Minutes
ICA Organizational Communication Division

Business Meeting
24 May, 2009
Chicago, IL

Introduction
Incoming division Chair Dennis Mumby called the meeting to order. Mumby noted Cynthia Stohl’s leadership of the division, and after thanking her, Mumby introduced the division officers: Janet Fulk, Vice Chair, Shiv Ganesh, incoming secretary, and Stacey Connaughton, who was unable to be present. Mumby then presented the agenda for the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the 2008 minutes. Members approved the minutes. There were no abstentions or nays.

Paper submissions
There were 101 paper submissions, down from 119 in 2008. There were also four panel submissions. Acceptance rate was the same, at 54%. Forty readers reviewed the papers, and 30 panels were created. All panels were themed. Most had four papers; two had three. Five papers were presented in poster sessions. Three out of four panel proposals were accepted. Mumby also presented the list of reviewers for the 2009 conferences, and recorded thanks.

Redding Dissertation Award
Nominations were solicited and evaluated by a committee assembled by the secretary. The committee was comprised by Thomas Feeley, U of Buffalo, James Taylor, U of Montreal and Connie Yuan, Cornell U. Thirteen PhD dissertations were submitted in 2009. An honorable mention award was given to Inho Cho, Soangan University and Ehwa Women’s University, The Nature and Determinants of Intranet Discontinuance after Mandatory Adoption. Co-chairs: Craig Scott, Rutgers University Keri Stephens, University of Texas at Austin. Co-chairs Craig Scott and Keri Stephens accepted the award. The 2009 winner was Seungyoon Lee, Purdue University. The co-evolution of multimodal, multiplex, and multilevel organizational networks in development communities Advisor: Peter Monge, University of Southern California.

Fred Jablin outstanding member award.
Each year one member is recognized for outstanding contributions and service to organizational communication studies. The award was named after Jablin in 05. This recipient is chosen by the two immediate past chairs, Steve Corman and Cynthia Stohl. Stohl announced the winner, Francois Cooren, Universite de Montreal, after a suspenseful reading.

Top Paper awards
Awards for top three papers were given out. The 2009 panel of judges included Karen Ashcraft (U of Utah) Steve Corman (Arizona State U) and Janet Fulk (U of Southern California). The panel evaluated the top seven papers and tabbed scores to identify the three top papers. These were: Craig Scott and Scott Seung Woo Choi (Rutgers U) Communication Policies in the Workplace: Tensions Surrounding Identifiability and Anonymity of Technology Users; Brenda L. Berkelaar, Lorraine G. Kisselburgh, & Patrice M. Buzzanell (Purdue U) Discourses, Imagination, and Material Realities: Children in the United States and China Talk About Work; and Mark Holt (UNC Chapel Hill) The Innovation Imperative: How the Managerial Discourse of Creativity/Innovation Shapes Worldviews, Organizing Practices, and Work-Based Identities in the Knowledge Economy. Mark Holt was also given the top student paper award and a cheque for 250 USD.

Reports
Preconference: Vice Chair Janet Fulk reported on the 2009 doctoral preconference on interdisciplinary research and teaching. There were 20 student registrants and two assistant professors. Fulk thanked the 10 faculty participants: Ling Chen, Hong Kong Baptist U, Noshir Contractor, Northwestern University, Joann Keyton, North Carolina State U, John Lammers, U of Illinois, Paul Leonardi, Northwestern U, Peter Monge, U of Southern California, M. Scott Poole, U of Illinois, Linda Putnam, U of California, Santa Barbara, Cynthia Stohl, U of California, Santa Barbara.

ICA Board Meeting
Mumby reported that ICA finances are in good shape. Reserve revenues equal one year’s budget. ICA is projecting deficit post Singapore, given effort to keep 2010 conference costs low. ICA Fellows approved 6 of 11 nominees: Bob Craig, U of Colorado-Boulder; Youichi Ito, Akita International U; Michael Roloff, Northwestern University; Dave Seibold, UCSB; Barbie Zelizer, University of Pennsylvania. The new journal editor for HCR is James Katz, Rutgers U. The slate for elections for president is: Larry Gross, and Karen Ross. ICA expected the final number of registrants for the Chicago conference to be its largest ever, between 2200-2300. The 2013 conference will be held in London, England.

Division report
Division membership for 2009 was recorded at 695, down from 708 in 2008. The OCD has 60 life members. The 2009 Budget was $2,952. Expenses totaled 1052 USD (Reception: $800, Preconference: $400, Top Student Paper: $250, Student Travel Awards: $450). The current balance is: $1,052. This money is to be used to offset student travel for Singapore in 2010. In 2009, Mumby took the three top rated student papers and provided them with support, awarding 250 dollars each to Deepa Kumar and Jodi John, in addition to the 250 USD already received by Holt. Mumby suggested that we discuss the formation of a committee to look at applications, and asked for questions. None were forthcoming.

Redding Fund.
Mumby has started some fundraising for Redding fund. The fund is currently at 15000
USD, but we have raised 4200 USD more after a lot of letters to senior scholars in the field asking for 500 dollar donations. Therefore the fund is currently at 19,200 USD. The goal is to bring the fund up to 30,000 dollars and create an annual fund to support travel for students. The Donation link is www.icahdq.org/fundraising. Even ten or twenty dollars will make a difference. Mumby recorded the division’s appreciation to the senior scholars who provided support.

Paper readers.
Mumby shared the list of potential readers who had agreed for their names to be recorded on the slate. The nomination committee for paper readers was comprised of Stacey Connaughton, Shiv Ganesh, and Karen Myers. The list compiled by the committee consisted of: Myra Watkins Allen, U of Arkansas; Boris Brummans, U of Montreal; Johny Garner, Pepperdine U; David Grant, U of Sydney; Alison Henderson, U of Waikato; Catrin Johanssen, Mid Sweden U; Deborah Jones, University of Victoria, NZ; Joel Iverson, U of Montana; Jeff Kasing, Arizona State U West; Lorraine Kisselburgh, Purdue U; Matt Koschmann, U of Colorado; Michael Kramer, U of Missouri; Seungyoon Lee, Purdue U; Paul Leonardi, Northwestern U; Steven May, UNC, Chapel Hill; Alexandra Murphy, DePaul U; James O. Olufowote, Boston College; Torsten Reimer, Purdue U; Alf Steiner Saetre, Norwegian U of Science and Technology Mary Simpson, U of Waikato; Keri Stephens, U of Texas, Austin; Jennifer Waldeck, Chapman U; Connie Yuan, Cornell U; Bart Van den Hoof, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam; Mark van Vuuren, University of Twente. The following nominations were received from the floor: Daniel Robischaud, U of Montreal; Vernon Miller, Michigan State U; Katherine Fonner, U Wisc Milwaukee Joanne Brooks, Bentley U; Marya Doerfel, Rutgers U; Mark Holt, Marquette U (if he has his PhD by the time of review); Craig Scott, Rutgers U. Mumby asked for votes in favor of the final slate. All members voted in favor.

Visit by ICA President-elect
Francois Cooren, president elect visited the meeting to announce details of the Singapore conference, as well as the theme, Matters of Communication. The twelve best papers will be edited into a book published by Hampton, released a year later. At the end of Cooren’s presentation, Cynthia Stohl presented the award for outstanding member to Cooren.

New Business:
Singapore pre-conference: Mumby is the 2010 preconference planner. In 2010 the preconference will be topical, not a doctoral preconference. Asked for suggestions on topics, such as internationalization, that might be relevant to the area. Suggestions from the floor included: Organizational Communication and Interdisciplinarity; Research collaboration on Asian issues, with Asian scholars and members of industry; Nonprofit organizations and NGOs in Asia; Offshoring and outsourcing; and Mixing local specificity of Singapore in terms of interdisciplinarity. Members also suggested that programs in Asia discuss their profiles in order to get a better sense of the multiple meanings of organizational communication in different parts of the world. Noshir Contractor suggested that we emphasize ways to enhance our presence, including talking about what organizational communication curricula look like, to provide models to spread organizational communication pedagogy, soliciting participation from Bangkok university and possibly other universities in the area. John Lammers suggested from the floor Singapore is a crossroads and has been one for centuries. This may be an opportunity at the preconference to think about how people who are working as expatriates experience Singapore. Singapore as a crossroads might itself be used as a metaphor to think about how organizational communication can be configured internationally. Contacts for Bangkok University for the preconference: rosechongporn.komolsevin@bu.ac.th, and Claudia Hale hale@ohio.edu.

Mumby asked for other new business items from the floor. There were none.

Announcements:
a) Paul Leonardi at the Academy of Mgmt OCIS division talked about their call for papers on behalf of Paul Hart. Two specific points were the OCIS junior faculty workshop on 5th or 6th of August. Second, OCIS also runs a doctoral consortium, with a number of spaces left.
b) Laurie Lewis announced applications for Rutgers Masters consortium.
c) Ted Zorn announced a doctoral scholarship for a student to work on positive aging issues in New Zealand.
d) Mumby recorded thanks to Stacy Connaughton as secretary, Scott D’Urso, Marquette Uni for work as webmaster, and to Jenn Dearing Davis as well.