Call to Order

Donal Carbaugh called meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

2003 Minutes

No minutes from LSI business meeting from ICA 2003 were passed out. Should anyone want a copy of those minutes, please contact Rob Agne – agnerob@auburn.edu

Report from Carbaugh on 2004 Program

Submissions for papers were down by half from last year. There were a total of 33 submissions – 28 papers and 5 panels. Of those, 23 papers, 3 panels, and the business meeting were programmed. Donal asked for some ideas as to why submissions went down. Some suggested reasons included: that New Orleans in May was too hot for many; NCA 2003 was in New Orleans so people were less interested in coming to New Orleans again; A new division, Intergroup Communication, may have pulled some people away from submitting to the LSI division; Slots in the convention program were cut (this year, we ended up with 10 slots).

This year is the second year for the on-line submission procedure. Donal commented that there were far fewer technical difficulties with the process than last year

Donal expressed thanks to the reviewers. Every paper was read by at least 3 reviewers. The new on-line process allows for reviewers to provide comments to the authors. Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz commented that this tradition of getting comments to submitters should continue.

Awards

The top two student papers were practically a tie. The winners are: Sumi Kim from the University of Minnesota for “From Deviant Juveniles to Individualistic Consumers: Media Discourse and Youth Consumer Culture in South Korea,” and Christof Demont-Heinrich from the University of Colorado, Boulder for “Language and Nationality Identity in the Era of Globalization.” No one received a travel grant this year, though we did arrange for conference fee waivers for the top 3 student presenters, who were the above two (Sumi Kim and Christof Demont) and Jeanne McPherson from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Visit from the President Elect Select, Jon Nussbaum

Conference for ICA 2005 will be held at the Sheraton in New York City, 2 blocks from Times Square. Jon suggested flying into LaGuardia would be the best option. The theme of the conference is “Communication – Questioning the Dialogue.” Jon requested input on theme
sessions. He requested that each division supply an individual to preview theme sessions. Alan Hanson volunteered to do that.

Jon also requested that everyone think of ideas for speakers and keep an eye out in their networks for getting them. He also asked for help in getting deals for equipment and outings in NYC (e.g., deals on theatre tickets). One outing Jon is attempting to plan is a trip to the UN.

Note from Donal Carbaugh on ICA Board meeting

Regarding budget: We have approximately $1300 left over to spend. If we don’t spend it by September 30th (the end of the ICA fiscal year), we would keep half of it to roll over into next year. Assuming we would like to keep all of it, Donal raised the question about what to do with the $1300. Some suggestions included: subsidizing theatre tickets; bringing in a speaker; subsidizing a pre-conference and/or pre-conference social gathering; having a division breakfast and/or reception; buying stickers for all LSI members to put on their name badges.

Until July 15th, papers presented at ICA will be available to download from the ICA website. This is only available for those who registered for the conference, though François Cooren mentioned that ICA is concerned with copyright issues.

The ICA Newsletter: ICA would like someone to take charge of the ICA newsletter to give it some “intellectual lift.” They are not just looking for an editor, rather someone to come up with some ideas to make the newsletter more visible and use it to develop interesting ideas for ICA.

Donal reported that LSI has the highest co-membership with the Interpersonal Communication Division, followed by the Intercultural Communication Division, then Organizational Communication, Health Communication, and Mass Communication. He encouraged everyone to submit co-sponsored panels.

Brainstorming for next year

François Cooren asked for some ideas about next year pre-conference. Some suggestions included: exploring what is “dialogue” in the spirit of the main conference’s theme and confronting technical aspects of what “dialogue” means. François suggested a title, “Dialogue: Technical and Everyday Conception.”

Jeanie McPherson suggested that we have our business meeting at a time that does not overlap with other business meetings (especially meetings of those divisions with which LSI overlaps the most – Interpersonal, Intercultural, Organizational, Health, and Mass Comm) because so many LSI members are members of other divisions.

The idea that it might be a disadvantage to having business meetings at the same time as other divisions sparked some talk on how increase LSI membership. Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz suggested having a panel with chairs from other divisions to talk about their relationship to LSI. Another suggestion was to have a new-membership breakfast in which each table at the breakfast would represent a topic of discussion.
Announcements

Karen Tracy announced for Kristin Fitch that the Handbook of Language and Social Interaction will be out before NCA and will be available to purchase by then.

Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz announced that the University of Wisconsin, Parkside’s Department of Conflict Resolution is hiring.

Wendy also announced that she is editing a book series called “Social Approaches to Interaction” by Hampton Press. See her if interested in editing a book.