

# COMMUNICATION HISTORY DIVISION

Business Meeting, Fukuoka, Japan

June 10, 2016

(Approximately 25 members in attendance.)

## Minutes

5:00 PM: Meeting called to order by Division Chair Richard Popp

Opening remarks by Richard Popp.

No hard copies of 2015 business meeting minutes were available. Therefore minutes were projected on screen for review.

Richard Popp reported on ICA Board of Director's meeting:

- Board of Directors approved annual division dues increase from \$3 to \$5 per person.
- Larger budget for CHD is anticipated.
- Cases of plagiarism flagged in ICA journal submissions. The Board recommends adding new language to make ICA's plagiarism policy more explicit.
- ICA Fukuoka statistics reported.
- ICA conference details reported for 2017 meeting in San Diego, CA.

David Park (Vice Chair) reported on mid-year ICA board meeting in Washington, DC:

- He noted that the mid-year meeting was becoming more important, as more agenda items were being pushed through at this meeting.
- Proliferation of new interest groups raised the problem of representation at the mid-year meeting, owing to the expense of travelling to the meeting.
- Decision to archive ICA papers at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication approved by ICA Board.

Richard Popp reported CHD finances:

Total budget (June 2016) = \$768.

Allocations:

\$300 (student travel grant)

\$100 CHD website

\$368 CHD reception (at annual conference).

Richard Popp introduced the possibility of increasing CHD's annual member dues. Discussion ensued.

David Park noted that increasing the CHD's annual dues would reduce unfairness with regard to other divisions that co-sponsor conference receptions with CHD. In the past, he explained, other divisions have contributed more toward the joint receptions than CHD.

Nicole Maurantonio (Vice Chair) asked when the dues increase, if approved, would take effect.

David Park responded that the increase would take effect in August 2016.

A participant commented on the CHD's annual book and article

awards. The importance of the book award was noted, and it was suggested that the book and article awards could be presented in alternating years.

Paula Gardner (ICA President Elect) arrived to share information about the 2017 ICA annual conference in San Diego, CA.

Upon Paula Gardner's departure, discussion of an annual dues increase resumed.

A participant asked if there is a cap to annual membership fees among the divisions. It was noted that this could be problematic because some divisions might become "wealthier" than others.

David Park responded that discrepancies in annual fees among divisions was not large.

Richard Popp noted that CHD's annual budget was among the smallest of all ICA divisions.

Sharrona Pearl suggested that extra money received through increased annual dues could be used to help graduate students attend the annual conference, notably students with financial need and/or from countries with underfunded programs, such as those in the Global South.

Sharrona Pearl moved to increase CHD annual membership dues by \$1.

A vote was taken and the \$1 increase was unanimously approved. The increase was approved with the recommendation that some of the additional money raised would go toward funding graduate student travel, as discussed.

Nelson Ribeiro reported on the CHD pre-conference, "Crossing Borders: Researching Transnational Media," which was held on

June 9, 2016, in Fukuoka. Approximately 62 paper proposals were received, of which 37% were rejected. Ribeiro thanked the pre-conference paper reviewers and Jefferson Pooley for his contributions to the CHD website.

Richard Popp discussed the possibility of organizing a CHD pre-conference at the 2017 San Diego meeting and the option of holding it at an off-site location.

A participant suggested that a graduate student panel could be added to future CHD pre-conferences.

Another participant remarked on the desirability of building in more time for comments and questions/answers at future CHD pre-conference events.

Sharrona Pearl suggested “Revolution” as a pre-conference theme for the 2017 San Diego conference, noting its compatibility with the conference’s overall theme, “Intervention.”

Richard Popp reported CHD statistics for the 2016 Fukuoka conference. The acceptance rate for individual paper submissions was 42%; for panel proposals it was 50%. The highest ranked papers in the division were student papers.

The division’s top paper awards were then announced and distributed.

Richard Popp reported on CHD’s reviewers. The division had approximately 130 volunteers to review paper/panel submissions for the 2016 conference. He noted that the depth of this roster was good. Each reviewer was tasked with reviewing only 2-3 submissions.

David Park announced that the creation of a new ICA journal, *Communication History*, was approved by the ICA Board of

Directors. The journal will be launched in a few years and David Park will serve as its inaugural editor.

Richard Popp commented on the importance of maintaining CHD membership levels. A drop in membership could result in the loss of divisional status and relegation to an interest group.

Discussion ensued as to how to broaden the division's profile and interest in communication history.

Richard Popp introduced the possibility of creating a Communication History podcast. He suggested that the podcasts could be linked to the book review feature of the CHD website.

A participant inquired into the target audience of the proposed podcast.

Richard Popp responded that the main audience would be communication historians.

A participant introduced the possibility of developing a YouTube channel, which could be used to post additional information of interest, including lectures.

Another participant suggested that the podcast could include short interviews, including interviews with the winners of CHD awards.

David Park noted that the review sections of journals was being replaced by podcasts.

A participant suggested that course syllabi could also be added to the CHD website.

Another participant noted that the CHD's Twitter account could be more active.

Another participant suggested that the new journal, *Communication History*, could include a short section in each issue that highlights a relevant archival collection.

The minutes from the 2015 business meeting were reviewed and approved.

6:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.