Call to Order

Françoise Cooren called meeting to order at 3:45 PM.

2004 Minutes

Minutes from the ICA 2004 LSI business meeting were passed out. After a few typos were corrected, the minutes were approved. Should anyone want a copy of those minutes, please contact Rob Agne – agnerob@auburn.edu

Old Business

There were several suggestions made at the 2004 ICA meeting in New Orleans about ideas for spending money to promote group unity among the LSI Division members:

- LSI Stickers – Françoise had several hundred stickers made for placing on the corner of our name badges. Make a note to pick up a sticker from him.
- Breakfast with new members. This was too expensive to do here in New York City.
- Buffet. This was also too expensive, but having a little reception after the business meeting at future conferences was suggested.
- “Birds of a feather.” This idea involves LSI members dividing into subgroups by their field of interest related to LSI. Each subgroup would discuss ideas and be led by a senior scholar of that LSI/related-field.
  - Some commented that we could do this as a panel slot. Others responded to this by saying that that taking up a panel slot is fine but only if we need slots to fill – we would not want to sacrifice a slot of accepted papers for the sake of the “birds of a feather” session.

Report on This Year’s Convention

Submission:
- 51 papers and two sessions were submitted
- Among the 51 papers submitted:
  - 27 were student papers
  - 40 were accepted (78% acceptance rate)

Awards:
Top Paper goes to Julien Mirivel (University of Colorado) for his paper: “Cosmetic Surgery in Action: Communication Challenges for Plastic Surgeons.”

Outstanding Student Research Award goes also to Julien Mirivel (University of Colorado) for his paper: “Cosmetic Surgery in Action: Communication Challenges for Plastic Surgeons.”

Reviewers for the conference were:

- Robert R. Agne
- Theresa Castor
- Alan Hansen
- Evelyn Ho
- Susan Kline
- Sam Lawrence
- Jeanne McPherson
- Christopher Pudlinski
- Robert E. Sanders
- Robert C. Swieringa

The Program:
- 9 sessions were programmed.
- Eleven papers were programmed in the Plenary Poster Session.
- A preconference was programmed, entitled “A Dialogue on Dialogue: Examining the Normative and Descriptive Traditions.” It included 12 guest speakers:
  - Rob Anders – St. Louis University
  - Donal Carbaugh – University of Massachusetts, Amherst
  - Kenneth N. Cissna, University of South Florida
  - Robert T. Craig – University of Colorado, Boulder
  - Klaus Krippendorff – University of Pennsylvania
  - Daniel Lance, Université de Nice
  - Michel Musiol, Université de Nancy 2
  - Alain Létourneau, Université de Sherbrooke
  - Robert E. Sanders, University at Albany, SUNY
  - James R. Taylor, Université de Montréal
  - Karen Tracy, University of Colorado, Boulder
  - Alain Trognon, Université de Nancy 2

Comments regarding on-line submission Process:
- Comments reflected that all kinks in on-line submission process seem to be worked out.
- It was suggested that the deadline for posting final drafts of the paper for respondents seemed a bit too early.

**Ron Rice’s (President Elect Select) Visit to the Business Meeting**

Next year’s ICA will be held in Dresden, Germany, June 19-25.

The theme for the conference will be “Networking Communication Research.” The theme should encourage people to do papers and put together panels that cross areas of communication.

**Report of ICA Board of Directors Meeting**  (From Mark Aakhus who went in place of Françoise Cooren)
Françoise Cooren was selected as the new Communication Theory journal editor.

The board is working on a change to the publication manual to include language that prohibits US-centric writing (i.e., words and phrases that imply a bias toward U.S. culture).

The transition to Blackwell is underway.

**Quarterly Journal of Speech Proposition**

The Quarterly Journal of Speech (QJS) approached Françoise about paying for the LSI distribution list so they could advertise their journal. Should we accept their offer? Comments:

- We should talk to ICA general about this since there may be policies in place that govern how this sort of matter is handled.
- If we can move ahead with it, we need to decide how much to charge for the distribution list.
- Moving ahead would also require removing those people on the list who may not wish to be included.
- This offer may be beneficial to us if QJS is reformatting how they describe themselves and reframing descriptions of material they are accepting.

**LSI Bylaws** – Do we need to refresh them?

- Bylaws say LSI is an “interest group,” but it is a “division.”
- Jeff Robinson warned that revising the bylaws may be more difficult and involved than we may think.
  - He recently updated the bylaws of the National Communication Association’s (NCA) Health Communication Division.
  - He said that NCA has very strict rules for how bylaws should be written and that it was a very arduous process.
  - He suggested looking at the bylaws from the newest Division in ICA and using that as a template if we plan on revising our bylaws.
- Bob Sanders indicated that ICA is much more relaxed about these matters, and that revising the bylaws shouldn’t be a problem if we plan to do so, especially if those changes are minor.

**New Business**

Elections

- We need to elect a new secretary.
• We need this new secretary to be elected for either an extra year (i.e., 3 years) or one year less (i.e., 1 year) so that the election will coincide with election of other officers.

• We could find a European scholar to take on secretary for one year.

• Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz nominated Theresa Castor (though Theresa is unsure whether she will be attending ICA in Dresden).

Budget

• We spent $300 (Canadian) to make the awards for top paper and top-student-paper.
• We spent $100 (Canadian) to make the LSI stickers (see “Old Business” above)
• We gave $150 (U.S.) to the top student paper, which was matched by the ICA to give a total of $300 (U.S.)

Future ICA conferences:

• Dresden, Germany – June 19-25, 2006
  o Mark Aakhus and/or Françoise Cooren will take suggestions for a preconference theme for next year. Given the theme of the whole conference, he suggested a one that involves a boundary issue in LSI.
  o He suggested a preconference that explores how material elements are (or can be) consequential for social interaction.

• San Francisco, USA – May 24-28, 2007
• Montréal, Canada – May 22-26, 2008
• Chicago, USA – May 21-25, 2009

Announcements

• Bob Sanders passed on a message from Kristine Fitch, editor of Research on Language and Social Interaction (ROLSI): Subscribe and submit papers to ROLSI.


• Mark Aakhus announced that Rutgers’ Department of Communication will be hiring 2-3 positions with foci in organizational communication, health communication, and information technology.

• Theresa Castor announced that emails from the Enron scandal have been made public and might be useful material for LSI work.
• Richard Buttny asked Françoise how he, as new editor of Communication Theory, would like to see the journal move.

  o Françoise responded by saying that:
    ▪ he will try to make sure the journal is sensitive to LSI work.
    ▪ he will check to make sure LSI is sufficiently represented on the board of reviewers.
    ▪ he would like to include special issues that involve LSI work in some way – or have special LSI oriented special issues.

  o Françoise indicated that he will accept submissions as new editor after July 1st of 2005.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.