San Diego, CA
Friday, November 21, 2008

1. Call to order. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of minutes for 2007 LSI Business Meeting at NCA, Chicago
      Motion: Jeff Good, Leslie Jarmon seconded. Membership approved.
3. Chair's Report, John Lannamann
(a) Legislative Assembly items.
The primary discussion was about NCA finances. As of the last time they looked, the administration had higher reserves, but there was no current report about what has happened since that time. The main discussion was around proposals concerning the convention site hotel policy, with special emphasis on issues of diversity and labor disputes. One proposal was presented after June 1, 2008, and required 2/3 vote. This proposal was defeated 72-42. A second proposal was a resolution to ask CAN to make a statement on behalf of NCA about torture and solitary confinement, which was also defeated.
(b) Beth Haslett had an accident and was seriously injured, but in good condition. She was not in need of surgery, and physicians anticipated a full recovery. Cards to bid her well-wishes were circulated. Bob Sanders commented that some members will go to extreme lengths not to attend the business meeting.
4. Recent scholarship award. This award is presented to the author(s) of an article, chapter, or monograph in the area of language and social interaction published in a recognized scholarly journal, collection of scholarly papers, or series of scholarly monographs. The 2008 winner was Kristine Fitch's 2006 paper "Cultural Persuadables" published in Communication Theory (13 (1): 100-123). A three-page nomination letter was received about the importance of this paper and its contribution to the larger discipline. Among its notable features is its firm grounding in persuasion research, its ethnographic focus; and its emphasis on the social nature of persuasion. As such, it was deemed an original theoretical contribution to the field.
5. Vice-Chair's report, Kathleen Haspel
5.1.0 2008 Convention program
5.1.1 Submission statistics

	Submitted	Accepted	Percentage
Panels	14	9	64%
Papers	67	42	63
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Extended abstract	1		
Scholar to Scholar	2		
Total	81	51	63%

5.1.2 Thanks to Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz for her instrumental efforts in inviting the Drs. Gumperz to the convention for John Gumperz's plenary. LSI partnered with the Nonverbal and International and Intercultural Communication divisions to sponsor the Gumperz plenary as an "UnConventional" panel.
5.1.3 UNConventional conference theme. This year's convention theme is "UNConventional". Betsy Bach set aside money to invite scholars from outside Communication to speak and meet with us. Divisions had to compete for these funds, and
5.1.4 Scholar-to-Scholar (S2S) submissions. This year's S2S sessions were indexed alphabetically rather than by division in the program and online. This has lead to difficulty finding S2S participants in

any given division. This problem has been noted, but it's unclear as to what the resulting outcome will be for next year.

5.1.5 All Academic system. Many members have complained about the All Academic system. There have been widespread problems, including, difficulty navigating and using the system to submit papers and panels; receiving no messages; and receiving multiple messages. In particular, the LSI leadership was dismayed about the impersonal nature of the notifications for rejected papers/panels rejected, as the system does not currently allow for a personalized message. Our division will bring up the difficulties of working with All Academic system at the NCA Legislative Assembly meeting.

5.1.6 Reviewers. Thanks to the 30 reviewers who reviewed papers and panels for this year's conference: Robert Agne, Mariaelena Bartesaghi, Richard Buttny, Christina Beck, Amy Corey, Bryan Crow, Aaron Dimock, Jeffrey Good, Timothy Halkowski, Mimi Harvey, Beth Haslett, Brian Heisterkamp, Leslie Jarmon, Charlotte Jones, Heidi Kevoe-Feldman, Mardi Kidwell, Irene Koshik, Samuel Lawrence, Jay Leighter, Jenny Mandelbaum, Kris Markman, Jody Morrison, Felicia Roberts, Todd Sandel, Michelle Scollo, Tanya Stivers, Robert Swieringa, Carmen Taleghani-Nikazm, Leah Wingard, Alan Zemel.

5.1.7 Respondents and chairs. Thanks to the session respondents: Mariaelena Bartesaghi, Don Ellis, Brian Heisterkamp, Mardi Kidwell, Jack Lannamann, Kris Markman, Robert Sanders, Jürgen Streeck; and to session chairs: Jenny Mandelbaum, Phillip Glenn, Christopher Pudlinkski, Irene Koshik, Ignasi Clemente, Tanya Stivers, Jeff Robinson, Timothy Halkowski, Sae Oshima, Rob Agne, Amy Corey, Felicia Roberts, Andrea Golato, Charlotte Jones.

5.2.0 NCA LSI Top Paper Awards

5.2.1 Top Student Paper Award and Top Debut Paper Award. The same person won the Top Student Paper Award and the Top Debut Paper Award, Danielle Pillet-Shore (U New Hampshire) for her paper, "Making way and making sense for arrivers: Pre-present parties' previous activity formulations." The papers recognized as top overall papers were:

> 2. "What is the Status of 'Status'?: Understanding the Action of Soliciting an Update On Equipment being Repaired," Heidi Kevoe-Feldman, *Rutgers University*;
> 3."What Happened?': An Epistemics of Before and After in Police Questioning," Mardi Kidwell, *University of New Hampshire*
> 4. "'Norm Violation' as Analytic Construct: A Lesson from the Field," David Boromisza-Habashi, *University of Colorado, Boulder*

6. Vice-Chair Elect, Jeffrey Robinson

6.1.0 2009 Convention program. Next year's convention theme is "Discourses of Stability and Change". The submission deadline is February 11, 2009. New rules for notification will be enacted. Instead of hearing in May, which has been the usual practice, submitters should know the status of their acceptance in 3.5 weeks. The idea is that at that time, everything will be paneled. In order to do this, lots of reviewers will be needed because the turn-around time for review will be shortened to two weeks. Bob Sanders raised concern about whether 30 experienced reviewers could be found, and shrinking the amount of time to review has the potential to cut into the quality of reviews.

6.1.2 "Five years out" panels. In five years, NCA will celebrate its 100th anniversary. From next year forward, separate panels will be created to consider the history of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going as a discipline.

6.1.3 LCD projectors. When submitting panels and papers, be sure to request LCDs and screens by February 11, 2009. NCA is promising LCDs and screens, but speakers and other items will not be provded.

6.2.0 NCA LSI Dissertation Award. The winner of the 2008 NCA LSI Dissertation Award is Estafania Guimares (York University, UK) for her dissertation, "Talking about violence: Women reporting abuse in Brazil".

6.2.1 Dissertation Review statistics. 4 dissertations were reviewed by 5 faculty, two assistant professors, two associate professors, and one full professor. There was wide representation of topics, and the result was close.

7. Information Officer report, C. J. Koenig

7.1 LSI webpage. LSI web page http://www.nca-lsi.org/LSI_index.html

8. Elections, John Lannaman for Beth Haslett

8.1 Vice-chair elect. Trudy Milburn (CSU Chanel Islands) and Leslie Jarmon (UT Austin) were put forward as co-chairs. Bob Saunders raised the concern that voting co-chairs could violate by-laws. John Lannaman suggested a vote by acclimation.

> Motion: Vote Trudy Milburn and Leslie Jarmon as Vice-Chair Elect co-chairs by acclimation (Sanders/Hansen), which was confirmed.

8.2 Information officer. C. J. Koenig was nominated for a second term of information officer.

> Motion: Vote C. J. Koenig as information officer (Leah Wingard, Heidi Kevoe-Feldman seconded), which was confirmed.

9. Discussion items

9.1 Membership numbers. The LSI Division has less money because our numbers have declined. Last year, we had 480 members, but now we have 462. Panel space is tied to membership. Please encourage students and LSI-kindred faculty to join the division.

9.2 Dissemination of LSI research. We need to find ways to make our presence more known and recognized in the communication discipline. NCA has started a clearinghouse for information, and Language and Social Interaction is one possible mechanism with which to do this (http://www.natcom.org/index.asp?bid=10772). Another way may be combine a PR approach by assigning students to read current LSI research and connect it with letters to the editor about issues they care about. This is an ongoing struggle for scholars in the LSI field, and we should find creative ways to get our scholarship out to the world.

9.3 Technology support. Last year, Jack Lannaman carried 2 LCD projectors and a projection screen from New Hampshire to Boston for our use. Many thanks to Jack for his heroic efforts! As a result of the membership complaints, not only from our division but from others as well, NCA has dedicated extra money to make sure every room will have an LCD projector and screen for the next several conferences. Be sure to submit technology requests on time!

10. Discussion items from members

10.1 Printed programs and conference swag. Andrea Golato pointed out that many academic conferences have begun to move away from big, printed programs as a way to be more environmentally conscious and to cut costs. Also, canvas bags, "bib" style conference identification badges, and all the other things included with registration only serve to drive up costs for members. Many students cannot afford to join NCA because of the cost. Tobias Barske suggested that when registering for the conference, NCA should experiment by providing an option for members who want a printed program, so that those who do not want one can opt out.

11. Announcements from members

11.1 Kristine Fitch announced that her tenure at ROLSI was coming to an end, and Charles Antaki was assuming full editorship in early Spring. She thanked the LSI community, and encouraged members to submit their best work to ROLSI.

12. Business Meeting Adjourned