

**International Communication Association  
Political Communication Division**

**Business Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 4:31pm

1) Welcome (Patricia Moy, Division Chair)

2) Approval of the 2007 Minutes (Patricia Moy)

Approval by voice acclaim

3) Report from the ICA Board of Directors Meeting (Patricia Moy)

- a) Patricia reported that the division was in good health with \$7500 in its coffers
- b) Membership dues raised from \$130 to \$150, lifetime membership from \$3K to \$5K as of October, 2008; conference fees raised from \$195 to \$25

4) Publication Committee

- a) The Committee voted to maintain APA publication style consistently across all ICA publications
- b) Charles Salmon was appointed editor of *Communication Yearbook* following an online discussion and consensus.

5) Bilateral ICA/IAMCR Agreement

- a) Patricia announced that a bilateral agreement had been reached with the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) for promoting collaboration between the two organizations. As part of this agreement the two associations will allocate a reciprocal session at each respective conference.

6) ERIC Approved

- a) The Ethnicity, Race, and Communication interest group (ERIC) was approved for divisional status after online discussion and consensus agreement.

7) Policy for Co-sponsorship of Regional Conferences

- a) The Internationalization Committee recommended approval of co-sponsorship of regional conferences for promoting awareness of the ICA in underrepresented regions of the world.
- b) The ICA allocated an annual budget of \$3,000 to support ICA representation at the events.

8) Miscellaneous Announcements

- a) The ICA board recommended the replacement of the Division numbering system with an alphabetical list.
- b) Patricia announced venues for future conference sites: 2009 in Chicago, 2010 in Singapore, 2011 in Boston, and 2012 in Phoenix.

(Kevin Barnhurst)

9) Conference reviewers

Professor Barnhurst thanked the volunteers who had reviewed papers and panel sessions:

- a) 173 reviewers, 422 reviews completed
- b) 331 authors, 210 papers
- c) 12 panels, for which 78 papers were accepted
- d) co-sponsored two pre-conferences

10) Travel Awards

a) With matching funds from ICA, the division granted 3 travel awards:

Uyanga Bazaa University of Kansas, USA (Fulbright Scholar from abroad)

Ewa Musialowska Ewa, Technical U - Dresden, GERMANY

Vasyl Kucherenko, Colorado State U, USA

11) Top Student Papers:

Christian Baden, U of Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS, Combining multiple considerations:  
Voters' uses of campaign cues, schematic knowledge, and heuristic reasoning in the Dutch EU constitutional referendum

Lauren Guggenheim, U of Michigan, USA, Strength of Convictions: Policy Debates in the Mass Media and Political Action

Andreas Schuck, U of Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS, Public support for referendums and the role of the campaign

Jocelyn Landau, U of Pennsylvania, USA, Online Infotainment: Exploring Incidental Exposure to Political Information on the Internet

Lauren Feldman, U of Pennsylvania, USA, The Effects of Journalist Opinionation on Learning from Television News

(Patricia Moy)

12) 2007 Political Communication Article of the Year Award

a) Awarded to Adam Simon and Jennifer Jerit, Toward a Theory Relating Political Discourse, Media, and Public Opinion, *Journal of Communication*, 57: 254-71.

13) Newsletter Report (David Ryfe)

a) Richard Stanton (University of Sydney) announced as the new editor for a period of three years.

14) *Political Communication* Report (Shanto Iyengar, Editor)

a) Professor Iyengar said the journal was still publishing articles that had been accepted by the previous editor, David Paletz.

b). Shanto expressed his concern for the low quality of the articles that had been submitted, many atheoretical, lacking in empirical content and/or encompassing subject matter. More than a third of submitted articles had been rejected unilaterally; they were accompanied by a brief commentary explaining the editor's basis for their rejection.

- c). Given the time devoted to processing article submissions Shanto had decided to terminate the book and film review sections.
- d) Shanto was pleased to announce that that the journal had gone live on Manuscript Central as of Mid-May, 2008.
- e) Summary statistics on articles submitted between September 1, 2007 and May 15, 2008:
  - i. 80 submissions, of which 10 were Revise and Resubmit (13 percent), 51 Reject (64 percent), and 19 under review (24 percent).
  - ii. Mean review time: 56 days

15) David Swanson Award to Wolfgang Donsbach, University of Dresden, GERMANY

- a) Professor Donsbach said he was surprised and honored to receive the award.

16) Conference Announcements

- a) “Media in Transition” ICA regional conference planned for Budapest in 2009
- b) Linda Williams of the BEA invited submissions on the theme of “techno-politics” to the organization’s annual conference in 2009

17) 2009 ICA Conference (Barbie Zelizer, incoming ICA Vice-President)

- a) The conference on the theme of “Keywords in Communication” is to be held at the Chicago Marriott
- b) Barbie encouraged paper and panel submissions, deadline is November 3, 2008.

18) New Officers

- a) Kevin Barnhurst, University of Illinois, Chicago, Division Chair
- b) Yariv Tsafti, University of Haifa, Vice-Chair
- c) Andrew Rojecki, University of Illinois, Chicago, Division Secretary

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

20) Meeting adjourned (5:15pm)

Submitted by Andrew Rojecki, Division Secretary