

Journalism Studies Division of ICA

Minutes of the Business Meeting at the 2013 annual convention, in London, UK, on June 18

1. CHAIR STEPHANIE CRAFT OPENS THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE JOURNALISM STUDIES DIVISION

The agenda was approved.

2. 2012 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. LATEST ICA NEWS

Stephanie summed up the current developments with present and future conferences:

- The London conference sets records: 1,200 people registered for pre- and post-conferences; over 2,700 registered for the regular conference; there were nearly 4,000 proposals; in all, there were 469 sessions with approximately 2,000 presentations.
- The next conference (2014) will be held in Seattle (theme: "Communication and the Good Life"). At the conference, space will be set aside for "blue sky" kinds of meetings where international research collaborations can form around emerging ideas. These will be scheduled outside the normal process.
- Future conferences: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Fukuoka, Japan; San Diego, California; Prague, Czech Republic; Washington, D.C.

4. ICA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stephanie summed up key things learned at the board meeting:

- All ICA journals will be online (only) by 2018
- The term of journal editors/boards was extended to 4 years; Associate Editor positions were created for ICA journals
- There are new editors for ICA journals: Radhika Parameswaran (Communication, Culture & Critique) and Shyam Sundar (Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication)
- Formalized procedures have been developed for dealing with plagiarism associated with journal submissions, and moving toward a policy of every submission being put through plagiarism-checking software (via the Cross Check system). It was noted that there are additional systems for authors to check their own submissions before submitting (such as iAuthenticate).
- ICA established a new membership category between regular and student categories, to accommodate post-docs or other scholars in between positions. The dues will be 75% of regular dues.
- ICA signed on to San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment. From the website (see <http://am.ascb.org/dora/>) comes the following overview: "*The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)*, initiated by the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) together with a group of editors and publishers of scholarly journals, recognizes the need to improve the ways in which the outputs of scientific research are evaluated. The group met in December 2012 during the ASCB Annual Meeting in San Francisco and subsequently circulated a draft declaration among various stakeholders. DORA as it now stands has benefited from input by many of the original signers listed below. It is a worldwide initiative covering all scholarly disciplines. We encourage individuals and organizations who are concerned about the appropriate assessment of scientific research to sign DORA."

- New ICA Fellows have been named: Francois Cooren, James Curran, Cees Hamelink, Karen Tracy, Joseph Walther. Additionally, there was also discussion about increasing representation of non-U.S./Western, non-male, non-white ICA fellows. As part of that, each division is encouraged to nominate an ICA fellow each year. Ultimately, ICA is trying to encourage a more transparent process of nomination and selection—how packets are put together, what the nominations should look like, etc.

5. ONGOING DISCUSSION ITEMS

Stephanie discussed how ICA is working to create committees around the following areas for discussion:

- Publication: e.g., to improve incentives and training for reviewers
- Internationalization: e.g., workshops and mentoring on publishing in English
- Open Access: to deal with issues of intellectual property and research repositories
- Representation: e.g., to discuss representation in awards and fellows

6. JOURNALISM STUDIES DIVISION AWARDS FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

Vice chair Matt Carlson distributed the prizes for top papers, as follows:

- Top 3 Student Papers (which comes with money to cover registration and some travel expenses)
 - o Jayeon Lee and Hyunjin Song (Ohio State), “Why People Post News Through SNS? A Focus on Technology Adoption, Media Bias, and Partisanship Strength”
 - o Omar Alghazzi (Pennsylvania), “De-Westernizing New Media Discourse: The Case of Citizen Journalism in the Arab World”
 - o Wendy Weinholt (Southern Illinois), “Definitional Sources of Journalists in the United States”
- Top 3 Faculty Papers
 - o Adrienne Russell (Denver) and Mike Ananny (Southern California), “Imagined Networks: How International Journalism Innovators Negotiate Authority and Rework News Norms”
 - o Matthew Matsaganis (SUNY–Albany) and Vikki Katz (Rutgers), “How Ethnic Media Producers Constitute Their Communities of Practice: An Ecological Approach”
 - o Daniel Kreiss, Laura Meadows & John Remensberger (North Carolina), “Political Performance and Active Spectatorship: Symbolically Organizing the Polity During the 2012 Democratic National Convention”

7. OTHER JOURNALISM STUDIES DIVISION AWARDS

- Gene Burd Urban Journalism Research Prize (\$1,000 award)
 - o Stephanie introduced the winner of this year’s dissertation prize:
 - Robert (Ted) Gutsche (Florida International), for his 2012 dissertation defended at the University of Iowa, “Mediated Constructions and Lived Experiences of Place: An Analysis of Neighborhood News and Mental Mapping”
- Outstanding Journal Article of the Year in Journalism Studies (\$500 award)
 - o Wolfgang Donsbach, chair of the review committee, introduced the winner of the second annual award:
 - Seth C. Lewis (Minnesota), for the article:
 - Lewis, S. C. (2012). The tension between professional control and

open participation: Journalism and its boundaries. *Information, Communication & Society*, 15(6), 836-866

- Additionally, a special mention was made for an article that Wolfgang said was a close second in the committee's view:
 - Juan Ramón Muñoz-Torres (2012). Truth and objectivity in journalism: Anatomy of an endless misunderstanding. *Journalism Studies*, 13(4), 566-582.

8. 2013 PAPER COMPETITION INFORMATION

Stephanie explained the nature of this year's paper competition. The division received 301 papers and 29 panel proposals. Some 39.5% of papers and 24.1% of panels were accepted, for a total of 8 panels and 25 paper sessions (including a poster session). Additionally, there were two pre- and post-conference sessions. Stephanie made a point of encouraging everyone to review for the conference. She noted the challenge of keeping the number of reviews per reviewer to a minimum; however, if people are reviewing for more than one division, it's not possible to see that reflected in the system. She was asked if graduate students are allowed to review. For this conference, she said, grad students were called on to review, and turned in strong reviews. Grad students were thus encouraged to volunteer to review in future years. This raised some concerns about the control of quality in the review process, with various suggestions for improvement offered.

9. DIVISION BUDGET AND FINANCING DISCUSSION

Stephanie reminded attendees of the coming vote to increase ICA dues to \$195. The Journalism Studies Division's budget for 2013 was \$3,624. The 2014 budget will be similar unless dramatic changes occur in membership. Budgeted funds go to the outstanding article award (\$500), travel support for top 3 student papers (\$1,500), and the division reception (with additional fundraising needed to cover the full amount of the social). Members present discussed whether the outstanding journal article award should come with a cash prize at all. Other discussion focused on the dissertation award and the nature of its funding, with some suggesting that the division should determine the awards and then let the financing come later—not the other way around. Another suggested that there ought to be a top book award for the division. Stephanie concluded by saying that an email or online discussion will be initiated to help make decisions on these points at the ICA meeting in Seattle.

10. 10TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS FOR SEATTLE CONFERENCE

Stephanie said that, in honor of the division's 10th anniversary celebration at the 2014 conference, a panel of past chairs will be arranged to discuss the history and evolution of the division.

11. FALL ELECTIONS

A vice chair and secretary will be chosen via elections this fall. Members were encouraged to make division leaders aware if they are interested in running.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Stephanie encouraged members to please consider asking their home departments or programs for sponsorships for division socials and/or awards. Sponsorships are critical to helping the division supplement its membership budget and fulfill its conference roles. With that, the meeting was adjourned for the division reception in the same hall.

Business meeting minutes submitted by Seth Lewis, division secretary