Minutes of the Language and Social Interaction Business Meeting  
ICA 2002  
Seoul, Korea

Kurt Bruder, Acting Chair for Stuart Sigman, opened the meeting.

1. Report of Acting Chair on the 2002 program

Kurt Bruder reported that Stuart Sigman could not make it to the 2002 Conference, and that he contacted him by e-mail to ask that Kurt chair the meeting. Kurt reported that 90% of the submissions were accepted. Panel proposals were more readily submitted and accepted than papers. There is no top paper or top student paper award this year due to low submissions.

2. 2001 Minutes Approved

The minutes of the 2001 meeting were distributed. Karen Tracy moved to approve them. François Cooren seconded. Minutes unanimously passed.

3. ICA Board Report: Bill Eadie, Member of the Host Committee

Bill announced that the 2003 conference is to be held in San Diego from May 23-27, and encouraged all to attend. The conference is within walking distance to the restored San Diego city center, on the marina and near shopping (Horton Plaza) and attractions. ICA is sponsoring a trip to the Mexican border and Tijuana, and a half day trip to Baja, California, where Titanic was filmed. The screening of a documentary film about the border is scheduled. Bob Craig, President-elect and 2003 conference planner, is working on tours to familiar attractions such as the San Diego Zoo and Sea World.

4. Nominations for 2003-2004 Secretary

Kurt Bruder reported that, according to division Chair Stuart Sigman, nominees need to be sought for a new secretary. With so few members present, concerns were expressed about how best to proceed. Kristine Fitch suggested Walter Carl of Merrimack College, Patricia Covarrubias of University of Montana, or Kathleen Valde of Northern Illinois. Nominees will need to be contacted by Stuart to see if they will stand. Additional nominees may need to be sought from division members.
5. New Business

Kristine Fitch opened the discussion of suggestions for next year's conference by first commenting on the high quality of this year's LSI sessions. According to Kristine, the LSI panels were superior and it is a shame there was no top paper, because in her view, worthy recipients were present.

Karen Tracy raised the question of what to do for next year to build LSI involvement, and members responded with multiple suggestions.

- Todd Sandel suggested a possible pre-conference in ethnographic approaches to LSI.
- François Cooren suggested possible collaboration with the Intercultural division, given the proximity of San Diego to Mexico and the relevance of a ‘borderlands’ theme. Kristine Fitch agreed and suggested co-sponsoring panels with Intercultural.
- Karen Tracy mentioned the success of collaborating with Communication and Rhetoric at past ICAs and NCAs.
- Kurt Bruder suggested that LSI do something on CA and Ethnography a la Moerman, possibly on the phenomenon of code-switching, in keeping with the borderlands theme. Karen said that people working on CA and culture at San Diego and UCLA could be invited.
- Kristine Fitch said that panels on teaching, when done well, are well attended, and cited the pre-conferences at NCA as an example.
- Kurt Bruder raised a question about curriculum. Karen Tracy said that we need to get an LSI course into the curriculum equivalent to interpersonal and small group curriculum so that LSI can appear in job ads. She expressed a need for more overlap with these other curricula. Kristine Fitch added that intercultural be considered as well.
- Karen Tracy said that we should have a text book to focus on our area, perhaps a reader. François Cooren noted that some people hate textbooks. Kristine Fitch expressed interest in writing an intercultural textbook for LSI students, but noted that courses need to be there for textbooks and vice versa. Karen Tracy said that one needs to consider whether it will be a first textbook or a powerful one, and called for a panel to discuss what should be in an LSI course.

Bob Craig announced that next year's conference will be held from Friday to Tuesday, and said that he is looking for ideas from all division members at the business meetings. He invited ideas for plenary speakers particularly. Karen Tracy noted that California has a lot of LSI scholars and that it would be nice to see someone connected with LSI as a plenary speaker.

Bob Craig announced that there is a planning meeting scheduled for 7 a.m. Friday (the
next day) and opened a discussion of the submission process for the 2003 conference.

- Bob asked if on-line submission of papers would be okay with members.
- Kristine Fitch said that we would need details as to how it works. Bob said that it is similar to the NCA system, but different software, and it is being tailored to the ICA structure. He explained the submission process via the ICA website, and compared uploading a paper to sending an attachment to e-mail. He said that the system will generate an e-mail reply confirming submission. Reviewers can download papers and enter rating, ranking, and comments. Unit planners can monitor the process continuously. The system will facilitate scheduling of panels. Accuracy of data entry by submitters is a must.

- Kristine asked about format of submissions. Bob said that they must be in MS Word format and explained that Word to pdf conversions broke down the NCA system.

- Kristine asked if there will be a record of submissions. Bob explained that each entry is given a tracking number.

Karen Tracy suggested that we think about a pre-conference for teaching strategies and invite people from other divisions. Kristine agreed to ask intercultural people first. Kurt said he would work on pedagogy. Karen said the Political Communication division may help.

6. Meeting adjourned.

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