I. Call to order

A. Division 4 Chairperson Susan Hellweg called the meeting to order. Approximately 70 people were in attendance.
B. The minutes of the 1990 business meeting, prepared by Kathy Miller, were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Installation of New Secretary

A. Cynthia Stohl was installed as Secretary of Division 4.

III. Presentation of Outstanding Member Award

A. Fred Jablin (Past Chair of Division 4) presented the outstanding member award to Sue DeWine. (As Fred indicated this was VERY well deserved. Thank you Sue for all you have done and all you continue to do).

IV. General Reports

A. The Board of Directors met for approximately three hours. Susan Hellweg shared the following information:

1. 824 people pre-registered for the conference
2. 250 registered at the conference
3. The 1992 meeting will be held in Miami
4. The 1993 meeting will be held in Washington DC
5. Australia and Israel are being considered for the next two international sites of ICA
6. Dublin had the third largest ICA attendance, 1184 people, 33% were from nations outside the United States
7. Two members were named as ICA Fellows
   a. James Brade, University of California, Santa Barbara
   b. Phillip Tompkins, University of Colorado, Boulder
8. A discussion about the new ICA Journal, Communication Theory, indicated that all was proceeding well.

B. State of the Division

1. 56 competitive papers were submitted
2. 45 papers were selected
3. Several thank yous and debts of appreciation were given to
   a. The paper readers for the convention: Gail Fairhurst, Betsy Bach, Connie Bullis, Noshir Contractor, David Johnson, Denma Mumby
   b. The Department of Communication at MSU, particularly Alicia Marshall and Sandi Smith for their fine work in putting together the Organizational Communication Abstracts for this year’s convention
   c. The Department of Communication at ASU, especially Kathy Miller for the fine job in organizing the Redding Dissertation Award
   d. San Diego State University for providing support with ICA mailings

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. The Research Dissemination and Instrumentation Committee comprised of H. Greenbaum, S. DeWine & C. Downs continues to be active.

B. The Membership Committee was concerned with the decreasing number of members. S. Hellweg indicated that in Aug. 1990 there were 501 (24%) ICA members in Division 4, in May, 1991 that dropped to 473 (22%).

C. Industry and Academic Relations Committee discussed the positive response of having practitioner responses to papers. Patrice Bussanell and Concetta Stewart continue along with the task force to work on next year’s submissions.

D. Redding Dissertation Award. Kathy Miller reported that there were 10 submissions from 8 universities. She thanked the committee members including Connie Bullis, Vernon Miller, and Cynthia Stohl. The winner of this year’s award was Beth Ellis from Michigan State University (chair, Kathy Miller) and the runner-up was Ruth Smith, University of Southern California (chair, Eric Eisenberg).

E. Redding Dissertation Award Endowment. Fred Jablin reported there was $9300 in the endowment fund. We will continue to seek additional contributions to this fund.
F. Newsletter. Anita James thanked many people and Ohio University for their support. She requested that Division 4 members please send her information for the next newsletter. Deadline: Sept. 15.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominating Committee Secretary announced the following candidates for Vice Chair: Eric Eisenberg, USC and Gary Kreps, Northern Illinois.

B. Nominating Committee suggestions and nominations from the floor for paper reader included: Betsy Bach, Patrice Buzanell, Pamela Shockley-Zalabak, Joy Hart Siebert, Beth Ellis, Steve Corman, Eileen Berlin Ray, Joe Schmitz.

C. New Member Orientation: Headed by Joe Schmitz and Joachim Kraf, The committee was pleased to announce there were 30 new members. The committee thanked Sage and Longman Publishing for the financial support given to this committee for the new members’ breakfast.

D. Division 4 Abstracts were handled by Sandi Smith and Alicia Marshall. They thanked all the contributors.

E. Doctoral Student Consortium. Susan Hellweg indicated the consortium was a great success. Nineteen doctoral students attended, 12 institutions were represented. The topic, Organizations of the Future, was discussed by 11 faculty presenters.

VII. New Business

A. 1992 Miami Pre-conference. Gail Fairhurst will be in charge.

B. Announcements: The Language and Social Interaction Interest Group met for the first time at this convention.

C. Suggestions and discussions

1. Because no single-authored student paper was within the top 1/2 of rated submissions no student award was given this year. A motion was made that if there was no student paper (single authored) in the top third rankings an award should not be given. The motion passed.

2. A spirited discussion about the next ICA international site was carried out. The membership of Division 4 was concerned with the Board’s decision making process related to site decisions.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 CDT in time for cocktails.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Stohl
Division 4 Secretary