

## Language & Social Interaction Division Business Meeting

NCA 2012

Orlando, Florida

Thursday November 17, 3:30 pm

### 1. Call to order and approval of agenda

Todd Sandel opened the business meeting at 3:33 pm.

### 2. Approval of minutes for 2011 LSI Business Meeting at NCA, New Orleans

- Minutes from 2011 LSI Business Meeting were approved with minor corrections.

### 3. Report from Chair (Todd Sandel)

From the Legislative Assembly:

- Proposal from Constitution/Bylaws Revision Task Force committee to shift the core governance of NCA away from the Legislative Assembly (LA) into a Board of Governors because the LA is thought to be too large and too much of a (potential) liability. To eliminate the LA to create two different bodies, Board of Governors and Members' Council, without representation from the different divisions. It was discussed and voted down.
- A number of motions related to teaching communication at the K-12 level were discussed. They looked at all the resolutions passed over the years and discussed whether they should keep, revise, or archive them. Some of them were archived, some were revised to some extent.
- There was one change in the job descriptions, related to same-sex partner benefits. Motion was reintroduced this year and was approved. Institutions posting jobs will now be required to select a response to the question of whether or not they offer SS benefits from a drop down menu. This is similar to other organizations (i.e., American Anthropological Association) and is thought to provoke institutions to consider this issue if they have not in the past.

### 4. Report from NCA Associate Director of Academic & Professional Affairs (Trevor Parry-Giles)

- There seemed to be unanimous agreement among those present that Orlando was not a location that they would wish to return to for a future NCA conference.

### 5. Report from Immediate Past Chair (Trudy Milburn)

- Four nominations for the "Outstanding Recent Scholarship Award" were reviewed by the committee (David Boromisza-Habashi, Tabitha Hart, Alan Hansen, Alena Vasilyeva).
- The award was presented to Michelle Scollo for her article "Cultural Approaches to Discourse Analysis" in the *Journal of Multicultural Discourses*.

### 6. Report from Vice Chair (Danielle Pillet-Shore)

- Conference submissions statistics:
  - Individual Papers Submitted: 53

- Papers Accepted: 35
- 66% acceptance rate
- 7 papers approved for transfer to Scholar-to-Scholar
- Paper Session/Panel Discussion Submissions:
  - 4 Paper Sessions and 1 Panel Discussion Accepted
- Top Paper and Top Student Paper Awards:
  - Danielle Kvam, University of New Mexico, "Conservation without money is just conversation': Metaphors of environmental conservation in rural Ecuador"
- Other Top Paper awards were presented to:
  - Felicia Roberts, Purdue University, and Jennifer Kramer, Purdue University, "An examination of morality in medical visits that address chronic pain"
  - Eizabeth Molina-Markham, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, "An ethnographic analysis of the active role of silence in Quaker meetings for business"

## **7. Report from Vice Chair-Elect (Heidi Kevoe-Feldman)**

- 2013 Convention Programming (updates)
  - LSI will have 17 slots next year
  - Marriott Wardman Park Hotel/Omni Shoreham Hotel. Within walking distance from Metro station (and Amtrak). The theme is "Connections". There will be new opportunities to submit to sessions that are connected to the theme or to D.C.. These include the following:
    - 1) "Connection to the Community" Sessions: How communication scholars can contribute to local, community issues
    - 2) "Connections with Communication" – What might scholars in visual, political communication offer to the study of political advertisement?
    - 3) "Panels for D.C. Connections" – Examine connections to our nation's capital
  - Dates of conference: 11/21 – 11/24
  - Deadline is March 27, online submissions open: January 14, 2013
  - Members were encouraged to indicate whether they were willing to review nominations for dissertations.
  - LSI Pre-Conference
    - There is a tentative plan to coordinate an EoC preconference.
- Winner of Outstanding LSI Dissertation Award:
  - Stephanie Hye Ri Kim (Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles) Beginning an action in English and Korean: Turn design and action projection.

Special thanks to the review committee: Trudy Milburn, Mardi Kidwell, & Tim Halkowski.

## **8. Report from the Information Officers (Galina Bolden & Leah Wingard)**

- LSI website:

- The website has received a significant facelift
  - Regular spotlight features per month have been the goal. Old ones are archived
  - Also, added a list of graduate programs that offer LSI related degrees. Send an email if you want another program added to it.
  - Pedagogical resources are still available on the website. Send updates to Stephen DiDomenico or Leah Wingard if would like to make any additions.
- Facebook:
    - Please add yourself to our group, post announcements, invite your friends, etc.
  - Email lists:
    - We have email lists, so email Leah if you'd like something sent out to the entire division.

### **9. Elections (Trudy Milburn)**

- An election was held for the position of Vice Chair Elect. Jay Leighter was elected.
- Galina will remain as an Information Officer for another term.

### **10. Discussions Items from Officers: Revision of LSI By Laws**

- Todd Sandel proposed revising the bylaws in order to update the official description of the voting procedures and who is to manage the website.
- Todd proposed the formation of a special committee to review the bylaws, consider updates, and present a report at next year's business meeting to be voted upon.
- Evelyn Ho commented that this should be decided by the current officers.
- A special committee of current officers and past officers was proposed. It was approved.

### **11. Discussion Items from Members**

- Evelyn Ho asked whether there was a way that scholar-to-scholar papers from LSI members could be announced to the entire LSI Chapter. Heidi Kevoe-Feldman suggested that members presenting papers in that forum email her to let her know. Danielle Pillet-Shore mentioned the importance of notifying the officers about submissions accepted for Roundtables for Research in Progress and Scholar-to-Scholar so LSI Division officers can make sure these are listed on the unified list of activities
- Todd Sandel asked that members try to think of ways to promote LSI. He mentioned one way of doing this might be to leverage the information and resources available on our website.
- An audience member suggested having a graduate student rep and also a thesis award so that students can build their credentials. Todd Sandel said we should consider the bylaws and bring this up again to vote on next year.

- Jeff Robinson asked about whether we had information about what divisions had members who overlap and whether we can work together to increase membership in each division by agreeing to cross-join.

## **12. Announcements from members**

- Christine Beck, a past LSI chair, is a candidate for the second vice president of NCA. Members were urged to vote for her and vote in general.
- Michelle Scollo is running for NCA legislative assembly member at large.
- Karen Tracy and Bob Craig are editing a special issue of the *Journal of Applied Communication Research* on Grounded Practical Theory and Action-Implicative Discourse Analysis (AIDA)
- Karen Tracy indicated that there will be a preconference at ICA related to discourse in the areas of media and politics
- There are various jobs that may be of relevance to LSI members, so check with the LSI website or facebook page. Galina Bolden announced there was a job search open at Rutgers. Another position at Cornell was also mentioned.
- Fitchburg State has the complete collection of Barnett Pearce's work. Students can also get free housing on campus if they are interested in visiting the campus to use these materials for research purposes.
- Rebecca Townsend won an award for "Champion for Change" from the White House and her ongoing LSI research.
- January 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the American Sociological Association's annual conference which will be held in New York City this year
- Felicia Roberts announced that Purdue University now has the official CNN archives available online.

## **13. The meeting was adjourned 4:52 pm**