

**Western States Communication Association Legislative Assembly meeting
Monday, February 26, 2001
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by Sharon Downey at 6:25 PM
- II. Delegates Present: Tasha Souza (Communication and Instruction), Deanna Dannels (Freedom of Expression and Legal Communication), John Gribas (Communication Theory and Research), Linda Zeuschner (Community College), Melissa Beall (Elementary and Secondary Ed.) Robert Stockton (Elementary and Secondary Ed. Alternate), Juliann Scholl (Health Communication), Anneliese Harper (Intercultural Communication), Mary Jane Collier (Intercultural Communication), Rob Herwood (Performance Studies), Gary Ruud (Language and Social Interaction), Brian Ott (Media Studies), Heather Hundley (Media Studies alternate), Angela Tretheway (Organizational Communication), Michele Jackson (U of Colorado, Boulder), Sara Hayden (U of Montana), Kathleen Krone (U of Nebraska, Lincoln), Janice Schuetz (U of New Mexico), Connie Bullis (U of Utah), Melanie Trost (Arizona State U), Melanie Bloom (California State U, Fresno), Bob Emry (California State U, Fullerton), Stacy Young (California State U, Long Beach), Brian Ott (Colorado State U), Walter Zakahi (New Mexico State U), Tim Hegstrom (San Jose State U), Bud Zeuschner (California Polytechnic U, SLO), Monique Meyers (Organization for Research on Women and Communication), Lisa Flores (Organization for Research on Women and Communication)

Delegates at Large: John Oetzel, Mary Rose Williams, Karen Ashcraft

Recording Secretary: Leah Wyman

Parliamentarian: John Cagle
- III. Credentials Committee Chair Stacy Young reported that 32 members were present.
- IV. Changes to Agenda: Sharon Downey noted that "C" under item 7 (elections) should be deleted and item "D" calling for the election of two Members At Large and item "E" calling for the election of one NCA Legislative Council member should be added. Two resolutions should be added under 8B: one from the Intercultural Communication Interest Group and one from the Organizational Communication Interest Group.
- V. Agenda Approved
- VI. Minutes from 2000 meeting not available; 2000 minutes tabled.

VII. Reports:

A. Connie Conlee reported that approximately 500 people registered for the convention.

B. The following election results were reported:

1st Vice President -- Connie Bullis

2nd Vice President -- John Cagle

Legislative Assembly At-large Delegates -- Karen Ashcraft, Christina Beck, John Caputo, Barbara Gayle, and John Oetzel

The new WSCA News/web Editor is Stephanie Coopman.

The Publications Committee is beginning to search for a new *Communication Reports* editor.

C. The convention site for 2004 is Albuquerque, New Mexico; the convention hotel is the Hyatt Regency downtown. The convention site for 2005 is the San Francisco Bay area.

D. NCA Legislative Council -- No report.

E. Legislative Assembly Steering Committee -- Amy Bippus requested that clip-on name tags be used, that convention programs be mailed in advance, and that the web version of the program be more reader-friendly -- including making the program easier to find on the web site. WSCA President Dawn Braithwaite noted that mailing programs ahead of time costs at least \$1,000.00 and that programs often go to the printer too late to be mailed; it was also stated that clip-on nametags are more expensive than pin-on tags but are a possibility. Pin-on tags are \$0.33 each, whereas clip-on tags are \$3.00 each, and hanging tags are \$4.00 each. An attempt will be made to make the program on the web site easier to read.

VIII. Elections:

A. WSCA Nominating Committee -- Mary Rose Williams, Nina Reich

B. NCA Nominating Committee -- Lisa Flores

C. Members At Large Executive Council -- Melanie Bloom, Julie Benson-Rosston

D. NCA Legislative Council Member -- Lucy Keele

IX. Action Items:

A. 2001 Budget:

It was noted that funds will be re-named so their purpose will be more clear. Various lines of the budget were explained, particularly printing and postage of journals. Convention expenses have gone up, partly because we lost money on the Sacramento convention, due to the room block not being filled. Thus, we need to encourage people to stay at the convention hotels in the future. "ED Buyout" was discussed -- we will buy out part of the time of the Executive Director. It was further noted that our income drop was partly due to a drop in the stock market. An ad hoc committee will be formed next year to review member services and how we can improve them, as membership is down. The convention fee will be raised, as more money is needed to off-set costs.

A motion was made to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

B. Resolutions:

Resolution of Appreciation from the WSCA President:

Whereas Dr. Connie Conlee has served WSCA for the past five years as our Executive Director, and in recognition of the tremendous amount of work she has done for our association, be it resolved that the Western States Communication Association expresses our sincere thanks for all of her work on our behalf.

Resolutions of Appreciation From the Steering Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Western States Communication Association expresses its heartfelt appreciation to the following for their service:

- Dennis Alexander, Immediate Past President of WSCA*
- Dawn Braithwaite, President of WSCA*
- Sandra Petronio, President-Elect of WSCA*
- Kathy Adams, First Vice President, WSCA*
- Connie Conlee, Executive Director of WSCA*
- David Henry, editor of Western Journal of Communication*
- Myron Lustig, editor of Communication Reports*

-John Cagle, editor of WSCA newsletter and web site

-Betsy Bach, WSCA Local Host Coordinator

-Duane Fish, Speech Activities coordinator

-Bill Wilmot, recipient of the WSCA Distinguished Service Award

-the staff of the Coeur d'Alene Resort

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the Executive Director of WSCA be instructed to write letters communicating the appreciation of the Legislative Assembly to the above named persons and to their appropriate administrators.

A motion was made to approve the resolutions of commendations. Resolutions were approved.

Resolution from the Intercultural Communication Interest Group:

Let it be resolved that WSCA leadership, and the Time and Place Committee specifically, should take pro-active steps to ensure that future selection of conference sites take into consideration issues of diversity and social justice.

A motion was made to approve the resolution. The resolution was approved.

Resolution from the Organizational Communication Interest Group:

Request to change paper and program submission deadlines to both be August 15 th , as opposed to two separate deadlines.

A request was made to have the resolution referred to Futures Committee of the Executive Council. Request approved.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM