Call to Order
LSI Chair Alena Vasilyeva called the meeting to order at 17:03. She said that she wanted to begin by offering the floor to the new executive director.

ICA Office Reports
ICA Executive Director Laura Sawyer then gave her report about next year’s conference. She said that there was going to be an attractive room rate with overflow hotels if needed. She also said that free Wi-Fi would be available for guests at the primary conference hotel. She apologized for the problems with lunch and noted that next year those problems should not be there because meals are on people’s own and there are many wonderful restaurants and coffee shops nearby. She also noted that there will be a new submission option for interactive or multimedia work and that those interested should contact Lisa Henderson.

Laura then turned the floor over to JP Guiterrez who explained his job. He said that anyone who had an interesting research finding should contact him, but he also noted that what we find interesting as scientists might not be of interest to the general public. He also said that a new website was coming and that he and the international office would be working with unit chairs to “scrape” the old websites and get the new websites launched.

LSI Vice-Chair Jessica Robles thanked them for the information and noted that she was excited to work on planning for the upcoming conference.

Approval of Minutes
Alena then said that we needed to approve the minutes. Jessica noted that we had photocopies of the minutes for people to share and review. She then moved to accept the minutes, and Stephen DiDomenico seconded. Alena asked if anyone objected, and one person asked to abstain. With that, Alena deemed the previous year’s minutes approved.

Report from the Board of Directors Meetings
Alena then gave a report from the ICA board of directors meeting that happened earlier in the conference. She said that finances for the organization are in great shape. She also noted that 2,394 registered for the convention as of June 9th. She then said that a lot of the meeting was spent discussing publications. Communication Yearbook is being re-launched as an online publication that will also include book reviews and annual reviews. The association is also looking to develop a Journal of Communication History and to enhance the ICA handbook series. Other topics discussed at the meeting included how ICA archives its records, how funding is distributed to units, and ICA Fellows. A member asked who the new fellows were, but Alena did not have that information. Another member asked if there was any update on interest group membership requirements. Alena said that membership requirements were discussed, and that
less than 4% of overall membership over 2 years can lead to a division being turned into an interest group or dissolved.

She then asked if there were any other questions. A member asked how we were doing in terms of members and the percentage required. Alena said we were just fine. Jimmie noted that we were currently over 6%, and so we would have to fall quite a bit to land at 4%. A member responded that it would be nicer if we could have more members, especially because she sees so many people present work that would fit into our division. Another member noted that Communication Yearbook would also be putting its past issues online, meaning members would have easier access and noted his approval of the new online replacement journal as well.

**Budget Report**

Alena then offered a budget report, noting that we had $606 allotted to the division to spend. The reception cost $456, taking up most of the funds; with the remaining $150 being offered for travel. A member noted that $150 did not seem to be a lot to help students get to a place as expensive as Japan. Alena said we would discuss how our money was spent later in the meeting.

**New Business**

Alena then moved on to new business. She said the first item was to consider is whether or not we want to increase our membership dues to have more money to spend or if we wanted to consider sponsorships.

**Budget and Potentially Raising Dues**

The budget topic and suggestion for raising dues led to lots of discussion from the floor. People mentioned that funding for travel had been higher in the past. Jessica suggested that it might make more sense to give more money to students on some years rather than others. One person suggested we drink less and keep money for the students. Another agreed that student money should be top priority. A different member suggested we should advertise student funding availability. Another member suggested it might make sense that we give all available funds to students and purchase drinks on our own. Jimmie noted that with ICA’s matching program that giving to students increased what students could be offered. Another member said we might have to do more planning ahead of time to find a place for a reception and to ensure that we have students apply for the grant.

Jessica then said it might be good to pull all this conversation together and come to consensus. She suggested we give each student a minimum of $100. A member asked how we do this with funds being so limited; and that she did not want us to raise the cost of membership in the division. Jessica responded that we could ask journals, textbook publishers, or other interested parties to sponsor student grants. Alena said they would probably not want to donate to us. An audience member said that at her university they received sponsorships from publishers in the past. Jimmie said that some book authors, especially those for textbooks, might be able to go to their publishers and ask for sponsorship – but that those types of things were not usually for students, but something where books or products could be showcased such as a pre-conference. A member then suggested we go to schools for sponsorship. Another suggested that we partner with another division. Alena said that Health Communication was going to partner with us for the reception, but that they backed out at the last moment. Alena then said that she would look
into developing a template email for asking for sponsorship. Jessica then suggested that a short
course be offered that could tie into a sponsorship. Jimmie said that a local university might
make a good co-sponsor for such an event, as it saves money in the overall short course budget.
Alena said she would look into all of this more but that for time’s sake we needed to move on
with our agenda.

*Pre-Conference*
Jessica then asked if we could discuss pre-conference themes for the following year. She noted
the authority and power pre-conference was interesting and led to good discussion. She thought
it helped to bring people into LSI who might not be familiar with LSI perspectives. She then
asked the audience to share ideas for next year. Alena said that the theme for next year is
Intervention and then suggested we move on because the submission is not due until August.

*Officer Nominations*
Alena then said that nominations for offices needed to be made. She said we needed to elect a
new Vice-Chair. She then asked for nominations. Jessica noted this person would plan for the
unit and then move into the Chair position. Gonen Dori-Hacohen self-nominated for the position.
Karen Tracy then nominated David Boromisza-Habashi. After it appeared there were no more
nominations to be made, Jimmie moved that nominations cease. Alena said she would forward
these names to the ICA office.

*Pre-Conference Revisited*
A member then requested that we return to discussing the pre-conference. She thought it would
be good to get some ideas on the floor and offered one of her own: how to transcribe with more
gestures and visual information. Another member thought that sounded interesting but also
wondered about focusing on political issues and creating reality through discourse. Jimmie
suggested that a pre-conference that connected us to other interest groups could be good,
especially because we tend to talk about helping people find LSI at our business meetings.
Jessica noted that these were good ideas, and Alena said that a decision would be made in
August.

*Planning Notes*
Alena then reviewed planning information for the current conference:

- 89 individual papers and extended abstracts were submitted, 1 paper was disqualified, 34 were
  accepted for a 38.2% acceptance rate (vs. last year: 48 submitted, 23 accepted = 47.9% acceptance)
- One proposed panel was accepted for a 100% acceptance rate (vs. last year: 1 was submitted
  and accepted = 100% accepted)
- *Additional notes:* 1 submission was ‘disqualified’ (it did not have a paper attached); 3
  accepted submissions were dropped from the program; in our call for papers we also asked to
submit roundtable proposals, but we did not have submissions of this kind.
- 2 LSI sessions are co-sponsored by other Divisions (Political Communication,
  Communication and Technology), and we also co-sponsored 1 session of Political
  Communication Division.
- LSI Division co-sponsored the ICA pre-conference “How to analyze authority in power in
  interaction.”
Alena noted that Intercultural Communication was invited to co-sponsor a panel with us and declined. She also noted that we co-sponsored the power and authority pre-conference, and a member noted again how good it was and said there might even be a publication coming from it. He suggested we do something like that again.

Awards
Alena then said that it was time to honor the top papers. She noted that scholarship was strong this year, and the winners are to be commended for their work. The winners:

- **Top LSI paper**: Ee Lin Lee (Western Washington University), "The Meanings of the Modern Day Chinese Identity in Malaysia" (Received a conference fee waiver)
- **Top Student paper**: Guangsheng Huang (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), “‘Transborder Conversation’ and Diffusion of Social Movement Discourse between Hong Kong and China: Oppositional Codes and the Mediatisation of a Transborder Speech Community” (Received $50 + ICA Match $50 + conference fee waiver)
- **Top Three Paper Panel (other than the Top Paper)**:
  - David Boromisza-Habashi (University of Colorado Boulder), “What We Need is Communication, Done Well: Vernacular Globalization in Hungarian Citizens’ Assessments of Political ‘Communication’”
  - Joshua Raclaw (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Jessica Robles (Loughborough University), Stephen DiDomenico (State University of New York at Plattsburgh), “Mobile Phones as an Interactional Resource in Assessment Activities”
- **Student Travel Awards**: Shangwei Wu: LSI $50 + ICA Match $50; Mengjun Guo: LSI $50 + ICA Match $50; Sarah Cho: Conference Fee Waiver

Alena then made a heartfelt thank you to all reviewers and asked everyone to consider reviewing for the conference.

Old Business
Alena then said that it was time for old business. She noted that if people needed to leave they should be sure to return for our reception in the Seala Lounge at the Seahawk Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

Mentoring Program
Jessica said that the mentoring program shall continue, as plenty of people want to be mentored.

Internationalization
David, our representation to the internationalization committee, said he had no report. A member asked if the initiative was still continuing, and both Jimmie (who is the representative for Interpersonal Communication) and David indicated they had received messages about it during the past year but that nothing was scheduled at this year’s conference. Another member said they hoped the initiative continued, and asked that our representation share that with the board. David then said that even though it was not connected to the initiative, he just read a fantastic article in *International Journal of Communication* that talks about the international nature of our field and even gets into international issues as they relate to ICA.
International Association of Dialogue Analysis
Alena said that the International Association of Dialogue Analysis has agreed to give a discount rate to ICA LSI members. She said that more information will be forthcoming.

Twitter
A Twitter account has launched for the interest group. Jimmie said he noticed that there were tweets coming from it and that they look fantastic. He then added that one thing he hoped to do while in office was to develop a newsletter for the division, and that if people had submissions such as position ads, book announcements, and the like they could send them to him to be included. He requested that people not send PDFs for formatting reasons and to have all submission text formatted exactly as the person wants them sent. He also wants to highlight our scholarship with Facebook posts and invited people to send links to their published articles that he could then transform into invitations for discussion.

Adjournment
Alena noted that the meeting was past adjournment time and that people had to get to the reception. She exercised her discretion to declare the meeting adjourned at 18:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmie Manning
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