

NCA Political Communication Division Business Meeting
November 22, 2011: 2:00 pm, Washington, DE
Meeting Minutes, prepared by Dannagal G. Young, University of Delaware
Approx 70 People in Attendance

Call to Order

- Chair Mary Banwart, University of Kansas

Approval of 2012 Minutes

- Dannagal G. Young, University of Delaware

Nominations Committee

- Nominations Committee Chair, Kim Meltzer, Georgetown
 - Committee members:
 - Stephanie Bor, University of Utah
 - Bruce Hardy, University of Pennsylvania
 - Ryan Neville-Shepherd, Indiana University – Purdue University Columbus
 - Rebekah Watson, Grace College
- Introduction of candidates
 - Vice-chair elect candidates:
 - Kristina Horn Sheeler, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis
 - Candidates for nominating committee
 - Division members were told to vote for 5.
 - Stephanie Bor, University of Utah
 - Johanna L. Dunaway, Louisiana State University
 - Lauren Feldman, Rutgers University
 - R. Kelly Garrett, The Ohio State University
 - Soo-Hye Han, Kansas State University
 - Lindsey Harvell, Southern Utah University
 - Stephen Klien, Augustana College
 - Danielle Leek, Grand Valley State University
 - Colene Lind, University of Texas at Austin
 - Gwendelyn Nisbett, University of North Texas
 - Josh Scacco, University of Texas at Austin
 - Benjamin R. Warner, University of Missouri
 - Kelly Winfrey, Kansas State University
- Ballots distributed

Officer reports

- Vice Chair and Program Planner, Sharon Jarvis, University of Texas - Austin
 - 26 total sessions allotted to the division
 - 43% acceptance rate for papers
 - 40% acceptance rate for panels
 - This year we also selected four papers to receive top paper awards
- Vice Chair Elect, Jay Childers, University of Kansas
 - NCA in Chicago at Palmer House and Chicago Hilton next year
 - Theme: “The Presence of our Past(s): NCA at 100”
 - 26 slots again for the division

Announcements from NCA’s Trevor Parry-Giles

- From National Office
 - NCA received a \$600K grant for assessment of student learning in communication disciplines

- NCA is collecting data about the discipline to help scholars of communication generate arguments in defense of what it is we do.
- Public Policy Mess – discussions about congressional proposals to cut NSF funding. It was fought back, but there is still a stringent screening process. Funds must either be justified as serving national security or financial interest of the nation. NCA national office is on top of these issues.
- Web Editor, Ashley Muddiman, University of Wyoming
 - NCAPCD.org
 - If you've published a book, let Ashley know at Ashley.muddiman@uwyo.edu
 - Reports that Glen Hanson had been paying out of pocket for website at U of Oklahoma. Muddiman proposes we keep website, but host in tandem with Political Comm pages from ICA and APSA.
- Chair, Mary Banwart
 - Old Business
 - Budget
 - Our division received a raise of \$600, bringing budget to \$1000.
 - Not enough for a reception, but may allow funding for web hosting proposed by Muddiman
 - New Business
 - Dissertation Award Window.
 - Membership would like to allow dissertations defended in the year of the conference to be eligible for the dissertation award from the division.
 - New dissertation award window would allow dissertations defended in the current year to be eligible.
 - Call would go out in January with due date of July 4th (Per Patriotic Dr. Hart's suggestion).
 - This change would mean: 2 year window for Dissertations, Books, and Paper prizes. Books/articles published in 2012 and 2013 would be eligible for 2014 prize. Dissertations would have 2 ½ year window to grandfather in for the new system for 2014 prize; therefore, dissertations published between January 1, 2012 and June 1, 2014 are eligible for the 2014 award.
 - Motion passed.
 - Web Hosting
 - Would cost \$200/year on the ICA/APSA political comm hosting server.
 - Proposal to use division funds to move our website to this host.
 - Motion passes
 - NCA Committee on Committees is seeking nominations
 - Interested parties should let NCA know.

Awards

- Bruce E. Gronbeck Political Communication Research Award. SPONSOR: Carl Crouch Center of Social and Internet Research
 - WINNER: Brigitte Nacos, Yaeli Bloch-Elkon, & Robert Shapiro, *Selling Fear: Counterterrorism, The Media, And Public Opinion*

- Roderick P. Hart Outstanding Book Award
 - Larry Powell (Chair), Dan Schill and LeAnn Brazeal
 - WINNER: Bryan Kaylor, James Madison University, *Presidential Campaign Rhetoric in an Age of Confessional Politics*
- Michael Pfau Outstanding Article Award -
 - Dianne Bystrom (Chair), Mike Milford and Andrea Quennette
 - WINNER: Kevin Coe & Anthony Schmidt (2012). America in Black and White: Locating Race in the Modern Presidency, 1933-2011, *Journal of Communication*, Vol. 62, pp. 609-627
- Lynda Lee Kaid Outstanding Dissertation Award
 - Brian Houston (Chair), Ed Hinck and Leslie Rill
 - WINNER: Justin Reedy, University of Washington, *“Political discussion and deliberative democracy in immigrant communities”*
- Top Four Paper Awards – delivered at the panel where papers were presented
 - *Sonia Ivancic & Leah Sprain*
 - *“Communicating Openness in Deliberation”*
 - *Jeffrey Gottfried, Bruce Hardy, Kenneth Winneg & Kathleen Jamieson*
 - *“Social Networking Sites and Knowledge of the 2012 Presidential Election”*
 - *Michael Butterworth*
 - *“Nate Silver’s Presidential PECOTA: Sport, the Statistical Frame, and the Rhetoric of Electoral Forecasting”*
 - *Daniel Bergan*
 - *“Why Do Knowledgeable Partisans Polarize? Cueing Knowledge, General Political Knowledge, and Policy Attitudes”*
- Outstanding Service to the Division
 - Jill Edy, NCA Political Communication Division Chair, 2012
- Top Four Student Paper Awards
 - Rebecca Yu & Yu Won Oh: *“‘Citing’ the Other Side: The Nature of Engaging Political Messages from the Opposing Camp in the Political Blogosphere”*
 - Lindsey Meeks: *“He Tweets, She Tweets: Examining Gendered Presentations of Self in 2012 Senate Elections”*
 - Thomas McCloskey: *“Cossack Consubstantiality: The Ukrainian Pursuit of a Unified Nationalist Discourse”*
 - Athena Murray: *“‘Build Your Own Conspiracy Theory!’ Conspiracy Discourse After the Osama Bin Laden Assassination”*

Election Results - Kim Meltzer - Georgetown

- **Vice Chair elect:** Kristina Horn Sheeler, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis
- **Nominations Committee: tie for one of slots, so we will have 6 member committee this year**
 - **Chair: R. Kelly Garrett (The Ohio State University)**
 - Stephanie Bor, University of Nevada - Reno
 - Soo-Hye Han, Kansas State University
 - Colene Lind, University of Texas at Austin
 - Josh Scacco, University of Texas at Austin
 - Benjamin R. Warner, University of Missouri

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