Call to Order
François Cooren called meeting to order at 4:33pm.

2005 Minutes
Minutes from the ICA 2005 business meeting in New York were passed out and approved. If anyone wants a copy of those minutes, contact Rob Agne – agnerob@auburn.edu

Old Business
1) LSI Stickers – started last year in New York and continued this year – get a sticker from François if you do not have one already. François also reported that there are enough stickers for the next five years and will pass those on to Mark Aakhus.

2) LSI Reception – This is the first year for the LSI reception (immediately following the business meeting). LSI receives $3/member/year so we should not be afraid to spend our budget each year. We have roughly 250 members.

3) LSI website – Thanks to Rob Agne who has been updating the LSI website and has posted the bylaws online at http://www.icahdq.org/divisions/lsi François asked if people are using the website and solicited suggestions for things to include on the website:
   a. List of presentations from previous conference so people can see the scope of work being produced in LSI.
   b. Suggestion that the Secretary maintain the website and post the minutes to the website. Rob Agne has done this for the past two years as Secretary. This requires no technical skills. Updates only need to be sent to ICA headquarters.
   c. LSI past chairs list. Some kind of “history” section should be included so we don’t find ourselves years from now trying to recreate this. Once created, it will be easy to keep up-to-date.
   d. Wiki software. A suggestion to explore (with ICA) the possibility of using Wiki software so all members could make changes to the website. There was some question as to how much this would cost and how easy it would be to implement.

Report on This Year’s Convention
Submission:
   • 41 papers, 2 panels (10 fewer than last year)
   • 30 papers accepted for a 73% acceptance rate (78% acceptance last year)

ICA overall:
- 2000 participants – 2nd only to NYC
- 1200 papers/143 panels submitted
- 50% acceptance rate (vs. 73% in NYC)

Awards:
- Top Student Research Award and the Top Paper Award go to Mikaela Marlow (UCSB) for her paper “‘Who you tink You, talkin propah?’: Language choices and discursive perceptions among Locals in Hawai’i.” The Top Student Research Award includes a $300 travel award that is matched by the Annenberg School of Communication for a total of $600.
- Reviewers for this conference were:

  Robert Agne, Auburn University
  Richard Buttny, Syracuse University
  Alan Hansen, Texas A&M U - Corpus Christi
  Carol Harvey, U of Iowa
  Evelyn Ho, U of San Francisco
  Jonathan Matusitz, U of Oklahoma
  Jeanne McPherson, U of South Alabama
  Julien Mirivel, University of Arkansas
  George Ray, Cleveland State U
  Jeffrey Robinson, Rutgers U
  Robert Sanders, SUNY – Albany
  Crispin Thurlow, U of Washington

Program:
- Nine sessions were programmed
- Three posters in the plenary poster session

Online Submission Process:
- Comments that panel submissions cannot upload individual papers. Michael Haley is aware of this and is fixing it for next year

New Business
Elections:
- Secretary (2 year term). The role includes taking minutes at the 2007, 2008 conferences, updating the LSI website until May 2009 when the term ends. Elections will be in the Fall – look for electronic ballots. Candidates are:
  - Theresa Castor – University of Wisconsin-Parkside
  - Evelyn Ho – University of San Francisco
- Vice-Chair (2 year term). The role includes organizing the LSI program of 2008 in Montreal. Chairing in 2008. Organize elections of the next Vice-Chair
and Secretary in May 2008. The term ends in May 2009. Elections will be in the Fall – look for electronic ballots.
  o François apologized for not having secured candidates at this time.
  Wayne Beach (SDSU) and Richard Buttny (Syracuse) were mentioned as possible candidates but both need to be asked.

Future ICA conferences:
  • San Francisco, USA – May 24-28, 2007
    o Theme: Creating Communication: Content, Control, Critique
    o All rooms will have LCD projectors and overheads. There will be NO TVs and NO VHS.
    o Possibilities of union strikes in the US. However, none are anticipated at this time
  • Montreal, Canada – May 22-26, 2008
  • Chicago, USA – May 21-25, 2009
  • Discussion regarding 2010 site: Singapore appears to be the location. However, both Hong Kong and Osaka were also discussed. LSI members comments were varied:
    o Singapore – The best hotel rate. Political climate is fine. There’s little to do besides shopping. Clean. Strong and active ICA membership. The Singapore organizing group has been very active and has attracted a foundation to pay for 75 Southeast Asian scholars to attend (hotel, air, registration). They have made a financial guarantee to net ICA profits.
    o Hong Kong – Not too bad politically. Over $200/night for hotels. It’s hot in May. Also has a strong ICA scholars presence.
    o Osaka – Conference center is less than ideal.
    o Discussion resulted in a show of hands. “Would you attend the conference if it was in: Singapore (17); Hong Kong (12); Osaka (23)?” Someone also suggested a forced choice show of hands. “If you chose one place for the 2010 conference would you prefer: Singapore (8); Hong Kong (1); Osaka (11).”

Budget
  • We had $1584.00
  • We spent $300 on the student award, $150 on plaques, an estimated $700 on the reception, leaving $434.00

Sonja Livingstone’s (President Elect Select) Visit to the Business Meeting
  • Sonja pointed out that the conference theme flags ways in which people and institutions communicate in different ways and we can pay special attention to and be critical of these attempts to control communication. She encouraged divisions to connect across the theme including submitting to the these sessions.
  • If anyone is interested in reviewing for the theme session, please email Sonja Livingstone.
• Michael Haley has negotiated very affordable ($125/night) rates for the San Francisco conference.
• Any questions or suggestions, email Sonja directly. She will be putting out an evaluation (for Dresden) in a few weeks to aid in planning for next year.

Announcements
• Tema Milstein, Student Board Member reported that every division is encouraged to give student travel money that is matched by ICA/Annenberg up to $300. François reiterated that LSI did use the $300 for the Top Student Research Award.
• François reported that ICA is in good financial health. Last year it had an income of $1,376,850 with $1,108,937 in expenditures for a net ordinary income of $267,913. This was due in part to Blackwell taking over the publishing of ICA journals.
• The new ICA headquarters will be owned in five years. Moving will take place at the end of August and is 4800 sq. feet of space.
• James R. Taylor is the a new ICA Fellow
• Mikaela Marlow was nominated for ICA Student Board Member
• New ICA journal: Communication, Culture and Critique will begin in 2008. This arose because there were no outlets for feminist work, cultural studies, gay/lesbian/transgender studies, and critical studies in current ICA journals. ICA is currently seeking an editor.
• Journalism moved from an Interest Group to a Division.
• ICA adopted a very general ethics code – see the website.
• Communication Theory will be having a special issue on Dialogue called “Fresh Perspectives in Dialogue Theory.” Ken Cisina and Rob Anderson will be guest editors and the deadline is July 15, 2006. This emerges from the pre-conference on dialogue at last year’s ICA, but papers not tied to the pre-conference are encouraged.
• François also reported that Communication Theory is the #2 journal in ISI rankings.
• New journal by Erlbaum – Communication Methods and Measures. First issue will be February 2007. Open to quantitative and qualitative work. The editor is David Roskos-Ewoldson (UAlabama). Associate editors are Mark Aakhus, Tim Levine, Andrew Hayes, and Don Heider. Karen Tracy announced that there will be a special colloquy on the place of numbers in communication.
research. If anyone is interested in exploring the use of transcripts to address this, contact Karen Tracy directly.


- Robert Craig is editing the Handbook Series with Erlbaum and invited any ideas for other themes to add to the series.

- Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz announced a job opening for an LSI position in the Fall at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. You need to have a PhD in hand.

- ERIC – the Ethnicity and Race Interest Group is new and looking for collaboration with other divisions and interest groups.

- Donal Carbaugh’s new book is out: “Cultures in Conversations”

- The Division thanked François for serving an extra year of service.

**Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm