

**International Communication Association
Political Communication Division**

**Business Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 4:31pm

- 1) Welcome (Kevin Barnhurst, Division Chair)
- 2) Approval of the 2008 Minutes (Kevin Barnhurst)
Approval by voice acclaim
- 3) Report from the ICA Board of Directors Meeting (Kevin Barnhurst)
 - a) Kevin reported that the ICA was doing well despite the severity of the economic recession; the stable real estate market in Washington D.C. was a key factor in the health of the organization
 - b) James Katz had been approved as editor for *Human Communication Research*
 - c) Subject to negotiation, London had been selected as the site of the 2013 ICA meetings
- 4) Publication Committee (Russ Neuman)
 - a) nothing to report
- 5) Newsletter (Richard Stanton)
 - a) Kevin noted that Richard (University of Sydney) was the first editor of the newsletter from outside the US
 - b. the new issue was reported to be online at
<http://www.politicalcommunication.org/newsletter.html>
- 6) *Political Communication* Report (Shanto Iyengar, Editor)
 - a) Shanto announced that Regina Lawrence had been appointed book review editor
 - b) Shanto also reported a number of summary statistics for the journal: (1) an acceptance rate of about 16 percent; (2) a review turnaround of 11 weeks; (3) an approximately even percentage of submissions from researchers in Communication and Political Science; and (4) an increase in the number of submissions
- 7) Program Planner (Yariv Tsfati)
 - a) Yariv reported that his aim was to increase participation by increasing session papers in some sessions to five per session (33 total) and eliminating respondents in these session. This had resulted in a 50 percent increase over the prior year
 - b) The review process had been conducted by 161 reviewers who produced 520 reviews of papers and panel sessions
 - c) The 236 papers that had been submitted represented a high point in the division's history and an increase of 17 percent over the previous year.
 - d) 120 papers were accepted, for a 50 percent acceptance rate
 - e) 18 panel proposals submitted, of which 8 had been accepted (44 percent)
 - f) The division co-sponsored an additional 16 sessions
 - g) 42 student papers had also been accepted

h) Yariv also reported that four student travel grants (\$250 - \$300) had been awarded to the following students: Gonen Dori-Hacohen (University of Haifa), Sven Engesser (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich), Annika Rechmann (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich), and Mary Dennis (University of California, Santa Barbara) .

8) Top paper awards announced

Faculty

Young Min Baek, U of Pennsylvania, USA; Joseph N. Cappella, U of Pennsylvania, USA
When Citizens Meet Experts: Effects of Issue Experts' Mental Models on Citizens' Opinion as Textual Network

Student

1. Craig M. Pinkerton, Ohio U, USA

Calibrating Social Movement Rhetorical Theory: The Politics of Loving Kindness Amidst the Exigencies in Burma

2. Nuri Kim, Stanford U, USA

The Role of Anger and Information in Deliberation

3. Teresa Myers, Ohio State U, USA

Communication and Foreign Policy Opinions: Attention to News, Policy Framing, and Willingness to Engage

9) 2008 Political Communication Article of the Year Award

Awarded to Frank Esser, Dimensions of political news cultures: Sound bite and image bite news in France, Germany, Great Britain, and the United States, *Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*, 13(4), 401-428

10) 2010 ICA Conference – June 22-26 (Michael Haley, Executive Director; François Cooren Université de Montréal)

Michael announced that the ICA would try to accommodate the slash in travel budgets by making the Singapore conference as affordable as possible. To that end:

a. The Executive Board had agreed to incur an economic loss by reducing the conference fee to \$125, which would also include all lunches and one dinner.

b. Five hotels had been contracted to keep room rates at \$150; additional hotels were also available for rates as low as \$75

c. Round-trip airfare would be from \$1200-\$1300, depending on city of departure, representing a discount of about 30 percent

A call for papers would be issued on September 1. Michael also announced two pre-conferences to be held in mid-June 2010, one in Tokyo and one in Brisbane.

Francois announced that plenary sessions would be held on censorship, gender, and gay issues.

Kevin Barnhurst encouraged submission of pre-conference ideas.

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

12) Meeting adjourned (5:08pm)

Submitted by Andrew Rojecki, Division Secretary