Game Studies Business Meeting
ICA- Boston 2011

Agenda

• Approval of minutes
• Chair’s Report
• Conference Paper Report
• New Business
  – Secretary nomination
  – Preconferences
  – Membership for Division Status
• Passing the Controller/Gavel

Chair’s Report

• From the executive board
  – ICA Budget
  – Current Conference
  – Future Conference
    • Locations
    • New submission rules
  – Other news

Current & Future Conferences

Association Wide Stats

• Submissions were 30% higher than existing record
• Acceptance rate = 38%
• Registration is highest ever (totals not in yet)
• Introduction of virtual sessions
  – Game Studies singled out for our particularly innovative approach (thanks Dmitri)

Upcoming Locations

• Phoenix- 2012
• London- 2013
• Seattle - 2014
• San Juan Puerto Rico- 2015
• Fukuoka, Japan- 2016
• Any connections to industry or local sites of interest to the SIG?

Future Conferences

Double Session Panels

• All divisions will be give a double session in Phoenix (e.g., 9:00-11:45)
• This is to encourage creative approaches
• All double sessions will run concurrently
• Ideas?

New Submission Rules

• You will no longer be able to submit more than 5 papers with your name
• Be careful if you work with grad students!
  – Be careful if you direct theses or dissertations!
Other Important News

- Elisa Cohen (U Kentucky) will be the next editor of Communication Yearbook
- Thomas Hanitzsch (U Munich) is the next editor of Communication Theory
- ICA is hiring an international communication director responsible for:
  - “spearheading strategic direction initiatives and planning, coordination, and management of the ICA’s integrated marketing, public relations, and strategic communications program”

Game Studies Conference Report

- The SIG received 72 paper and 8 panel submissions for the Boston conference, an increase of 27 total submissions over last year. Despite the increase in submissions, we were provided fewer meeting slots this year (7 meeting slots, plus a virtual session). We were able to program 31 papers, 2 panels, and 5 posters for an acceptance rate of 47.5%.
- Top Paper Awards went to the following papers:
- We would like to thank all the paper reviewers for their excellent work

New Business

- Secretary selection
  - Need to run an election for the next secretary this summer. Nominations needed by July 10
  - Primary job is minutes and advisory for SIG executive committee
- Preconferences
  - Do we have any ideas?
- Membership
  - Currently around 195; need 200 for division status
- Business from the floor?