

ICA Communication History Division Business Meeting
May 23, 2014

Approximately 25 in attendance

Location:

4:35 PM Meeting called to order by Rick Popp, CHD Vice-Chair (Philip Lodge, Chair absent)

- Betty Winfield asked about the formal ball proposal discussed in previous year. Rick said it sounds like it's off the table.

4:39 PM Move to approve London minutes

Once the London minutes were approved, Rick delivered the Chair's Report:

- A major area of discussion was surrounding plagiarism: talk at the ICA organizational level of what plagiarism is; policy adopted about how to deal with instances of plagiarism.
- A second area of focus (and the prior day's meeting) is the continued internationalization of the organization. There is a proposal to have an international liaison position in the Division. Philip Lodge has volunteered to be the international liaison for the next few years.

Rick then asked for volunteers to serve as student representative/representative for early career scholars. If interested, contact Rick.

Key point of discussion at mid-year meeting and prior day's meeting, conferences lined up until 2019:

San Juan 2015
Fukuoka 2016
San Diego 2017
Prague 2018
Washington DC 2019

2020 site still uncertain. A question the organization is grappling with is whether the conference gets bigger. Conference acceptance rate is currently about 35%. Further discussion is needed about the future.

4:44 PM Michael Haley stops in to discuss next year's ICA 2015 in San Juan.

- The conference, which will take place from May 21-25, is themed Communication Across the Lifespan.
- There are currently 2 Hiltons booked: Caribe Hilton, where all the meetings will be. It is a beach hotel with a private beach, family activities, and all-day programs for kids. The Condato Plaza Hilton is on the main entertainment strip. There will be shuttle buses running between sites. Rate: \$149 US/possibly a third hotel on the Condato strip.
- In terms of rooms for conference, Michael Haley said the rooms are a variety of sizes, giving Divisions an opportunity (possibly) to move around based on the size of the session.
- Jon Nussbaum, as the theme chair, will edit the theme book; Amy Jordan, President of ICA.
- Michael Haley said the subtheme of the conference is "chill." Participants will need to plan and go with the flow.

Rick reported that there was little discussion of the 2016 conference (Japan), though concern was expressed whether this area of Japan (Fukuoka) was affected by the nuclear disaster. Given its location in the South, this is not a concern.

Kristin Gustafson asked if the theme for Japan was known. Rick

said it has not been announced yet.

The next point of discussion was ICA acceptance rates: are they too low? There is an expressed desire among the executive board to bring acceptance rates up to 50%. In order to do this, however, some trade offs will be necessary. For instance, one of a few different things would have to happen such as more interactive sessions and high density panels. Rick expressed personal preference for more traditional sessions but said more discussion will be needed to determine future course.

Other ways to manage more conference participants:

- Have 2 conference hotels, like in San Juan. To do this, however, ICA would severely limit the number of cities where the conference could be held (i.e. this could cut European cities to about 2 possibilities). To accommodate greater numbers of people, geographical variety might need to be sacrificed.
- Move to convention centers. This would be much more expensive.

The organization is going to do a massive survey over the next 6 months and get feedback regarding which options are more/less preferable in order to get the pulse of the organization.

Kristin Gustafson asked if there is a place to learn more about those conversations (i.e. rationale for 50% acceptance rates; what our peer organizations doing; consideration of paper quality). This is something the Division will inquire into.

4:55 PM ICA/CHD Year in Review

Rick announced Environmental Communication has reached divisional status, as well as the named ICA fellows, and regional conferences, one in Brisbane and one in Lodz.

In terms of the Communication History Division's financial

picture:

Budget for 2014 \$1029
Student Travel Grant \$300
Website \$100
Reception \$629

Nicole Maurantonio gave a pre-conference rundown: “Making Sense of Memory & History” held at Seattle’s Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) on May 22, 2014. The pre-conference included approximately 50 participants, excellent papers, and much enthusiasm surrounding the topic.

Rick then solicited pre-conference ideas for San Juan, noting that off-site pre-conferences will be more difficult in this conference location.

Some possibilities:

- In 2014, Jurai Kittler mentioned a pre-conference on the topic of space;
- Richard John suggested a pre-conference on the idea of media effects, complicating the idea of media as historical agents of change.

The deadline for pre-conference proposals is in September with a November 1 approval.

The statistics on this year’s conference;

- Papers: 82 submissions, 32 were accepted
- Panels: 6 accepted, 14 rejected
- Submission rate slightly down, acceptance rate slightly down.

The conference program includes 4 “created” panels, a High Density Session on Sunday morning at 9 AM, an Interactive Poster Session, a Business Meeting, and CHD Reception.

Overall ICA had 2600 submissions for Seattle conference with a 35% acceptance rate.

The question of what will happen with San Juan submissions will remain to be seen, as there were only 1600 submissions for Singapore.

Rick then awarded the top papers: Lars Lundgren (Division) and Bohyeong Kim (Student)

CHD: Leadership & Future Business

Rick mentioned changes within CHD's leadership in the coming year:

- New vice-chair, Dave Park
- Upcoming election for the secretary position to replace Nicole Maurantonio, whose two-year term will be up. Deb Lubken, CHD secretary prior to Nicole, also volunteered to answer questions.

JP Gutierrez: need to increase the visibility of the organization. As a result, if there is any news to include, contact him.

Additional questions/issues of concern:

- Gene Allen asked if we can use the commhist listerv for discussion to coordinate panels. At present, the listserv is usually only for announcements.
- Deb Lubken raised the issue of reviewing for CHD, given the number of reviewers was significantly down last year.
- Kristin Gustafson asked if one can review if also submitting. The answer: yes. Nicole Maurantonio also clarified that graduate students can review as well.
- Barbara Friedman asked about document #5 regarding new journals: ICA has created a policy where affiliate journals are going to be established. There will be a new International Journal, for instance, that will be non-

traditional and will have different paper formats, will include roundtable discussions, and will be available in 5 languages.

- Deb Lubken asked whether those journals are going to be in APA style, since ICA journals tend not to follow Chicago manual style (which is more conducive and common among scholars of history).
- Richard John said if this division is serious about historical scholarship, the issue of citation style is enormously important and as such we need to prioritize.
- Dave Park said he is pursuing this issue with Wiley-Blackwell.
- Heidi Tworek suggested that we take a look at examples and consider how other journals address issues of format (*Journalism Studies* as a possible exemplar).
- Betty Winfield said we need to push more on the types of historical work being included broadly.
- Katie Dinsmore, who was at the Qualitative Political Communication pre-conference, said historical researchers are not alone. The issue confronts others, particularly those working with discourse analysis.

This issue of citation style is a continuing conversation, which will be updated.

At this point, the meeting was adjourned and the Communication History Division held its reception in the same location.