

ICA Political Communication Division 2012 Business Meeting Minutes (Phoenix, AZ)

1. Welcome (Yariv Tsfat)

- Conference called to order at 4.30 p.m.
- Approval of the 2010 Business Meeting Minutes (minutes approved)

2. Report from ICA Board of Directors meeting (Yariv Tsfat)

- Conference update – mobile app; all members are encouraged to use it!
- Regional conferences
 - o Lille
 - o Santiago – 18-20 October - trends in international and Latin American comm research - deadline extended to June 1st
 - o China – mediated comm and global society
- Members are encouraged to submit proposals for future conferences
- IAMCR panel, Durban, July – this panel is open; please contact the division if you want to suggest a topic for the panel
- Taskforce on association-wide awards
 - o Recommendation to reduce number of awards – not accepted
 - o Further work by a committee

3. Report from ICA Board meeting (Yariv Tsfat)

- Conference rotation system – decision to try a bit more flexibility within the current system, with costs as the main consideration
- Conference date – stay on memorial day weekend, cost as the main consideration
- Divisions could submit requests to carryover money, will be discussed by the EC
- ICA Fellows selection (more non-US fellows? Female fellows? Members are encouraged to submit nominations)
- New Communication Director – JP Gutierrez
 - JP wants to connect ICA researchers with the media; make research accessible to journalists
 - JP is looking for experts in different fields of communication, if you are interested, email him!
- Taskforce on plagiarism report approved

4. Annual Report of the Division (Yariv Tsfat)

- Graduate Student Preconference in Tuscon (AZ):
 - 23 participants from 7 countries; including a skype presentation from Teheran
 - Thank you to Preconference Committee: Kevin Coe, Jill Edy, Lance Holbert, Kate Kenski, Talia Stroud, and Claes de Vreese
 - Thank you to the Department of Communication, U of Arizona, and to Chair Chris Segrin for their generous support

- Special thanks to Kate Kenski!
- The division is co-sponsoring three conferences & one summer school:
 - Political Communication in the Era of New Technologies, Warsaw, September 22 - 23, 2011 (Agnieszka Stepinska, PCA, 100 participants from 25 countries, 16 sessions + 1 plenary, 10 keynote speakers, CEJOC special issue)
 - Building Trust Through Communication in Times of Crisis (University of Navarra Navarra, Pamplona (Spain) March 22-23 2012
 - International Conference on Media and Communication (ICMC), 14-15 May 2012, University of Porto, Portugal.
 - 3rd International Summer School "Political Communication and Electoral Behavior", 16-20 July, U of Milan (Gianpietro Mazzoleni)
- The division would happily co-sponsor additional similar events
- If you have ideas for pre-conferences for the London conference, please let Claes know
- Secretary/Treasurer report on division membership and finances (Yariv Tsfati for Susan Holmberg)
 - 700 members (slight decrease)
 - Budget Taskforce:
 - Kevin Barnhurst, Claes de Vreese, Patricia Moy, Yariv Tsfati
 - On the revenues side: 70% increase from \$14,266 in 2010-2011 to \$24,350 in 2012-2013, due to the increase in royalties and a new \$3750 annual honorarium
 - Considered reducing membership fees but agreed the \$3 reduction won't have an impact on members or membership
 - Proposed budget:
 - Increase spending on reception from 1700 in 2010-2011 to 3500 in 2011-2012
 - Cash award for top student papers (500*3)
 - Increased student travel from \$700 in 2010-11 to \$4600 in 2012-13 (657% increase)
 - New top paper for a student from b/c country (\$1000)
 - Support for the grad student preconference (8000\$ in 2012-13)
 - Motion to approve budget (motion passed)
- Suggestion for a new divisional award (Yariv Tsfati and Claes de Vreese)
 - Motion proposed to introduce a biannual dissertation award in Political Communication (motion passed)

5. Joint Publications Committee report and discussion (Patricia Moy for Shanto Iyengar)

- dissatisfaction with Taylor & Francis; new set of terms (doubling of royalties, increased editorial support, free online access); Taylor & Francis has agreed to help underwrite the annual reception
- Regina Lawrence is stepping down as PC's Book Review Editor; Call for a new book review editor for Political Communication; deadline June 15th; new editor should start in September '12
- Patricia is encouraging division members to serve on the joint publication committee; individuals are sought who represent both APSA and ICA; tasks are policy related
- Talia Stroud is stepping down next year as local communications editor; call will follow 2013

- Shanto Iyengar is stepping down next year as editor of PC; call for new editor will follow in 2013

6. Journal report: Political Communication (Patricia Moy for Shanto Iyengar)

- Received 246 manuscripts (192 original + 54 revisions)
- Acceptance rate – 10.81%
- Effective acceptance rate – 17%
- Average time from submission to decision (all submissions): 36
- Number of (active) reviewers: 189
- Total number of reviews: 396
- Current backlog – about a year
- A thank you to all reviewers!

7. Newsletter and website report: (Talia Stroud and blogger Maegan Stephens)

- Members, please check division website!
- Division newsletter includes book announcements, datasets; next newsletter in June '12 with topic "political communication international"
- Announcements can be found on division blog and Facebook page
- Email Maegan if you want to post something on the blog or Facebook
- Please follow the division on Facebook and like our page!

8. Program planner's report (Claes de Vreese)

- A 'hot' conference... but not as hot as last year
 - o 213 submissions
 - o Paper acceptance rate 59%
 - o Panel acceptance rate 33%
 - o 2-3 reviewers per paper
 - o 96 reviewers, most reviewed 4-5 papers
 - o Regular panels, high density sessions (x2), Extended session, Interactive session. Also co-sponsored sessions and business meeting and reception.
 - o THANKS TO ALL REVIEWERS FOR DOING A WONDERFUL JOB, MOST OF THEM ON TIME ... ☺
- The division was able to allocate travel grants to:
Cheryll Soriano; Eike Mark Rinke; Erin Baird; Silja Yang; Carina Weinmann; Charlotte Löb; Ronit Bloom; Dana Markowitz-Elfassi; Ashley Muddiman; Seung Mo Jang; Lee Joo Yeon; Shobha Vadrevu; Weiwei Zhang
- Top 3 Student Papers:

Ericka Menschen-Trevino, Northwestern University

Exactly What You Want? Comparing Interest in Politics and Elections to Observed Web Use

Matthijs Elenbaas, ASCoR, U Amsterdam

The Impact of Information Acquisition on EU Performance Judgments

Stefan Geiss, U Mainz

Effects of Issue, Candidate, and Party Primes: Decision-making in a Dynamic News Environment

Top Faculty paper:

Christian Schemer, U Zurich

The Influence of the News Media on Stereotypical Attitudes towards Immigrants in a Political Campaign

9. 2011 Sanders-Kaid Political Communication Article of the Year Award (Keren Tenenboim Weinblatt for Scott Althaus)

Thank you to : Ben Detenber, William Edwards, Roderick Hart, Tien-Tsung Lee, Frank Marcinkowski, Ifat Maoz, Shane Semmler, Herbert Simons, Jesper Strömbäck, Jenny Stromer-Galley, Toshio Takeshita, Lars Willnat

Special thanks to Clifford Jones

Committee Members: Scott Althaus, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA (Chair); Clarissa David, University of the Philippines; Michaela Maier, University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany; David Ryfe, Middle Tennessee State University, USA; Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt, Hebrew University, ISRAEL

The 2011 Sanders-Kaid Political Communication Article of the Year is:

Feldman, Lauren (2011): The opinion factor: the effects of opinionated news on information processing attitude change. *Political Communication*, 28, 2, 163-181

10. David Swanson Award (Steeve Reese)

Committee members: Ann Crigler, U of Southern California, USA; Kathleen Hall Jamieson, U of Pennsylvania, USA; Carsten Reinemann, Ludwig Maximilians U, Germany; Steve Reese, U. of Texas, Austin, USA (Chair); Magdalena Wojcieszak, IE University, Spain

2012 David Swanson Award Winner is:

David L. Paletz, Duke University (award to be given at later conference)

11. New business and announcements from the floor (if any)

No new business

12. Passing of the gavel

Good luck to:

Claes de Vreese (U of Amsterdam), Chair

Jesper Strömbäck (Mid Sweden U), Vice Chair and Program Planner

Sophie Lecheler (U of Amsterdam), Secretary

13. Off-site reception: directions and details

14. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5.25 pm