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

1. Welcome (Yariv Tsfati)
   - 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 Tsfati)
   - 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 Tsfati)
   - 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 encourages to submit nominations)
   - New Communication Director – JP Gutierrez
     o JP wants to connect ICA researchers with the media; make research accessible to journalists
     o 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 Tsfati)
   - Graduate Student Preconference in Tuscon (AZ):
     o 23 participants from 7 countries; including a skype presentation from Teheran
     o Thank you to Preconference Committee: Kevin Coe, Jill Edy, Lance Holbert, Kate Kenski, Talia Stroud, and Claes de Vreese
     o 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


- 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
  - 213 submissions
  - Paper acceptance rate 59%
  - Panel acceptance rate 33%
  - 2-3 reviewers per paper
  - 96 reviewers, most reviewed 4-5 papers
  - Regular panels, high density sessions (x2), Extended session, Interactive session. Also co-sponsored sessions and business meeting and reception.
  - 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)


☐ 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:


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