Minutes of the Language and Social Interaction Business Meeting  
57th Annual ICA Conference 2007 – May 25, 2007 4:30-5:15 pm  
San Francisco, CA

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

Patrice Buzzanell’s (President Elect Select) Visit to the Business Meeting
- The theme for next year is “Communicating for Social Impact” and highlights engagement with different publics, locally and globally.
- There may be 7-9 pre-conferences; currently, there is one featuring the work of James Taylor. Another pre-conference may be on methodologies; another may be on regional conferences.

Agenda
- Karen Tracy moved approval of agenda for today’s meeting. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from Dresden, 2006
- Minutes from the ICA 2006 business meeting in Dresden were distributed. Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz moved to approve minutes.
- If anyone wants a copy of those minutes, contact Theresa Castor castor@uwp.edu.

Old Business
1) LSI Stickers—There are still stickers remaining.
2) LSI Reception after meeting.
3) LSI website—Theresa Castor is working on updating the website.
4) Election updates—Richard Buttny was elected vice chair; Theresa Castor was elected secretary; Richard will be in charge of the LSI pre-conference in 2008, and will take over as chair in 2009.
5) Chain of succession for LSI Division Officers:
   a. Specifically (with current officers): Mark Aakhus was the conference planner for SF. The incoming vice-chair, Richard Buttny, did not have any division-related responsibilities for the SF conference; Richard officially assumed officer position at the conference. Mark will be chair and conference organizer for ICA in Montreal. As vice-chair, Richard could organize a pre-conference for ICA in Montreal. For ICA in Chicago (the year after), Mark will be chair; Richard will organize conference in Chicago; that will also be the year to elect a new secretary and vice chair.
   b. Generically:

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**Report about this Year’s Convention**

1) Submissions:
- 64 papers and 5 panels were submitted (23 more papers and 3 more panels than last year)
- Among the 64 papers, 26 papers were accepted ➞ 41% of acceptance rate (vs. 73% in 2006 and 78% in 2005)
- Among the 5 panels, 2 were accepted

A discussion ensued regarding paper submissions. Members offered the following suggestions:
- See if people who are submitting are members, and if not, send an email to encourage them to join the division.
- Have a top 4, rather than top 3 panel.
- Do not program the top 3 (or 4 panel) opposition of other, related divisions’ top paper panel.
- Have high density panels.
- Solicit senior scholars to be a part of panels.
- Take advantage of technology by having panels in which attendees are encouraged to download papers ahead of time for discussion during the conference.

2) Awards:
- The award for the highest ranked competitive paper authored solely by a student was given to Jessica Robles, University of San Francisco, for her paper titled, “The Diffusion of Quotative Like: Grammaticalization and Social Usefulness.”
- The top paper award recipients are:
  - Ee Lin Lee, Western Washington University, and Bradford ‘J’ Hall, Utah State University, for their paper titled, “Cultural Ideals in Chinese Malaysians’ Discourse of Dissatisfaction”
  - Jessica Robles, University of San Francisco, for her paper titled, “The Diffusion of Quotative Like: Grammaticalization and Social Usefulness.”

3) Reviewers:
- Many thanks to those who reviewed papers for the conference!
  - Galina Bolden, Rutgers University
  - Yanrong Chang, University of Texas-Pan American
  - Kathleen Haspel, Fairleigh Dickinson
  - Laura Lopez Calvo, University of Barcelona
  - Jenny Mandelbaum, Rutgers University
  - Jeffrey Robinson, Rutgers University
  - Michelle Scollo, Rutgers University
Karyn Stapleton, University of Ulster
Iolanda Tortajada, University of Lleida
John Wilson, University of Ulster
Saskia Wittenborn, Chinese University of Hong Kong

4) Program:
   a) LSI:
      - Nine sessions were programmed
      - Two papers were programmed in the Plenary Poster Session.
        • initiated by Michelle Scollo, Rutgers University but finally organized by Robert Sanders, University at Albany
   b) ICA:
      - 2,000 participants
      - 1,200 paper submissions
      - 143 panel submissions – 45% acceptance rate (50% in Dresden, 73% in NYC)
      c) Feedback was requested and provided on the online submission process:
         - One person never received acceptance letter.
         - Another was not informed about top paper award.

New Business

1) Next Year’s Convention: Montreal (May 22-26, 2008)
   - Theme: Communication For Social Impact
   - All rooms will have LCD and overhead projectors
   - Sheraton Hotel

2) Next Year’s preconference: Montreal (May 21-22, 2008)
   - Theme: What is an Organization: Materiality, Agency and Discourse
   - Preconference to pay tribute to the work and career of Jim Taylor (U. of Montreal)
     Five keynote speakers:
     - Barbara Czarniawska (U Göteborg)
     - Bruno Latour (Sciences Po, Paris)
     - Linda Putnam (UCSB)
     - Haridimos Tsoukas (ALBA, Greece & U of Warwick, UK)
     - Jim Taylor (U of Montreal)
   - Guidelines: [website link]
   - The best papers will be included in an volume to be published by Copenhagen Business School Press in the collection “Advances in Organization Studies” edited by Stewart Clegg and Ralph E. Stablein
   - The event is currently being sponsored by the Org Com Division
   - Discussion: The membership agreed to co-sponsor the James Taylor pre-conference.

3) Next conventions:
   - 2009 - Chicago, IL (May 21-25, 2009)
   - 2010 - Singapore
   - 2011 - 2012: The conference will be held in eastern North America in 2011 and in western North America in 2012. The membership was polled on their interest of attending a conference in the various cities under consideration, with the strongest
preference indicated for Atlanta, followed by D.C. and Boston for 2011 and the strongest preferences for Seattle and Denver, followed by Los Angeles for 2012.

4) LSI Budget:
- Current budget: $1,440.00
- Expenses: Outstanding Student Award: $300; Plaques: $250; LSI Reception: $890
- What is left: $0.00
- François emphasized that if we don’t spend our budget, we cannot keep it for the next year.
- Wendy Leeds-Hurwitz asked if the budget could be used to help fund an off-site dinner at the conference. Mark said he would look into this for Montreal.

5) ICA is in very good financial health.
- Total Assets: $3,674,108
- New ICA headquarters
  - To be owned in five years
  - The headquarters is now fully operational
  - 4,800 square feet (half of it is rented)

6) Discussion of Extended Abstracts vs. Full Papers
- François noted that often when abstracts are submitted, they are not accepted.
- The membership discussed various ideas to deal with this concern.
- In the end, the idea that had the broadest support was to judge abstracts against abstracts rather than evaluating abstracts against papers for acceptance.

7) Motion on pre-conference scheduling.
- Bob Sanders made a motion that once a pre-conference is scheduled, it should be a corporate decision as to whether or not it is cancelled. The motion was not actually voted on by the group since this circumstance should not occur anyway. LSI officers agreed to talk with ICA headquarters about the confusion and concern regarding canceling a pre-conference.

8) Handbook Series—Editor: Robert Craig; Submissions are welcome!

Announcements
- James R. Taylor: New ICA Fellow
- Mikaela Marlow: Nominated for ICA student board member New ICA journal: *Communication, Culture and Critique*
- New ICA Interest Group: History of Communication
- Adoption of an ethics code (see the ICA website) *Communication Theory* (Blackwell): Special issue on Dialogue: “Fresh Perspectives in Dialogue Theory” (Ken Cissna and Rob Anderson, Publication: February 2008)*Communication Methods and Measures* (Lawrence Erlbaum). LSI-related submissions are welcome!
- *Interacting and Organizing: Analyses of a Management Meeting* (Lawrence Erlbaum); Editor: François Cooren; Contributors: J.R. Taylor, D. Robichaud, A.

**Adjourn**
Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.