

**BY-LAWS FOR THE
INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP
OF THE
WESTERN STATES COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this group is the Intercultural Communication Interest Group (ICC).

ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY

The Intercultural Communication Interest Group exists by the authority of the Executive Council and the Legislative Assembly of the Western States Communication Association (WSCA).

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purpose of this interest group is to unite those members of WSCA who have an academic, lay, or professional interest in intercultural communication and who want to promote their mutual interests.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in this interest group is open to any member of WSCA who is committed to promoting the group's interest.

Section 2: Membership in this interest group shall be composed of those persons who submit a written request to be a member of ICC or who indicated a desire for membership on their WSCA membership application or renewal.

Section 3: Application for membership shall be consistent with WSCA policies concerning interest group membership.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1: An annual business meeting shall be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of WSCA. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the ICC chairperson.

Section 2: Those members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting interest group business.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1: The elected officers of the interest group shall be chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary.

Section 2: The chairperson shall preside at meetings of the interest group, discharge the usual responsibilities of the office, coordinate planning of the program for the annual convention, and serve as a representative of the interest group to the Legislative Assembly of WSCA. The chairperson shall serve a one-year term.

Section 3: The vice-chair, in the absence of or at the request of the chairperson, shall assume the duties of the chairperson, assist the chairperson in program planning, serve as a member of the Paper Selection Committee, and serve as a representative of the interest group to the Legislative Assembly of WSCA. The vice-chairperson shall serve a one-year term and shall succeed to the office of chairperson.

Section 4: The secretary shall perform the usual duties of secretary and in the absence of the vice-chairperson, perform his/her duties. The secretary shall serve a two-year term (which does not prohibit her/him from running for vice-chair) and is eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Nominations for each vacancy may be made by any member at the annual meeting.

Section 2: A nominee must receive a majority vote of the interest group members present and voting at the annual meeting. In the event that more than two people are nominated and no one initially receives a majority vote, a run-off election between the two individuals receiving the most votes shall be held immediately.

Section 3: All elections will be conducted by a show of hands unless a majority of those present at the meeting vote in favor of a secret ballot.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Committees shall include the Paper Selection Committee and other committees as necessary.

Section 2: The Paper Selection Committee shall be composed of at least three members including the vice-chairperson and other members appointed by the chairperson. The chairperson will serve as chairperson of this committee without vote. The duty of the committee shall be to provide the chairperson with ratings and rankings of all papers submitted to the interest group for consideration for presentation at the annual convention.

Section 3: Other committees may be appointed at the direction of the chairperson or upon majority vote of the members present and voting at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to these by-laws may be initiated by any member of the interest group.

Section 2: A two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at an annual meeting of the interest group shall be required for adoption of an amendment.

ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority of the interest group shall be the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, revised.

ENABLING CLAUSE

These by-laws shall become effective immediately upon approval by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the 2003 business meeting.

If these by-laws are approved, the secretary is authorized to make any additional minor stylistic changes consistent with the intent of the articles proposed here in.

The chairperson, with the assistance and guidance of the other elected officers, shall be responsible for formulating the necessary policies, procedures, and documents needed to facilitate the functioning of the by-laws.