

Association for Communication Administrators Business Meeting
4/5/08
Minutes

In attendance:

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Meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Renee Edwards.

It was moved and seconded that minutes from previous year's meeting be approved.

There was no chair report.

Vice President's report: The ACA sponsored 4 panels at this year's convention.

Old Business

A discussion of the Association at the national level ensued, with discussion among all present.

Carl Cates related that two years, efforts have been made to get the national organization back in functional shape. The problem has been attendance. The Association will try to get a needs assessment questionnaire out in August through NCA with Roger Smitter's help. Will try to have one more event of some type for 08 in San Diego and see what kind of attendance we get. If that works, we'll have a workshop or preconference in 2009 (NCA). Real key: how many people will show up at a business meeting. Carl recommends that if we don't get attendance, we give up on the organization. The problem is that there is lots of verbal support, but no one is stepping up. Jim Benjamin says he's ready, and his stepping up would be a great help.

Roger Smitter stated that he wants to get the needs assessment out. What do administrators need that the ACA can supply? He would like to see the national office be a key player, providing information to us as we deal with various challenging issues.

He agrees that Carl is right; someone needs to step forward to frame the association and its goals.

Renee Edwards reminded us that there were 75 people at one of those ACA sponsored panels in the past about information relevant to department chairs. We need information and assistance on everyday issues like strategic planning, outcomes assessment, and budgeting.

One move to make is to identify one issue that we agree needs to be assessed with data and resources and carry out that assessment. There is some money left over from ACA funds at the NCA office. If a group like ACA came to NCA and made a request, could bring in a speaker for 09 conference or do a more elaborate survey or hire someone to do the research that needs to be done. For example, one item for assessment is to identify the average course load for faculty and administrators. Although members of the organization at the meeting have the skills to carry out such an assessment, Roger S. says that it's quicker to hire someone because we all have "day jobs."

Mindy suggested turning to the American Council of Higher Education (ACHE). Roger S. considered that point; it's generic; we could send people there, but we need to address needs of communication administrators specifically – course caps, for instance. Roger S. would like to identify send the national norm out as information. Mindy says ACHE might have that type of data. RS says maybe, but he wasn't sure they'd have that. However, he knows that the ACHE is the "gospel" for administration and leadership.

Roger would like to do an informal word of mouth/voice survey here to address issues that face communication administrators. Here are topics that emerged:

1. Domain issues – what belongs in communication?
2. Where to find high quality applicants for positions
3. Demonstrating opportunities available for grads; where get hired and why
4. Guidelines for tenure and promotion for video classes. BEA has guidelines but very vague.
5. What is a publication "in field" and what is not?
6. "Communication" and "Communications issue" – different types of scholarship. We need an official statement saying "here is this and here is that. Members of these two professions might be able to work together but shouldn't be forced to do so"
7. Better data on graduate stipends
8. National Research Council survey will answer some of those questions.
9. Issues of size and comparison of programs if a committee gets together to assess or evaluate programs
10. Recruiting people to ACA meetings: people who are chairs in a Ph.D. department might not appear to have much in common with undergrad chair – but they actually DO have a lot in common. How can we get that message across?
11. We should think of all kinds of administrators, not just chairs. Directors (undergraduate, graduate) in a large program might function much like a chair in a small college

12. Growing complexity of evaluating people for tenure – issue of one and two tracks (Teaching and service vs. Teaching, scholarship, and service)
13. Question of adjuncts – YES, that is an issue.
14. Good to have data on what percentage are full time tenure earning faculty.
15. We need to distinguish between instructors and adjuncts – full time non tenure track vs. Ph.D. students teaching -- issue of SACHS. Need that middle ground
16. Issue of bullies in departments – if not chairs, might be some other member.
17. Mark Hickson, III recalled holding workshops for academic chairs. We might want to do that again.
18. Are there training programs for chairs at our campuses? Discussion – 1-day institute. Workshops throughout year – by then it's too late. Monthly chairs' meetings, etc.

New Business

1. Elections – RCA Vice President and program planner.

We need a vice chair elect. Upon nomination, Mindy Chang agreed to stand for that position. Nominations closed. Mindy elected by acclaim. H. J. Mindy Chang
Western New England College .

We elected Jean Bodon as secretary (by acclaim) for next year.

2. Next year's convention will be in Norfolk, VA. Marriott. Dates will be April 1-5, 2009.

J. McCroskey is concerned about getting better system for room reservations. Real problem related to overflow hotels. Should have more rooms reserved ahead of time. Be careful about Norfolk. Make note for program planner. Renee will pass those concerns on.

We don't need a three month ahead of time cut off. Won't even know whether they have a paper. They should either not open registrations until a certain point that is closer to the time of the convention or not close them so soon – or have enough rooms in the block to make sure there are no problems with running out of rooms months in advance of the conference.

Question: About how many come to conference: 400? Does that count undergrads? Yes. 200 rooms would be needed – issue of room nights. The hotel at Virginia beach is far away.

Any particular topics or concerns for next time?

Mark Hickson, III – this issue of evaluating creative works is important. If we got copies of what everyone is doing in their departments, we could take it back to our departments for information.

Carl Cates: an issue of ACA had an article about oral interpretation and theatre, etc. How about film? New media.

John Cook: Also – consider the variety of different and “new-fangled” things like learning communities, etc., which have nothing to do with the peripatetic schools of rhetoric. What is the best way to teach communication, in other words?

Do we try to hold onto the basic course? So many are being mutated or dumped. Speaking across the curriculum emerged as a potential phenomenon back in 1992 and 1993.

Cook: Their course was on the chopping block and it survived because it became part of the “freshman experience” and it was saved.

Communication across the curricular – in some places, students can be communication certified in any program that offers communication courses. There is no communication course required for all LSU classes. More discussion . . . Agricultural and engineering students might have to take a communication course.

In some places communication programs are going away. How does that affect our field?

Dann Brown from Grove City College: What about a panel that addresses best practices – a GIFTS type of thing for administrators. GIFCA.

Discussion of what is happening in different programs.

Question: Anything historical that we need to revisit? Anything unresolved?

Concerns about smallness of ACA group at NCA.

Once upon a time in Birmingham, 16-18 folks were present with robust discussion. Then, not sure what happened. By the time Tampa rolled around, don't know what happened.

Some may not know about this organization (ACA). Some have become chairs since Birmingham. There are graduate coordinators, basic course directors, directors – too much focus on chairs. A number of folks could benefit from ACA who are not chairs.

It would be good if we could get two time slots and then give a program and a business meeting right after. How about a panel that investigates the history of this organization and provides memory and looks toward future? We need time for conversation and then we can go right into a business meeting. How about a 1-page flyer in the program that would alert people – we need a mailing – we need mailing lists from NCA. What “codes” would we look for to identify administrative roles? Chairs, graduate directors, basic course coordinators would be those we'd want to reach.

If it's going to be pursued in this region. Panel: past, present and future – carefully invited papers. That would be a good idea. We could at least e-mail chairs and undergrad advisors and directors and basic course supervisors, etc. in southern region and let them know, and we'd get more.

Watch for the San Diego program – an ACA event that will feature discussion of future of ACA. We need folks to show up! Send a CRTNET notice around – Jim Benjamin will be the one to contact.

Phoenix project – MH, III

So much went up in the fire. NCA is more open than before to helping with ACA. Much positive reflection. Roger Smither has stayed with it. Don Boileau and others. What about Mark Borzi – no one has heard from him in a while. Carl Cates is the past president of the ACA; Jim Benjamin is president. We tried to go back and get a constitution again, as an independent but affiliated organization with NCA. Nomenclature and roles such as president, vice president, vice president elect, and executive director (Mark Borzi was executive director). John Cook is the current president elect. Trudy Henson is a board member, and there are some others.

Once there was an administrators' meeting in Virginia. Idea is to take first steps for 2008 (San Diego) and then do a preconference for 2009, but must be nationally viable. Central has a regional ACA and they are robust – part of Jim Benjamin's group. Western doesn't; ECA doesn't.

Renee Edwards has an idea: how do people engage in fundraising – development. Funding is very critical. Outside development . . . In one department, faculty members pay into a fund to be used for various purposes. Discussions of how to raise money ensued (and would be a great topic for a panel or workshop). One department creates videos – charges a materials fee for videos made – one chair has arrangements with their School of Leadership and Professional Advancement for funding whenever a faculty member teaches a course.

Hiring and fundraising and mentoring/training are important topics.

Who will contact chairs? Send it out on SSCA list serve. Newsletter. CRTNET. Develop a list. Is there a list for Southern and Central? They need to be informed. Emmett can give us the names of those who checked off this group for Southern.

Carl Cates thanks everyone for being here.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Burke Society Interest Group
April 5, 2008
8:00 AM
Savannah, GA Hyatt Regency

Chair: Kim Golombisky, University of South Florida (absent)
Vice-Chair: Christina Moss, North Carolina State University
Vice-Chair Elect/ Secretary: C. Wesley Buerkle, East Tennessee State University (absent)
Anna Turnage (North Carolina State University) as recording secretary, edited by Wesley Buerkle

Busy presenting at a panel opposite the Burke meeting, I could not join my fellow Burkeans, but by the gracious and thorough efforts of Anna Turnage I have been given a detailed account of the meeting, no less inspired than Hunter S. Thompson's account of the Kentucky Derby but with less profanity and fewer references to *Playboy* and the Black Panthers. I offer a pentadic categorization of events as follows.

Agent: Surely, agent is the dominant term, for the work of the Burke Society and all of SSCA would be naught without our focus on each other.

- The Burke Society has seemingly turned to the principles of a democratic republic, sending only six people to represent the 110 plus persons associated with our body. Though there has been no official change, we might well address all those present "Senator."
- Eschewing the pageantry customary at Burke meetings (owed in part to the fact that live geese could not be gotten on short notice), Christi Moss gaveled the meeting to order. Those present included Senators Clarke Rountree, Anna Turnage, David Williams, Ron Roach, and Richard Thames. Their perseverance to work by the dawn's early light (8 AM), reminds me of the enduring efforts in Philadelphia some 220 years ago, in which the framers of the Constitution dared not open a window during the sultry summer to let out the rank odor of wool soaked in sweat.
- Anna received has received the nomination and vote by acclamation to begin next year as secretary in her own right. She begs that we cease the 8 AM meetings. [Lack of fulfillment for 3D from last year's notes – Zack Gershberg is further encouraged to finish his dissertation that he might one day serve as an officer.]

Act: Several events took place which clearly gain their character from the quality of the agents performing them.

- We sponsored six panels, incorporating a variety of persons and topics. The KB society's panels at SSCA demonstrate Christi's ability to draw people together and encourage Burkean scholarship.
- The panels were consistently well attended and produced much good discussion.

Agency: At the heart of all we do at SSCA is our scholarship. Does the agency become the purpose? Perhaps a topic for panel.

- Christi will reprise her role as program planner for the 2009 convention in Roanoke.
- Next year's theme is "Crossing Ideologies." Let us take up that challenge.
- We should consider sponsoring a Spotlight panel. Please send your nominations to Christi.
- At the Burke conference in Villanova this summer, consider possible Burke topics.
- Clarke suggested a panel on many of the new books on Burkean scholarship. If you have such a one, please get with others and propose the panel.

- It was postulated that 2/3 of dissertations written using Burke never get published. To encourage such scholarship, we should consider those who have completed such projects. Advisors of graduated students may want to encourage their protégés to submit. Contact Clarke for more.
- David encouraged post-election themed panels. Three current US senators should provide plenty of good fodder for lively discussion.
- A panel discussing the war on terror seems especially well suited to Burkean analysis. Contact David to follow up on this.
- Again the topic of Burke and pedagogy was suggested.
- Specifically, David suggested a panel on Burke used in other disciplines. Some suggestions and curiosities brought forward include: British sociologists (Richard); European scholars studying forms and cookies (Clarke); Carolyn Miller or others in English at NCSU (Anna).
- David suggested that given the location next year (Roanoke), perhaps a program looking at issues of colonization and neocolonialism through a Burkean kind of lens might work well.
- Ron suggested a climate change panel, wondering if we could rope Bill Kinsella into doing something.
- David asked about performing Burke. You can talk with Justin Trudeau at Performance Studies to follow through.

Scene: We must always nimbly respond to changing exigencies. Two are worth noting here.

- Christi reported that SSCA is considering supporting a second journal on qualitative research. Some at SSCA suggest it exist electronically to reduce costs. Also considered by SSCA is one or two extra issues of *Southern Communication Journal* that would perhaps fulfill the needs for qualitative research outlets. Regardless of the outcome, Burkeans should think about Burke in those terms and contribute.
- Also of note, Clarke is in his last year as editor of the KB Journal. Andy King is coming in as new editor: submit!

Purpose: I demur ascribing any great purpose to our humble but proud society, so let me offer the following:

- Kenneth Burke Society's Triennial meeting in Villanova June 29.
- We have 111 members prior to registration here. It probably will go up after the conference, an increase of one from last year.
- Adjourned, 8:44 AM—perhaps the purpose for the meeting beginning, a veritable fulfillment of form and self-induced need.

Oh, and my paper presentation that kept me from attending the business meeting went swimmingly. Thank you for asking.

Yours in Burke,
C. Wesley Buerkle

Community College Division
Minutes
Saturday, April 5, 2008

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Chair Paula Rodriguez.
- II. Members introduced themselves: Judi Truitt, Volunteer State; Judy Carter, Amarillo College; Richard Falvo, El Paso; Jeffrey Lawrence, Ivy Tech; Rich Mercadante, St. Petersburg College; Robin Jensen, St Petersburg College; Tom Sabetta, Jefferson; Bob Glenn, Owensboro; Catherine Gragg, San Jacinto College; Laura Deshaies, Cleveland; Deborah Hefferin; Broward; Roger Smitter, NCA; and Paula Rodriguez, Hinds.
- III. The minutes were approved as submitted.
- IV. Reports:
 - A. Chair: SSCA will meet in San Antonio in 2012. Highlights of the NCA LA report were about dues changes and that all participants must pre-register by Aug. 6 or name will be removed from the program. SSCA is considering a new Qualitative Research Journal. Division membership is down, but not in jeopardy.

The Outstanding Community College Educator is Bob Glenn.
 - B. Vice-chair: gave a report on the acceptance of programs. We had an outstanding response to GIFTS and gave it a double slot. Next year it will be held on Saturday and marketed to high school teachers in the Norfolk area.
 - C. Roger Smitter: spoke about the national office needing to better serve the needs of community college members and asked for suggestions. There is a need to motivate more faculty to attend.
- V. There was no unfinished business.
- VI. New business: Rich Mercadante was elected vice-chair elect. He will plan the Memphis convention. Deborah Hefferin was elected secretary. Discussion was held about a webpage/webmaster. Catherine Gragg, Rick Falvo, Rich Mercadante, and Deborah Hefferin were appointed to explore options.
- VII. The immediate past chair will serve on the nominating committee for one year.

VIII. Suggestions for 2009 programs:

- A. A combined program with Intercultural Division on exchange program/collaborative assignments (Paula)
- B. Teaching communication outside of academe/workforce development (Jeff)
- C. Dual enrollment/issues with “bridge” students (Bob)
- D. GIFTS (Catherine)

The meeting adjourned at 7:20

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Hefferin

Ethnography interest group meeting
Southern States Communication Association
4 April 2008

Westbrook Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel
Savannah, Georgia

In attendance:

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Chair Tom Frentz called the meeting to order and got straight to work. In his report to the division, he mentioned that the idea of a qualitative studies journal was proposed to the SSCA executive council. After much debate, the group eventually agreed to publish a couple of special issues of the Southern Communication Journal that will feature qualitative research. One will be published in November 2010, the other the year after. Frentz encouraged interest group members to spread the word to journal editors to encourage submissions to the special issues. Also, the journal needs to select a guest editor (or two) and an editorial board. A guest editor should be chosen by July. Ken Cissna, Lisa Tillman-Healy, Buddy Goodall, and Sarah Tracy were mentioned as possible editors. It was suggested that we acquire email lists of the SSCA membership and the NCA ethnography division membership and send them message about the special journal issues.

Vice Chair Cris Davis reported that the division was given six panels for the 2008 conference. It was suggested that applying for division status might allow us to have more panel slots at future conferences. Such a move must be voted on by the SSCA membership because it would require a change in the association's constitution. After discussion of the pros and cons of division status, the interest group chose to wait before pursuing division status.

The theme for next year's conference is "Crossing ideologies: Communication and Collaboration in a Changing World." One panel suggestion for next year was a roast/spotlight for Tom Frentz. Art Bochner agreed to chair the panel. Other suggestions for panel topics included performance ethnography, and oral history as ethnographic practice.

Officer elections were then held, and the following officers were elected:

Vice Chair-elect: Michael Irvin Arrington, University of Kentucky

Secretary: Linda Vangelis, East Carolina University

Ellis suggested a committee be formed to decide on the guest editor and editorial board. Elissa Foster, Carolyn Ellis, and Rebecca Kennerly volunteered to serve on the committee. Another committee -- Michael Arrington, Cris Davis, and Chuck Grant -- will look into the idea of becoming a division. The committees will report to Tom Frentz by e-mail.

In other business, Cris Davis agreed to set up a listserv/email list for the interest group.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Irvin Arrington
University of Kentucky

SSCA 2008 Convention
Freedom of Speech Division
Business Meeting on April 4, 2008 at Savannah, GA

The current chair, Dave Dewberry, was unable to attend the conference. The vice-chair, Pat Arneson, led the meeting in his absence.

Program selection for this year was discussed. Thanks to this year's readers: Norma Cox, Charles Howard, Terry Cole.

Election of officers for 2008-2009:

Chair: Pat Arneson

Vice Chair: Charles Howard

Vice Chair Elect: Josh Azriel

Secretary: Pat Arneson

Paper readers for next year: Terry Cole, Debbi Hatton, Josh Azriel

James Darsey spoke regarding a proposal to be put forward at the 2008-2009 SSCA. Motion by Norma Cox: "The Freedom of Speech Division supports a motion to be put forward by the SSCA Rhetoric and Public Address Division for a session of Rhetoricians at SSCA to be held concurrent with the annual meeting of SSCA." Seconded by Debbi Hatton. Motion passed unanimously.

Awards were presented. The Top Paper award was given to Josh Azriel (Kennesaw State University) for "The Supreme Court's 2007 *Morse v. Frederick* Decision: Did the Court Provide an Updated Legal Framework on Students' First Amendment Speech Rights in Public Schools?" The Top Student Paper was Emma Wright (University of Tennessee at Knoxville) for her work "A Little Clarity Please: A Lackluster Commercial Speech Definition Leads to Wishy-washy First Amendment Protection and Sporadic Legal Decisions." The award will be mailed to her.

Suggestions about increasing membership in the division: publicize the James Madison prize, post a call for papers on CRTNET, send information by an email list, combine and co-sponsor panels.

The theme for the 2009 convention in Norfolk is "Crossing Ideologies: Communication and Collaboration in a Changing World." Suggestions for possible sessions:

- Town Hall Debate: "The House has resolved to abolish the Patriot Act."
- Co-sponsor panels: Norma Cox will be planning for the Political Communication Division. Possible panel on the issue of immigration and First Amendment consideration. Performance Studies Division addressing conflict around performances. Intercultural Division on international free speech.
- Panel on institutional control of technology (seize computers at university, prohibiting students from downloading music on campus means faculty can't send large files; corporations; court cases)
- Symposium: "Resolved: The First Amendment will never conform to the internet."
- Contact Patricia Amason for input on a plenary speaker

Debbi Hatton distributed a call for submissions to the *American Communication Journal*.

Submitted by Pat Arneson, Secretary

Interpersonal communication division meeting
Southern States Communication Association
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Savannah, Georgia
5 April 2008

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Schroeder at 4:04 p.m. The minutes from last year's meeting were approved unanimously. Schroeder then thanked Abby Brooks-Fitzgerald for her service as division planner for the 2008 conference.

Schroeder then reported on the executive council meeting. The idea of a qualitative studies journal was proposed to the executive council. After much debate, the group eventually agreed to publish a couple of special issues of the Southern Communication Journal that will feature qualitative research.

Schroeder then expressed thanks to Frances Brandau-Brown for her work in fundraising via the Caring Connections campaign.

Vice Chair Abby Brooks-Fitzgerald then offered her report, noting that the division submitted five panels for this year's conference, all of which were accepted. The acceptance rate for paper submissions was 85%.

Elections were then held, and the following officers were chosen:

Vice chair-elect – Monette Calloway-Ezell, Hinds Community College

Secretary (two year term) -- Carrie Oliveira – East Tennessee State University

Interpersonal Division Nominating Committee members -- Frances Brandau Brown and Amber Walker, Sam Houston State University.

The floor was then yielded to National Communication Association Presidential candidate Lynn Tturner, who spoke briefly and fielded questions about the prospect of a new NCA journal and about NCA's role in facilitating opportunities for members.

Vice chair Brooks-Fitzgerald then presented the division's top paper and top student paper awards for the conference.

Chair Schroeder then opened the floor for new business. Todd Goen discussed the call for papers for the 2009 conference, which has an emphasis on collaboration. The floor was opened for panel suggestions. Lynne Webb suggested a panel on effective research collaboration strategies. Other suggestions included collaboration in health communication research, networking, collaboration about dialogue, job interview preparation, marketing ourselves to other fields (e.g., consulting), curriculum vita tips, the tenure process, and a panel on the "ideal reviewer." Lynn Turner suggested a "coffee talk" panel that she described as an "interpersonal tea party."

The meeting was adjourned around 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Irvin Arrington
University of Kentucky

SSCA
Instructional Development division
Savanah
Minutes:

I. Meeting called to order by Deborah Hefferin (for Ryan Loyd) at 5:30 on Saturday April 5, 2008

II. Members introduced themselves.

III. 2007 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair

B. Vice-Chair-Deborah Hefferin-received 23 papers; scheduled 14 panels

C. Vice-Chair Elect-Deanna Daniels-2009 Theme: Crossing Ideologies: Communication
And Collaboration in a Changing World

V. Old Business (none)

VI. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Vice-Chair Elect—Rick Falvo El Paso Community College

Secretary—Richard Quianthy will continue to serve this year.

B. 2009 Convention Program

“Collaboration” focus

Two suggestions for programs—Communication Across Curriculum
Assessment of Curriculum

VII Announcements

VII. Adjournment at 6:08

Respectfully submitted by
Richard Quianthy, Secretary

SOUTHERN STATES COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION
78th ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 2 – 6, 2008
Savannah, Georgia

Minutes of the Language and Social Interaction Division Business Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel – Ballroom D
Friday, April 4, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Attending: Robert Agne, Auburn University; Eugenie Almeida, Fayetteville State University; Linda Crumley, Southern Adventist University; Cole Franklin, East Texas Baptist University; Heather Gallardo, University of North Carolina-Charlotte; Susan Gilpin, Marshall University; Slavica Kodish, Arkansas Tech University; Sarah McGhee, University of South Florida; Carolyn Rester, East Texas Baptist University; Linda Vangelis, East Carolina University.

The meeting was called to order by Division Chair, Linda Vangelis. Susan Gilpin was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Linda Crumley and Cole Franklin were nominated for Vice President Elect. Franklin was elected after two ballots. Present Vice President Elect, Slavica Kodish, now begins her term as Vice Chair/Program Planner. Kodish collected names of persons interested in being paper reviewers for the 2009 convention.

Vangelis thanked outgoing Vice Chair/Program Planner Heather Gallardo for planning the 2008 LSI division panels of thirteen papers. Gallardo now begins her term as Division Chair.

Vangelis presented awards for Top Student Paper to McGhee and Top Paper to Gilpin.

Linda Vangelis reported these items from the Executive Council meeting:

- A search is underway to replace Emmett Wynn as SSCA Executive Director.
- Upcoming SSCA Conventions will be Norfolk in 2009 and Memphis in 2010. The 2009 theme is "Crossing Ideologies."
- Thanks to excellent Association leadership and planning, the Association is in strong financial shape. SSCA has 683 members, and the LSI Division has 53.
- *Southern Communication Journal* has an 11.5% acceptance rate.

Vangelis suggested the group brainstorm panel ideas appropriate for the 2009 convention theme. Those present contributed the following possibilities:

- online construction of identity
- intersections of critical theory and LSI
- adaptation of critical theory (such as that of Habermas) to LSI projects
- treatments of discourse/Discourse and LSI
- LSI projects in health, illness, and disability

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gilpin

Mass Communication

The 2008 business meeting of the Mass Communications Division of the Southern States was held April 5 in Savannah, Ga. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Melissa Smith, president. The 2007 meeting minutes were accepted unanimously as presented in the Fall 2007 mass communication newsletter and posted on the SSCA mass communication web site.

Myleea Hill, secretary, reported that a Fall 2007 newsletter was distributed via email and U.S. post service and that the Spring 2008 newsletter was distributed via email. A call for papers for the 2008 SSCA Mass Communication division was included in the Fall 2007 newsletter.

The vice-chair report was presented by Wendy Hajjar, who stepped in to serve as program chair when the person elected to serve two years ago dropped out without resigning his role and there were a limited number of candidates for election in 2007. Hajjar reported that she put out a call for papers in the fall and communicated a number of times with Smith and past-president Tony Demars regarding protocol.

All submissions were received electronically. There were 27 completed competitive papers submitted, as well as three abstracts, and 12 panel and workshop submissions. 15 volunteer reviewers were employed for blind review. Hajjar also read all submissions so each submission had at least 3 readers. Each reviewer was asked to rank and rate each submission as well as provide feedback as to whether the paper should be accepted, accept if there's space or to reject. (If we had accepted them all there would have been 18 or 19 mass com sessions in the schedule.)

Hajjar asked SSCA for nine sessions, ten counting the business meeting. All acceptable competitive papers were paneled into 5 sessions. The four additional panel sessions included only the panel submissions where evaluators ranked and rated them the highest categories. Hajjar reported that she requested the SSCA program planner, Jerry Hale, to add additional panels if room was available. He granted a session for a business meeting, but she not request a session for media showcase as there were no submissions this year. She also noted that the research meeting the division traditionally held and be "retired."

The top student paper award was presented to Daniel H. Kim from North Carolina State University "**Tranferring the Agenda: An Examination of Stability Across Media**"

The top faculty paper was presented to Janis L. Edwards and Laura Ware, from the University of Alabama "**Mediated Depictions of Transgression Against the Common Good: An Analysis of Editorial Cartoons on Religion**"

Hajjar reported that she requested the Mass Comm business meeting not conflict with Popular Communication, Political Communication, or Public Relations.

Hajjar raised concerns about the blind review process for electronic submissions, stating that clear directions need to be posted in the call for papers on how to disable the tag on the Properties menu, and clearly separating identifiers in a cover page saved as another file. Other problems included people submitting papers more than once, (in one case with 2 different titles) and quite a bit of “bounce back,” where the email address given in submissions could not be used to contact authors. She recommended all submissions should include telephone and snail address as well.

The president’s report was presented by Melissa Smith.

She asked Barry Smith to report on his efforts to study the Mass Communication Division By-laws to bring them into consistency with SSCA procedures and to enhance operating practices. In conjunction with the presentation, the mass communication division unanimously amended two sections of the by laws with the following changes: 1) The immediate past chair of the Mass Communication Division shall serve as the division’s representative to the SSCA nominating committee, and 2) Those members of the Mass Communication Division in attendance at the annual business meeting shall constitute a quorum. The updated bylaws were to be posted on the division web site.

An additional issue discussed is that the by-laws require nominations from the floor, which has at times resulted in a lack of candidates. Barry Smith agreed to draft a message to send to members about the possibility of establishing a nominating committee. Additionally, suggestions were made to promote nominations in the spring newsletter and for officers to be active in promoting attendance at the business meeting and to seek out possible incoming officers.

President Smith provided reports from the SSCA Executive Council. A qualitative journal has been approved for a test publication. The SSCA division membership is 108, which is a more than 50% increase since 2006. (Smith and Hajjar cautioned that conference attendance and thus membership are often contingent upon location and competing conferences, and that membership should be viewed in 10 year cycles.) The increase resulted in Mass Communication’s being the fifth largest SSCA division, which can provide credibility for the number of panels. Smith reported that SSCA is accepting nominations for the executive director and representative to the legislative council. San Antonio was reported as the site of the 2012 SSCA convention.

Under new business, Smith sought comments on the production showcase, clarifying from Hajjar that there were inquiries but no submissions. Smith asked the division to consider two questions: 1) Is there a need for a showcase, and 2) How should entries be solicited and submitted? Smith read comments from Mary Pitts, who cited the showcase as being an important outlet for faculty members to build their vitas with creative scholarship.

Smith appointed Tony DeMars, former division chair, and Alison Miller, incoming secretary, to be in charge of the Production Showcase for the 2009 conference. In an effort to try to increase submission, a separate call will be made for the showcase in addition to the call for papers.

Smith recommended and the group agreed that getting together for a social activity would be beneficial. The group decided to get together on Friday night during next year's conference.

Alison Miller of University of Louisiana-Monroe was elected secretary.

Attendees:

Brantley, Brian C.

DeMars, Tony

Edwards, Janis

Gives-Carroll, Dedria

Hajjar, Wendy

Hill, Myleea

Miller, Alison

Narro, Amber

Roe, Darrell

Smith, Barry,

Smith, Melissa

Stone, Melanie

Minutes for the Performance Studies Division Business Meeting
SSCA Annual Convention, Savannah, GA, April 4, 2008

The meeting was opened by Performance Studies Division Chair, Tracy Stephenson Shaffer at 6:03 p.m.

Kelly Taylor moved that Amy Burt be elected as secretary to the Performance Studies Division of SSCA for 2008-2010. This was seconded by Mindy Fenske, and approved by acclamation.

Tracy Stephenson Shaffer passed the gavel to Becky Kennerly, this year's conference planner, and the in-coming Chair of the division. Tracy noted that "Becky Kennerly rocks in planning a conference. She's really organized, and she called people because we had said that we wanted more advanced scholars in attendance, and she made that happen."

Marcyrose Chavasta requested that Tracy write a letter to both *Perforum* and to Georgia Southern University applauding Becky's efforts and outlining how they made the 2008 convention exemplary. Marcy also apologized for giving the outgoing chair more to do.

Tracy reported from the Executive Committee meeting. SSCA has been trying for years to establish a second journal. It has finally been decided that a special issue of *SCJ* will be devoted to qualitative (including ethnographic) research. This special issue will be used to gauge interest, and, if need is established, SSCA will talk to the publishers, Taylor and Francis, about establishing a second journal. Tracy noted that this journal would differ from the journal of the Eastern Communication Association in that it would accept longer pieces for publication (10 pp +).

Darren Goins noted that we as a division need to get behind this because we are one of the larger divisions by membership, and most of our work is qualitative. We need, too, to ensure that this idea isn't diluted by compromise.

Tracy noted that one of the great additions that Becky made in the convention planning this year was that she kept a notebook documenting everything she did. This can and will be a great resource to those planners who follow.

Becky took over as incoming chair, and thanked Tracy Stephenson Shaffer for all of her hard work and service to the division.

The first order of business was presenting awards.

Claire Deal of Hampden-Sidney College was awarded Top Competitive Paper for "Committed: Collaborative Theatre of Testimony Performance as Critical Performance Pedagogy."

Scott Dillard of Georgia College & State University was named SSCA Performance Studies Scholar of the Year.

The second order of business was Becky's report as convention planner of Savannah '08. She said that everything that was submitted was creative, serious, and exciting. As we move forward, we should consider helping each other create panels and realize ideas. She asked that we continue sending in papers both competitive and student, and think of nominations for the Practitioner of the Year award.

We have, she continued, criteria that she established for evaluating the papers and the nominees. She suggested that we as a division look at these and make comments and suggestions.

We should continue to look for co-sponsors from other divisions. She is working with the new ethnography division, and suggested that other possible collaborations might include media/mass comm, theatre, and others.

Incoming Vice President Justin Trudeau said that if it's true that you're only as good as your models, he's been fortunate in having two great models in Tracy and Becky.

Justin reminded us that the call for Southern State's 79th annual convention can be found on p. 94 in the convention program. Next year's theme is "Crossing Ideologies: Communication and Collaboration in a Changing World" and will be held April 1- 5 in Norfolk, VA. The complete call is also available on SSCA's website.

Justin added that this theme is great for us as a field, and that we should think of ways to collaborate with others to increase and show off our skill set. There are many benefits to a multi- or interdisciplinary approaches to planning panels, and many ways we could utilize this approach. One way might include asking different scholars from a variety of disciplinary perspectives to respond to a show.

He mentioned that the Desert Readers, a performing troupe from Arizona, had established earlier that day via their performance work that we can do performances in the real work and generate performance and creativity. There may be grant monies available, too, for working with specific groups or within specific communities. Justin also noted that we may want to think about mentoring sessions for documenting performance.

Justin urged the membership to contact him with ideas, questions, or suggestions for SSCA '09. His cell phone number is 225-266-4287, and his e-mail address is jtrudeau@unt.edu

The third order of business was election of the Vice Chair-elect, Darren Goins moved to nominate Jacqueline Burleson of Virginia State University. It was seconded. Amy Burt moved to close nominations, and this was seconded by Mindy Fenske. Jacqueline was elected by acclamation.

Darren noted that Becky was able to get a panel co-sponsored by the Vice President as a VP Spotlight Panel after she helped a group get local arts grant money to travel to the conference.

She then wrote a letter of support and sent the program forward. Darren suggested that we remember that as a possible strategy for next year as well.

Marcyrose Chvasta suggested that we get a list of people interested in reviewing award nominations, both scholars and paper,s for next year. Darren suggested that we discuss the criteria as a group, and Tracy suggested that Becky forward us the criteria as attachments and that we discuss them via an email list discussion.

Marcy said that she had set up space on Yahoo! for Perforum; Mindi note that Marci went above and beyond the call of duty by copying and pasting in all of the addresses from the NCA list of PSD member.

Anyone who isn't on Perforum can send an email to Marcy at mchvast@cas.usf.edu

Kelly Taylor, it was remembered, is our webmaster. She can be reached at ktaylor@unt.edu

Because Becky had to leave to attend the ethnography division meeting, Tracy adjourned the meeting at the appropriate time.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Burt
Georgia College & State Univ
amy.burt@gcsu.edu

Popular Communication Minutes

April 4, 2008

6:00 PM

Savannah, GA Hyatt

Chair: David Silverman, Valley City State University

Vice-Chair: Mike Eaves, Valdosta State University

Vice-Chair Elect: Wesley Buerkle, East Tennessee State University

Secretary: John Saunders, Columbus State University

I. General Business

- A. Meeting called to order by David Silverman
- B. 2007 minutes submitted, distributed, and approved

II. Other Business

- A. Mike Eaves was unable to attend
- B. Plaques for award winners are missing. They were picked up by an unknown assailant. Having a sign-out sheet was suggested for picking up the plaques.
- C. Honorary awards were presented with the actual awards to be mailed.
 1. Christian Steinmentz, "From Black Flag to No Flag: Punk's Noble/Savage Resistance to Presidential Constructions of National Identity"
 2. C. Allin Means for Top Student Paper, "The Sidewalks of a New Media Neighborhood"
- D. Brief report from the Legislative meeting
- E. Wendy Hajjar suggested changing meeting location to a more libatious locale.
- F. The incoming program planner says he will make every effort to make sure respondents have papers with sufficient lead time before the conference.
- G. Some A/V requests evidently were not completed. Due to excessive costs, efforts will be made to let panelists know what A/V equipment is available and alternate arrangements will be made or suggested for requests that can not be honored due to expense.

III. New Business

- A. Danielle Williams elected as vice-chair elect.
- B. Discussion of the Norfolk and Memphis conferences took place. Topics suggested:
 1. Film studies with a possibility of having a screening of a few films (May be able to get Craig Brewer to speak at the Memphis conference)
 2. Adult Swim
 3. Video gaming
 4. Massive multi-player online games
 5. Exploitative films
 6. Judd Apatow films
 7. Would like to have a cross-divisional panel to combine a few interests
 8. An off-cite panel was suggested, but this may have to wait for Memphis

C. This call is always open and Wesley volunteered to post such suggestions on CRTNET

**SSCA PR Division
Minutes
April 4, 2007
Savannah, GA**

The meeting was called to order by Chair William Thompson.
Members present: VC Laura Walton, VC-Elect Corey Hickerson, Pamela Bourland-Davis, Brigetta Brunner, Margaret Fitch-Hauser, Myleea Hill, and Mary Jackson-Pitts.

Chair Report: William provided an update from the Executive meetings for the 2007 conference. Several constitutional changes were approved - one regarding submission of division minutes. Thomas Socha was elected Vice President. The conference location for 2012 will be San Antonio.

A qualitative research journal has been proposed for the association with the first publication scheduled for 2011/2012. Please submit manuscripts and encourage others to submit to support this endeavor.

William has made contact with the UHC to work toward a venue for presenting PR students' case studies and/or campaigns. Please support this by having students submit work as well as through your service as a reviewer.

VC/Program Planner report: Laura thanked all reviewers for their help. There were 10 student submissions (50% acceptance rate), 8 professional papers (63% acceptance rate), and five panel submissions (60% acceptance). Emma K. Wright was awarded "top student paper" and Michael Palenchar and D. Scott Wells were awarded "top paper" for the division.

Final remarks: William reported the PR Division is one of the second fast-growing divisions in SSCA. Membership has increased by 45% over the past two years. William thanked the division for allowing him to serve as Chair.

Change in Chairmanship

Nominations were taken for the VC-Elect position. Margaret Fitch-Hauser made a motion to elect Mary Jackson-Pitts to the position. Pamela Bourland-Davis seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Suggestions were taken for better communication for the upcoming year including emailing the PR programming and business meeting information prior to the conference.

Christie Kleinmann will be asked to serve the division as secretary for the next two years.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Rhetoric and Public Address

Minutes of April 5, 2008

“In the Absence of Presence”

For reasons we don't need to go into here, your faithful chronicler of rhetoric and public address life was unable to attend this year's exciting business meeting. Now because minutes of business meetings are usually written by people who are there, you can see from the get-go that I faced a most unusual compositional dilemma. However, not to fear, two business meeting stalwarts—Kathie Turner and Roseann Mandziuk—have supplied me with “data” and “décor(um),” respectively, and with their twin inputs (two “take-no-prisoners” sets of notes I might add), I was more than ready to rumble. For as Cypher once said to Neo in *The Matrix*, “Fasten your seatbelt, Dorothy, ‘cause Kansas is goin’ bye-bye.”

We met at 5:35 p.m. in the Westbrook room, a space Christi Moss described, somewhat indelicately, as “puke yellow with a shipping motif.” But even before things settled down, Chair, Ken Zagacki, Vice/Chair, Ann Burnette, and Vice/Chair-Elect, Bob Frank held what appeared to be a very serious private caucus up front. No one knew—or will ever know—what they actually talked about—but we do know that they talked about something. Apparently, all's well that ends well because they all came up laughing.

Most everyone, even those who teetered in from the hotel bar where they had been watching Memphis dismantle UCLA, sported arresting shades of gray and black (some things never change). But not everyone was competing for the sartorial lead in dull and duller. Chair Ken wore a short-sleeved red, white, and blue madras plaid shirt (tucked tightly in of course), with that curious hairstyle of his that seemed undecided between crisp crew and rhetorical punk. A few thought (to themselves of course) that a little less “product” would have made all the difference.

As he is mandated to do, Ken reported on his time at the Executive Council meeting. Now—for those of you who are following along at home—I was at that meeting, a vicious hybrid of *No Country for Old Men* and *There Will be Blood* (perhaps next year we'll even get *Atonement*, but don't hold your breath). When the smoke cleared and the wounded were removed, two things remained flopping around on the battlefield. One, Mary Stuckey, editor-elect of the *Southern Communication Journal*, graciously agreed to publish one, perhaps even two, special issues of the journal focusing upon qualitative research in communication, this in response to a select few who weren't sure anyone in the region was even doing qualitative research, and, even if they were, whether any of the rest really cared. Two, in perhaps the strangest request in annals of the Executive Council's none-too-stable memory, James Darsey conned poor Mike

Osborn into proposing, I dunno, some sort of a Club Med for stalled-out rhetoricians that would meet—what?—on a cruise ship maybe two, three weeks before the convention to stimulate new ideas among old rhetoricians. Now Kathie's notes here indicate that considerable discussion of this pre-convention cruise idea ensued, but after reading and re-reading what people said, I just thought—well—humm--let it pass.

Vice/Chair Ann Burnette then gently nudged Ken aside and began her own crisp report. Our Division received 35 competitive papers, 18 from students. Twenty-four were accepted, 12 from students. Of the four themed panels proposed, 3 were accepted (How bad could that 4th one have been?). R & PA had 13 panel slots. I know this all sounds really efficient and straightforward, but it wasn't. Apparently, Ann lost a few papers, couldn't find a few more, something like that. But really, it was no big deal she told us. Because hell--13 panels—even if a few submissions got lost or shuttled over to the Public Relations Division—is a solid year for any Division—at least that's how Ann spun things.

Time for elections (yeah, right!). Now you know that this election of officers deal has been disintegrating badly for years in our Division. But this year we may have hit a new low. First off, Ken had spaced that we'd elected Bob Frank Vice/Chair Elect last year. And so—never one to be caught with his madras down—Ken simply re-appointed Bob to a position that he already held. You still with me here? Good, because then, the appointment bug having now bitten Ken big time, he just kept on going. “And—and—and—I further appoint Jason Black from, from Alabama or somewhere near there, as the Vice/Chair Elect for next year.” I guess we all just bellied-up on this one, and so, if anyone remembers next year, Jason it is.

Awards time. Chris Oldenburg (a very young guy Kathie assures me), decked out in a black shirt (what else?) and a—yikes!—“checkered” suit gets the plastic plaque for the Top Graduate Student paper—something about figures in presidential debates. Richard Leemann (age to be determined at a later date) took top honors in the non-student division with his analysis of how community is created by the Lincoln Memorial (at least that's what Kathie thinks it was about).

Vice/Chair-Elect, Bob Frank, by now feeling particularly puffed up over being appointed twice to the same job, launched into potential topics that might augment the 75-word theme for next year's convention in Norfolk, VA. This is usually a hysterical time because none of the topics ever suggested at the business meeting EVER, and I do mean ever, make it to the convention as a paper, panel, or performance. After between 35-40 banal suggestions, Ron Carpenter woke up, leaped to his feet, and said, “Now wait just a damned minute here. Douglas MacArthur's museum is somewhere on the east coast and I would be willing, now that I am a proud owner of a gen-u-ine MacArthur corn cob pipe, to play the good General in a combo panel with Performance Studies if we could get Cully Clark to play FDR.” Well now—as you might imagine—that sure picked things up.

Half way through New Business all hell broke loose. James Darsey, he of Club Med for Rhetors fame, dramatically burst into the room to hawk his idea. Not scoring too high on the old *phronesis* meter, JD wanted to call this cruise the “Southeastern Spin” (or something like that). Well, you can just guess what happened next, right? The rhetoricians from the southwest, mainly one of my note takers, Roseann Mandziuk and an administrative heavy, Ann Burnette, went absolutely berserk, broke up the room, and simply rained all over JD’s parade. They even threatened to propose their own southwestern cruise to Hawaii. Well, when order was restored, when the security people left, and when the chairs were righted and the broken glass picked up, JD reluctantly agreed to call the pre-conference meeting “Rhetoric’s Roost” and to invite people from all areas of Southern. A really nice compromise, to be sure.

Now if I don’t say something serious here about this “Club Med” proposal, JD will show up next year and indignantly move that these minutes be amended to report what he had actually proposed—and since that ain’t gonna happen, James--this one’s for you. Kathie Turner, my other sterling note taker here, drafted a friendly amendment (are there any other kinds? You bet your sweet synecdoche there are!!) to JD’s original proposal that went something like this: “R & PA moves that the Southern Rhetoric Forum’s explorations of ways to enhance opportunities for rhetorical scholars to share scholarship be supported by contributing meeting time in a form of one slot to be matched by a slot contributed by the SSCA Vice President.” Slicker than snot off a doorknob, no? Not understanding what this all meant, the Division unanimously supported it.

At 6:20 p.m., this thing mercifully shut down and those still standing headed back to the bar where, the Osborns (whose transparent choice of buckets over bathos clearly revealed where their real loyalties were) assured them, that the Memphis/UCLA game outcome, unlike the finale of our meeting that they had just stiffed, was no longer in doubt.

Your obedient manservant,

Thomas Frentz, Secretary

Southern States Southern Forensics Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2008

6 moved to 4 in the report, and present the awards.

Darren – on attendance sheet mention school and if you will chair, VC, or review for the conference.

In attendance –

Darren Goins – Chair

Tyler Thornton – Vice Chair

Brian McGee – Vice Chair Elect, 2009 Program Planner

Tom Hubner – Carson Newman

Dan Schabot – Cameron

Dave Nelson – Northwest Missouri State

Nina Joe Moore – Appalacian State

Two names I didn't know

Minutes from 2007 approved by the body

Darren Report –

We have 30 members. Nina Joe says we are safe because of the history and nature of the program. The conference comes at a time in the year when people can't attend. We are naturally a smaller group. We won't lose our group.

Pay pal a convenience to pay for membership and stuff this year. Finance committee will make sure its there next year.

Second journal, they will continue looking at whether it should be done and a special issue and incoming editor. When it comes for a vote we should support it especially since it comes online. Scholars should get their work in print.

We should try to get the town hall as a spotlight and show case. Good for getting people involved, there are others with forensics backgrounds.

Hand out awards – we submitted our information in time but the plaques didn't get ordered in time. Top Faculty paper awarded to Darren Goins, Top Graduate paper went to Crystal Lane Swift at LSU. Coach of the Year from 2007 was Tyler Thornton. Nominations for 2008 Coach of the Year were Crystal Lane Swift, Nina Jo Moore spoke on her behalf; Jason Hough, and Dan Schabot spoke on his behalf; the vote for 2008 was Jason Hough of John Brown University.

Bryan McGee report on planning for next year –

It's a bit different this year but it will work the same as usual. Come to the conference its in Virginia, if dates don't conflict you should come out.

Election Results for next year: Vice Chair Elect Dave Nelson, Co-secretaries, Kris and Marian Willis.

Old Business –

Talk to executive council about getting the name changed in the constitution. Until it is approved by the general membership and put in constitution it will not be changed.

New Business –

Darren suggested we keep the scales Tyler Thornton used as a formal criteria for how to review and accept papers in the future, formalize the process. Schabot said planners should have the right to use their own form. Darren said consistency would be better, Tom Hubner agreed. Brian McGee suggested we use the form but it can be changed as necessary. We can vote different categories, change the scale, etc. Also make tech changes, just use the form as a blue print. Darren wanted this form to be permanent. Bryan disagreed, said we need to be able to have evolution for changes. Dave said we can comment on the blue print. Darren argued that papers represent the division. Brian would adopt this one even if its not used in the future. *No vote or formal process put into place other than what we are already doing.*

Treasure Report –

350 in the account 2 CDs with 2400, 1 renewed at 2%. The economy is down. We moved our bank a year ago, works better. Email a copy of the report to everyone. Darren asked if we are contributing to the division, awards and stuff. Nina asked what we are doing with the old money. Every year the plaques are paid for by SSCA so this money could be potentially used for something else like a tournament or something?

Darren encouraged Tyler and Bryan to get plaques here in advance. Talk with director and everyone else so our plaques get here. There were still problems this year even though we put in the order. We put it in the wrong place. We need to send the result to Emmett for plaques, not just put it in the program for the planners.

Dan Schabot proposed we give money for top paper awards, 50.00 for each paper. Nina didn't know where that money would come from. Darren says we use the SSCA money for plaques. Dan said if money is available within the division we should use it. Motion withdrawn. Bryan said we'll note a cash prize, and if SSCA won't cover it, Charleston will sponsor the money.

Bryan made a new motion – SCRC rhetoric people in South East discussion, no meeting or programming for it. We should support this group if we like the idea. Darren said we lack room space. There was a motion to endorse the SE colloquium – the motion passed. We also need a link to the community college division, do a combined panel in order to get another slot.

There was some talk about panels for next year and the meeting was adjourned.

Contact information and availability for next years panels:

Dave Nelson – Northwest Missouri State - chair/respondent dvnelson@gmail.com

Dan Schabot – Cameron University - chair/respondent dschabot@cameron.edu

Tom Huebner – Carson Newman –Reviewer

Marian Willis – Appalachian State – reviewer, chair, correspondent willismr@appstate.edu

Kris Willis – Appalachian State – chair, respondent williskw@appstate.edu

Nina Jo Moore – App State – reviewer, chair, respondent, whatever moorenj@appstate.edu

Car Cates – Valdosta – whatever ccates@valdosta.edu

Bob Glenn – Owensboro, bojglenn@kctcs.edu

Tami Morris - Georgia State – tami@2bpress.com

Tyler Thornton – University of Oklahoma, review, chair, respondent, whatever we need

darthvt@yahoo.com

Brian McGee – College of Charleston, mcgreeb@cofc.edu