Minutes of the Language and Social Interaction Business Meeting  
60th Annual ICA Conference 2010 – June 23, 2010 4:00-5:15 pm  
Singapore

Call to Order
LSI Chair, Richard Buttny, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Chicago, 2010
A. Minutes from the ICA 2009 business meeting in Chicago were distributed and discussed.
B. If anyone wants a copy of those minutes, they may be accessed from the ICA-LSI Division website, or contact LSI Secretary, Todd Sandel, tlsandel@ou.edu.

Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Reports

A. ICA Report from Richard Buttny (LSI Chair)
   1. Finances: It was reported that employees tried to embezzle ICA’s funds. Fortunately they have been caught and some of the funds recovered. Overall ICA is in good shape. There is discussion of a 2-5 surcharge to support student travel.
   2. The Boston conference rate will be $132, one stop from downtown, and theme: “Communication at the Center.” It will be held over the Memorial Day weekend.
   3. Wiley-Blackwell is discussing using the internet for the conference for both those who attend and those offsite to participate. They ask divisions to discuss how this may be done. It was suggested that wireless access throughout the convention center would be very helpful. This has to be negotiated with the Convention Center which charges for wireless access. Another suggestion would be to have papers online to allow for online feedback.
   4. Evelyn Ho (LSI Vice Chair) will plan next year’s pre-conference and invites your suggestions and input.
   5. ICA is discussing problems with the upcoming conference in Phoenix, Arizona. There will be a charge if ICA pulls out. Other issues were raised.
   6. It was discussed if ICA should limit the number of submissions to different divisions.
   7. ICA wants to hire a communication director position, perhaps a post-doc for someone who is savvy with the web. If created, it would require dues to be raised $20. Dues have not been raised for several years and are relatively low. This may be presented to the members for vote.
   8. There was also discussion for “greening” ICA.

B. ICA Pre-Conference from Evelyn Ho, LSI Vice-Chair
   1. This was a follow up to the NCA Summer Conference in Istanbul, 2009. It was co-sponsored with the Intercultural Division. There were more than 20 participants, good turnout and discussion. The keynote addresses were recorded and will be posted on the wiki.
C. Program Planning report by Richard Buttny

1. Submissions:
   62 abstracts were submitted to LSI Div
   29 abstracts accepted (47% acceptance rate)
   3 panels submitted & 3 panels accepted (100% acceptance rate)

   Thanks to the following for serving as Reviewers:

   Aidaeva, Nadezha
   Beck, Christina
   Brooks, Jo Ann
   Chang, Yanrong
   Cheung, Ming
   Craig, Robert
   Denvir, Paul
   Dori-Harcohen, Gonen
   Gallois, Cindy
   Gordon, Cynthia
   Haspell, Kathleen
   Ho, Evelyn
   Hsieh, Elaine
   Jones, Charlotte
   Kauper, Inna
   Li, Han
   Morgan, Eric
   Ray, George
   Sandel, Todd
   Tracy Karen
   Yum, Young-ok

D. Feedback regarding the review process.
About 1/4 th of submissions for 2010 were full papers, despite instructions requesting
abstracts only. Reviewers found the process to go well. There was some discussion
regarding the issue of those who submit papers, and are not clear what kind of
scholarship “fits” under LSI. One graduate student voiced satisfaction with the
extended abstract as it gave her more time to complete analysis for the conference.
One made the point that we could also make a call for “paper proposals.” The
phenomenon should be clear. It was also suggested that frequent reminders be sent to
submitters to upload the final version of your paper as the deadline for re-submissions
approaches. This can be done through the ICA website.

E. Revisions to the Call for Papers.
The past version of the call was read to the membership. Some revisions were made
based upon discussion. One suggestion was to make a general statement what LSI
scholars study. Further suggestions are welcome. Finally, it was noted that the
wording in the LSI Bylaws which describes the nature of this form of inquiry might
need to be revised.

Awards and Travel Grants:
STUDENTS receiving funding from LSI & ICA:

Oren Livio (University of Pennsylvania) Free registration

Melissa Elisabeth Fritz (U of Toronto) Free registration

*Elisa Pigeron, U of California - Los Angeles Free registration

*Diane Yvonne Dechief, Faculty of Information, U of Toronto $300

*Alena L. Vasilyeva, Rutgers U TOP 6 Paper $500

The Top Abstracts:
1. Alena Vasilyeva; Rutgers U student
2. Barbara Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk; Lodz Academy of International Studies, Dept of British and American Studies & Jerzy Tomaszczyk; University of Lodz
3. Anupam Das; Indiana U student
4. Wing-Ki Ho; The Chinese University of Hong Kong
5. Mari Lehtinen; University of Helsinki
6. Karen Tracy; U of Colorado & Russell Parks; University of Colorado

The number of “Top Abstract” awards reflects 10% of all submissions. Then these final papers were reviewed and awards for the top papers were then made.

F. Announcement from Michael Haley

ICA in Boston, 2010, information:

2011, May 26-30. Westin Waterfront Hotel. It is in South Boston, 20 minute walk from downtown, first stop from Logan. Larry Gross is chair next year.
Theme: “Communication at the Center”: How does communication help people resolve issues and crises?
Deadline: 11/1

When submit paper. Check any or all of 3 boxes: Poster, Panel, or “Virtual Overlay”

If “Virtual Overlay” can go online to continue and comment. Same peer review process. Most likely will have 5 papers using “Virtual Overlay.” This may enable submitters to post audio and/or video files.

In addition, there will be the option of explaining why you want one of 3 boxes.

Those who do overlay may be physically present in Boston and participate virtually. Or, they may not be physically present.

New Business
1. Nominations for Vice-Chair Elect. Nominations are usually solicited over the summer, and a vote taken by early fall.

A suggestion was made (Kathleen Haspel) to have co-chairs as officers.

Nominations from the floor:

Yanrong Chang
Saskia Witteborn

2. Respondents for panels were not assigned this year. This was discussed. Kristine Munoz said that it was rewarding to serve as a respondent and carefully read all the papers. As an author the comments are also helpful.

It was suggested that guidelines be given to respondents to look for themes and raise questions for discussion, and give time for discussion. Written comments can be given to each author.

There was widespread support among attendees to assign respondents next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Minutes respectfully taken by Todd Sandel