polcomm/>)
 1. Has been maintained by Talia Stroud at the Annenberg School for Communication (ASC) at the University of Pennsylvania
 2. The address has been at the ASC, but it will be moving to the University of Texas
 3. There has been some suggestion that we develop a joint site with the political communication division of APSA
 4. Kevin Barnhurst suggested that we may want to buy our own Web site to maintain continuity in the address.

15) Open discussion/questions: No comments from the audience

16) Meeting adjourned (about 5:20pm)

Submitted by David Tewksbury, Division Secretary