

ICA Political Communication Division
2010 BUSINESS MEETING
Singapore

Business Meeting Minutes
June 24,2010

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm.

- Welcome (Yariv Tsfati, acting chair)
- Approval of the 2009 Business Meeting minutes (available at www.politicalcommunication.org/upcoming.htm)
- Report from ICA Board of Directors meeting (Yariv Tsfati)
 - Socially responsible, transparent investing – members will be able to see where ICA is investing
 - 2012 conference in Arizona – the Board decided to stay in Arizona
 - “Greening ICA” – task force recommendations accepted with two exceptions (reducing physical attendance at future conferences by boosting virtual attendance and, if this is successful, considering holding the major conference every other year)
 - Limiting conference submissions – the Board decided to create another task force to examine this complex issue
 - New ICA logo
 - Next year’s conference in Boston will run between May 22-26. Larry Gross is chair for next year, the theme is Communication @ The Center
 - ACTION ITEMS
 - Virtual overlay for 2011 conference – Division accepted Yariv’s proposal to experiment with ICA’s virtual overlay format. Program planner could use this option to create virtual panels:
 - For people who cannot make it to Boston,
 - If not enough program space is available for quality papers and sessions (for submitters who express preference for this format)
 - A virtual overlay session in parallel to the real world session would take place for the poster session presenters or high density sessions presenters
 - The division will discuss the further adoption of the virtual overlay format in Boston
 - Communication Director position – will be voted by the entire ICA membership
 - Increased diversity re papers, reviewers, adding “diversity” to panel evaluation sheet – examine collaboration with other regional groups i.e. ECREA, ACRA, a “top student paper from a society in transition” will be announced if a worthy paper is accepted.
 - INFORMATION ITEMS
 - The Division co-sponsored four conferences
 1. “Beyond East and West: Two Decades of Media Transformation After the Fall of Communism,” COST/Central European University, Budapest, HUNGARY, June 25–27, 2009 (Gianpietro Mazzoleni and Kevin Barnhurst, co-planners)
 2. “Communication on Top Forum,” Davos, SWITZERLAND,

- February 8–10, 2010 (Kevin Barnhurst, consultant)
 - 3. “Transnational Connections: Challenges and Opportunities for Political Communication,” IE University, Segovia, SPAIN, March 25–26, 2010 (Magdalena Wojcieszak, chair and planner)
 - 4. “The Best Hits in International Political Communication,” ACOP, Bilbao, SPAIN, June 17–19, 2010 (María José Canel, chair)
 - The Division is initiating a pre-conference graduate seminar for Boston – if you are interested in joining the planning committee please contact Yariv
 - Ideas, suggestions for co-sponsorship of conferences and/or pre-conference ideas for Boston 2011 are welcome
 - DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - Adding “diversity” to the panel evaluation sheet was discussed and approved (see “action items” above)
- Secretary/Treasurer report on division membership and finances (Yariv for Andy Rojecki)
 - Our membership is stable with 705 members and the division has 8509 USD before deducting awards, travel grants, plaques and the reception. We should have approximately 5000 USD in our budget after these expenses are deducted.
- Joint Publications Committee report (Patricia Moy)
- Journal report: Political Communication (Patricia Moy for Shanto Iyengar)
 - Shanto will be editor for another 3 year term, his report:
 - The quality of submissions has improved
 - 11% accepted
 - 9% accepted with minor revisions
- Newsletter report: Political Communication Report (Patricia Moy for Richard Stanton)
 - Publisher Taylor and Francis agreement – need to increase dues by 3 USD
 - Motion carried to increase dues by 3 USD
- Website report (blogger Maegan Stephens for Webmaster Talia Stroud)
 - Encouraged everyone to use the website and blog formats
- Program Planner's report (Yariv)
 - 154 reviewers from 29 countries
 - 182 papers submitted
 - 106 papers accepted (58%)
 - Scores ranged from 1.28 to 4.78 with a cut-off of 3.19
 - 9 panel proposals submitted
 - 5 accepted (55%)
 - scores ranged from 1.2 to 4.22 with a cut-off of 3.33
 - Division originated 25 sessions plus poster sessions, business meeting and reception (29 sessions directly sponsored)
 - Division co-sponsored 10 sessions and one pre-conference
- Travel grants (Yariv)
 - Increased support for student grants
 - Six awards (plus one conference registration waiver)
 1. Bruno Takahashi, State University of New York
 2. Susanna Dilliplane, U. of Pennsylvania
 3. Hoon Lee, U. of Michigan
 4. Nam-Hyun Um, U. of Texas, Austin

5. Ahmed El Gody, Cairo U.
6. Hanlong Fu, U. of Connecticut

- Top student papers (Yariv)
 - “A Holey Web: the European network of news flows – a network analysis”
Judith Moller, U. of Amsterdam
 - “All the news you want to hear: the impact of partisan news consumption on political participation”, Susanna Dilliplane, U. of Pennsylvania
 - “Contextualizing frames in political discourse: using semantic network analysis to investigate political parties’ framing strategies”, Christian Baden, U. of Amsterdam
- Top faculty paper (Yariv)
 - “Terrorism, communication and the war of ideas: Al.Qaida’s strategic narrative as a brand”, Cristina Archetti, U. of Salford
- 2009 Political Communication Article of the Year Award (Maria Jose Canal for Liesbet van Zoonen)
 - “‘Where is Jack Bauer when you need him?’ The uses of television drama in mediated political discourse”, Keren Teneboim-Weinblatt, U. of Pennsylvania
- 2010 David Swanson Award for Service to Political Communication Research (Yariv Tsfati for chair Victor Sampedro)
 - This year’s winner is Doris Graber
- Open discussion/questions
 - An announcement was made on behalf of Boguslawka Dobek-Ostrowska welcoming all to the Second Congress of the Polish Communication Association in Lublin, September 15-17. The title of the conference is “Autonomy of Communication Science in Poland”.
- Off-site reception: directions and details – thanks to Marco Skoric for his efforts
- Passing the gavel (Yariv officially becomes chair); introduction of new officers
 - Vice-chair and program planner Claes H. de Vreese, U. of Amsterdam
 - Secretary Susan Holmberg, Mid Sweden U.
- Meeting adjourned at 5.22 pm.

Submitted by Susan Holmberg, Division Secretary