Division Chair, Cynthia Stohl, brought the meeting to order with “BIENVENUE Réunion sur la Section de Communication Organizationalzationelle ICA.” The agenda for this year’s meeting was presented and minutes from the 2007 business meeting, previously distributed to the membership online and made available at the meeting, were approved after making one correction to the second page. A sentence on that page should read: “Ted Zorn, Juliet Roper, and Shiv Ganesh were asked to form a committee on this [travel funding].” Stohl thanked Division Vice-Chair, Dennis Mumby, for planning this year’s conference. She then introduced the other Division officers including Dennis Mumby (UNC-Chapel Hill), Division Vice-Chair; Stacey Connaughton (Purdue University), Secretary; and Janet Fulk (University of Southern California), Vice-Chair Elect.

2008 Conference

Division Vice-Chair, Dennis Mumby, provided details about the conference planning for this year’s convention. Mumby reported that the Division had 119 submissions and 64 acceptances, for a 54% acceptance rate. The 33 paper readers were thanked and praised for turning in their rankings and ratings on time! Additionally, Mumby noted there were 14 competitively-selected paper sessions, 4 panels programmed (out of 11 submitted), and 8 papers in a poster session. All panels except for one were programmed with 4 papers. Mumby reported that the Division had one more session than last year, but despite that, the number of sessions was down a little from the New York City and Dresden ICA conferences. Mumby thanked the paper readers again, presented a power point slide with their names, and indicated that they each read 10-12 papers.

Awards

With references to the Stanley Cup and Arnold Schwarzenegger, Stohl congratulated all the winners (“PRIX: Félicitations à tous les gagnants!”). Division Secretary, Stacey Connaughton, explained the review process for the Redding Dissertation Award. Nominations are solicited from the advisor and a yearly award is given to a student and advisor for the best dissertation. The award is paid for by an endowment named for Charles Redding, founder of the modern study of organizational communication. Stohl announced that Stacey Connaughton administered this year’s program and that the three judges were Dawna Ballard (University of Texas at Austin), Boris Brummans (Université de Montreal), and Sarah Dempsey (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill). Twelve dissertations were nominated. This year’s Honorable Mention was Paul Leonard for “Organizing Technology: Toward a Theory of Sociomaterial Imbrication.” His project, completed at Stanford University, was supervised by Stephen Barley. This year’s Redding Dissertation award recipient was Stacey Wieland whose dissertation is entitled: “Making Sense of Work as a Part of Everyday Life: A Qualitative Study of Swedish Identity Construction.” Her project, completed at the University of Colorado, Boulder, was advised by Timothy Kuhn.

Each year the Outstanding Member Award serves to recognize one member for their outstanding contributions to this division. In 2005 it was named for Fred Jablin, one of the finest scholars and contributors to the field of organizational communication. The awardee is chosen by the two most immediate past chairs of the division (Nosh Contractor and Steve Corman). Steve Corman presented the award and noted that five individuals were considered. He then began describing this year’s award winner by recalling that this individual has a distinguished research career of over 30 years. He has been presenting papers at ICA since 1975, has been an ICA Board Member, served on ICA nominating committee, organized special ICA panels, has been active in several ICA divisions, has had several Top Three Papers, has been the respondent for several top three panels, was on the editorial board of Management Communication Quarterly, and the multivolume Major Works in Organizational Communication, and was chair of the NCA Organizational Communication Division. He is a sustaining member of ICA, has a large publication record, has served as an Associate Editor of Human Communication Research, and was the founding book editor for Communication Theory. According to this person’s homepage “My scholarly interests are in organizational communication, communication theory, and (especially quantitative) research methods, but I would be happy to discuss mystery novels, cooking (especially desserts), general social theory, or other things that don’t come readily to mind.” This year’s winner of the Fred Jablin Outstanding Member Award was Robert McPhee of Arizona State University.

Next, Stohl presented awards to the 2008 Top Three Papers. To determine the Top Three papers, the highest ranked papers (determined by a cutoff point) were given to three additional readers. This year, those additional readers were: Gail Fairhurst, University of Cincinnati; Timothy Kuhn, University of Colorado-Boulder, and Angela Trethewey, Arizona State University. This year’s Top Three Papers were: Maria L. Doertel, Chih-Hui Lai, Amanda J. Kolling, Teresa Luetjen Keefer, & Diana Barbu (Rutgers University) for “The Communication Structure of Recovery: Post-Katrina New Orleans Interorganizational Networks;” Heather Canary and Robert D. McPhee (Arizona State University) for “The Mediation of Policy Knowledge: An Interpretive Analysis of Intersecting Activity Systems;” and, Margaret Peters (University of South Australia) for “The Organized Self: Managing Space, Work, and Life in the Ever-Present.” The Top Student Paper award was given to Amanda J. Porter (University of Colorado-Boulder) for “Collaborating Groups and Orientations to Technology in Crisis: Creating Connections or Enabling Divides?”
Reports
Stohl discussed the Organizational Communication Division Preconference, dedicated to honoring the work of James Taylor (Université de Montréal). The preconference was titled "What is an Organization? Materiality, Agency, and Discourse," François Cooren reported that 235 people from 18 countries participated in the two-day preconference. Keynote speakers included Barbara Czarniawska (U. of Göteborg, Sweden), Bruno Latour (Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris, France), Haridimos Tsoukas (ALBA, Greece & U. of Warwick, UK), Linda Putnam (UC Santa Barbara, USA), and James Taylor. Conference organizers are all members of the Language, organization and governance (LOG) research group, an official research unit of the University of Montreal and included Chantal Benoît-Barné (U. de Montréal), Boris Brummans (U. de Montréal), François Cooren (U. de Montréal), Hélène Giroux (HEC Montréal), Alain Létourneau (U. de Sherbrooke), Daniel Robichaud (U. de Montréal), and Diane Raymond (U. de Montréal).

Stohl also reported on the ICA Business Meeting. Vice-Chair Elect, Janet Fulk, attended the five-hour meeting. Stohl reported that ICA finances are doing very well as are Division finances. Stohl announced the new ICA Fellows: Sandra Ball-Rokeach, Annenberg USC; Brant Burleson, Purdue University; Jesse Delia, University of Illinois–Urbana Champaign; Jon Nussbaum, Penn State; Patti Volkenburg, University of Amsterdam; and Barbara Wilson, University of Illinois–Urbana Champaign. Stohl noted that Division Members Stanley Deetz, Jim Taylor, Scott Poole, Linda Putnam, and Peter Monge are also ICA Fellows. Stohl announced the new Editor of Communication Theory, Angharad Valdivia, University of Illinois–Urbana Champaign. She announced the ICA Candidates-Elect (François Cooren, U. de Montréal; Ang Peng Hwa, NTU, Singapore) and noted that Cooren is from our Division. Hassan Abu Bakar (Universiti Utara Malaysia) announced that he will be the representative for South and Western Asia. Stohl noted that Kerk Kee (UT Malte Hinrichsen, University of Amsterdam) is the student representative. This year, ICA had over 2600 submissions (43% acceptance rate). Stohl announced that next year’s conference would be held May 21-25, 2009, at the Marriott Chicago, that rooms would be $109 per night, and that the conference theme will be "Key Words in Communication." She forecasted the locations for future conferences including 2010 Chicago meant neighborhoods; thus, volunteers will be informal guides to various parts of Chicago. Deadline for paper submission is November 3, 2008. Haley reported that 2000 of 2700 papers came in within the last 24 hours prior to the submission deadline. He asked everyone to try to submit earlier. He stated that if the Division goes up in numbers, then he is relatively sure we will have a good chance of getting more slots.

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Ted Zorn reported on the work of the ICA Funding Committee. Members include Shiv Ganesh, Juliet Roper, and Ted Zorn. Zorn reported on five sources of travel funds: (1) Larry Gross awards (not available to a Division as large as ours); (2) Diversity Travel Fund (given to an ICA member from a UN defined B or C country or to diverse students; those eligible apply directly to ICA); (3) ICA Travel Grants (ICA Conference Planner establishes criteria and makes decisions); (4) Division Fund (Divisions are not obligated to fund, but if we do, then see #5); and (5) Annenberg Travel Fund (matches Division fund up to $300 per Division per year). A motion passed to encourage ICA to develop a permanent page on funding on the ICA website devoted to explaining the different kinds of grants. A motion also passed to establish an annual Organizational Communication Division Student Travel Award. The amount will normally be at least $300 annually.

Michael Haley joined the Business Meeting and stated that there is a strong commitment on the Board to help support students. For example, 89 people were funded through Diversity Funds (approximately $40,000). Haley said that support for graduate student travel is particularly relevant for Singapore in two years. Because of high costs, the Board also discussed underwriting the Singapore conference which may involve a reduced conference registration rate and the inclusion of some meals. Haley then reported on the May 21-25, 2009, Chicago conference. It will be held at the renovated Marriott downtown within walking distance to Navy Pier and the Water Tower District. Room rates will be $109 per night. The theme “Key Words in Communication” invites us to think about core values we hold as a discipline and how we communicate to the outside world. President Elect, Barbie Zelizer, has given up one plenary session to have 24 more slots for themed panels. To Zelizer, Chicago meant neighborhoods; thus, volunteers will be informal guides to various parts of Chicago. Deadline for paper submission is November 3, 2008. Haley reported that 2000 of 2700 papers came in within the last 24 hours prior to the submission deadline. He asked everyone to try to submit earlier. He stated that if the Division goes up in numbers, then he is relatively sure we will have a good chance of getting more slots.

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then talked us through the website and stated that if anyone had an announcement to post they should email the Division Secretary. The website can be accessed at http://www.icahdq.org/divisions/orgcomm/index.htm She announced that Scott D’Urso agreed to stay on as Webmaster.

Stohl announced the nominees for Secretary of the Division: Shiv Ganesh (University of Waikato) and Clifton Scott (UNC-Charlotte). She also noted the process for selecting nominees and thanked the Nominating Committee: Stacey Connaughton (Purdue University, chair), Marya Doerfel (Rutgers University), and Joel Iervson (Texas A&M University).

Stohl shared the slate of paper readers that the Nominating Committee devised. The paper readers included: Hassan Abu Bekar (Universiti Utara Malaysia), Joshua Barbour (Texas A&M University), Boris Brummans (University of Montreal), Jennifer Considine (University of Montana), Jim Danowski (University of Illinois at Chicago), Scott D’Urso (Marquette University), Sarah Bonevits Fildner (Marquette University), Shiv Ganesh (University of Waikato), Jennifer Gibbs (Rutgers University), Renee Heath (University of Portland), Alison Henderson (University of Waikato), Meikuan Huang (California State University, Stanislaus), Catrin Johanssen (Mid Sweden University), Lorraine Kisselburg (Purdue), Hui-Min Kuo (Rutgers University), Seungyoon Lee (Purdue University), Paul Leonardi (Northwestern University), Shawn Long (UNC-Charlotte), Kristen Lucas (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Patty Malone (Cal State Fullerton), Debashish Munshi (University of Waikato), Karen Myers (UC-Santa Barbara), Todd Norton (Washington State University), Andrea Pampaloni (LaSalle University), Jorge Peña (University of Texas at Austin), Steve Rains (University of Arizona), Robin Remke (Copenhagen Business School), Mary Simpson (University of Waikato), Chunke Su (University of Texas at Arlington), Katie Sullivan (University of Utah), Bart Van den Hoof (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam), and Connie Yuan (Cornell University). Additional nominations from the floor were Johny Garner (Pepperdine University), Heather Zoller (University of Cincinnati), Margaret Peters (University of South Australia), James Olufowote (Boston College), Mark van Vuuren (University of Twente), Heather Canary (Arizona State University Polytechnic), Cyndy King (Naval Postgraduate School), Joanne Brooks (Bentley College), and Trina Wright (University of Illinois). The full slate of readers was approved by the division.

**More Announcements**

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Wim Elvin (The Amsterdam School of Communications Research), current Editor of Corporate Communication an International Journal, announced that the journal has moved to an online submission system.

**New Business**

Ted Zorn suggested changing the wording of the description of the Fred Jablin Outstanding Member Award to reflect service/contributions to Organizational Communication (as opposed to to the Division). Instead of “Each year the Outstanding Member Award serves to recognize one member for their outstanding contributions to this division,” the description should read: “Each year the Outstanding Member Award serves to recognize one member for their outstanding service/contributions to organizational communication.” The motion passed.

Laurie Lewis noted that the Rutgers program for Masters students has an online application due July 1. They received 90 applications for last year’s program and accepted 23 students. Rutgers pays for most of the travel expenses.

John Lammers announced that the Department of Speech Communication at Illinois has changed names to the “Department of Communication.”

Tim Kuhn announced a special issue of Organization Studies edited by Tim Clark, François Cooren, and Tim Kuhn. The special issue has an October 31 deadline. He encouraged Division members to submit.

Michele Jackson announced a position opening for an Assistant/Associate Professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder specializing in gender and diversity.

Linda Putnam announced that the Alta Conference would be held July 25 – 27, 2008. She also thanked the Division for its support of the conference.

Dawna Ballard announced a position opening for an Associate/Full Professor at the University of Texas at Austin, specializing in organizational technologies broadly speaking.

Linda Putnam announced that Scott Poole will be receiving the Steve Chaffee Research Productivity Award.

François Cooren announced that Cynthia Stohl and Michael Stohl will be received the Outstanding Article Award.

The meeting concluded with Cynthia Stohl giving the gavel to Dennis Mumby, the incoming OCD Chair. Mumby thanked Stohl for four years of service to the Division, at which point she received a standing ovation. The Division reception followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Connaughton  
Division Secretary