**Instructional Development Division**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

**Southern States Communication Association – Zoom, Virtual Land**

**April 6, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Jill Bergeron –Chair

Kevin Bryant – Vice-Chair

Ryan Goke - Secretary

Michelle Garland – Vice-Chair Elect

Colleen Mestayer – Past Chair

Lionnell “Badu” Smith

Nina-Jo Moore

Margaret Butcher

Stephanie Kelly

Margaret Butcher

Scott Christen

Lakelyn Taylor

Laurie Metcalf

Robin Smith Mathis

Michelle Violanti

Katherine Grace Hendrix

Beau Foutz

1. Call to order
   1. Jill called the meeting to order at 1:33
      1. Apparently academics are always late, even when we don’t have to go anywhere to attend the meeting.
      2. The foreshadowing, dun dun dunnn
2. Approval of the 2019 minutes
   1. We are scrolling through the minutes
   2. Stephanie Kelly motioned to adopt the old minutes
      1. Thank you for saving us from awkward silence and scrolling
      2. Seconded by Colleen
   3. Ayes have it with no Nays or abstentions
   4. Wait--Colleen opposes because Ryan spelled her name incorrectly
      1. Everyone’s a critic
3. Officer Reports
   1. Jill Bergeron
      1. Later submission date for SSCA this fall
         1. We cater to the slow pokes
      2. Deadline to submit is 10/07
      3. Michelle will turn in submitted work 10/27
      4. John Hass reports that we are doing well financially
      5. Current memberships were renewed without fee, good til 2022
      6. Caring Connections are changing from hands to stars because they want to be more inclusive
         1. Not sure if people who don’t have friends to give them caring connections will feel any more included tho….
      7. Next SSCA is Greeneville
         1. *“Resilience through Resistance”*
   2. Ryan
      1. Would like to apologize to Colleen for misspelling her name two years ago in the minutes
         1. Colleen accepts
   3. Kevin
      1. Thanks reviewers, chairs, etc. for their hard work
   4. Colleen Meystayer
      1. Nothing to report
4. Old Business
   1. 2020 Un/Convention
      1. Commiserating
   2. 2021 Convention program
      1. Submissions – 18
      2. Panels (paper and discussion) recommended for inclusion – 12
      3. Slots – 13, including business meeting and co-sponsored sessions
      4. Appreciation for reviewers
   3. 2021 Top Paper Awards
      1. Siobhan Styles
      2. Lakelyn Taylor
5. New Business
   1. SSCA Business meeting update
      1. Executive Council meeting announcements
      2. Division numbers
         1. Division numbers look good!
      3. Nominating committees
         1. We are very confused on who is on the nominating committee
         2. Laurie Metcalf is on the committee
         3. Stephanie has rotated off
         4. Scott has been nominated by Laurie
         5. Stephanie has volunteered
            1. She retracts because Scott said he’d do it
         6. It is decided that Scott will be on our nominating committee
   2. Elections
      1. Vice-Chair Elect – plans 2023
         1. Scott is nominated by Stephanie
            1. Unanimous vote in favor of Scott

Except for Scott, he objects

* + 1. Secretary
       1. Scott nominated Ryan
          1. Ryan cannot
       2. Stephanie nominated Kevin
          1. Kevin declines
       3. Colleen nominated Lakelyn
          1. Lakelyn cannot
       4. Laurie nominates Beau
          1. Beau accepts
       5. Jill calls for a vote
          1. Unanimous for Beau to be secretary, no abstentions
  1. 2022 Convention in Greenville, SC April 6-10 – Hyatt Regency
     1. Brainstorming with theme: “Resilience in the Resistance”
        1. Scott mentions the idea of the importance of virtual presentations
           1. Students will be dealing with this the rest of their lives, we should incorporate that into our classes/assignments
        2. Michelle V. suggests a panel on student resistance in the classroom and how their resistance strategies have changed since we went virtual and now re-enter the classroom
           1. Scott concurs, students have to re-learn how to be present and not have cameras off
        3. Robin had her camera off but she also agrees
        4. Laurie suggests a panel on self-care for instructors since we don’t get a break, as well as a discussion over how we as instructors can be flexible with our students without being taken advantage of.
           1. Colleen agrees and suggests adding dialectical tensions.
        5. Michelle V. suggests the topic of teaching students responsibility for the actions. What have we taught them and how have we prepared them for the workforce?
           1. Robin agrees, and suggests adding the fact that students don’t prefer online learning so they check out. We need to get them to stay in touch with us, don’t just disappear
        6. Michelle V. mentions the changing role of the syllabus, it has grown extensively with all the policies that students need. How has the role of the syllabus changed our interactions with students?
        7. Beau mentions student misbehavior and how students abuse compassion
        8. Colleen suggests exploring how should students be active participants in the classroom? Also how has Visa issues impacted our international enrollment and the intercultural dynamics of the campus
           1. Jill suggests a co-sponsorship with the intercultural division

Margaret is the chair of the intercultural division and thinks it would be an interesting collaboration

* + 1. Serving the Instructional Development Division
       1. Reviewers for 2021-2022
          1. Colleen
          2. Scott
          3. Beau
          4. Margaret
          5. Badu
       2. Chair
          1. Margaret
          2. Katherine Hendrix
       3. Respond
          1. Margaret
          2. Katherine Hendrix
  1. Open the floor for comments:
     1. Michelle G.
        1. 2 slots for GIFTS (Community college division)
        2. Askes for those willing to bbe reviewers/chairs/panelists to email her so she has their contact info.
     2. Kevin
        1. Circle back to the nominating committee and constitution committee
     3. Stephanie supports Kevin, we need to establish the committees
        1. Our bylaws do not specify the terms of the nominating committees and that is making this difficult
           1. We have what is known as the *North Dakota Nice* going on here – everyone is willing to not be on the committee but will do it if necessary…but they don’t want to impose on the hoard of other people jumping up and down for more work.
     4. Michelle V. has the bylaws and provides some clarification:
        1. Colleen should be going to the nominating committee this year
        2. We need 3 members on the committee who will provide a slate of possible committee members
     5. Kevin
        1. We are switching platforms for the next conference
           1. It goes live in May
  2. Nominating Committee Final decision :
     1. Laurie Metcalf
     2. Colleen Mestayer
     3. Lionnell Smith
  3. As incoming chair Kevin announces that we are adding an ad hoc committee
     1. Stephanie and Lakelyn will be on this with Kevin to help establish rules and term limits for the nominating committee so that we don’t get this confusing in the future
     2. The committee will send out the last adopted version of the bylaws
     3. They will also bring the proposed changes to the 2022 SSCA for a vote to adopt them.
  4. Out-going chair remarks by Jill Bergeron
     1. Recognitions and appreciations
     2. Jill thanks everyone for their support, help, and advice
        1. Especially Kevin, Colleen, & Michelle V.

1. Passing of the gavel
   1. Jill passes invisible gavel to Kevin via the cyber space
      1. Kevin accepts
   2. Jill Bergeron becomes Past Chair
   3. Kevin Bryant becomes Chair
   4. Michelle Garland become Vice Chair (division planner - 2022)
   5. Scott becomes Vice Chair Elect (division planner – 2023)
   6. Beau becomes secretary

Motion to adjourn

* + 1. Colleen motions to adjourn
    2. Scott Seconds
    3. Meeting adjourned 2:29