

**Interpersonal Communication Division Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA**  
**April 5, 2014, 4:15pm-5: 30pm**

**2013-2014 Division Officers**

<u>Chair:</u>	Kandi Walker
<u>Vice Chair:</u>	Carrie Oliveira
<u>Vice Chair Elect:</u>	Mary Beth Asbury
<u>Secretary:</u>	Christin Huggins

**1. Call to Order (Kandi Walker)**

Kandi Walker called the meeting to order at 4:15pm. Kandi announced the exciting and encouraging numbers for the Interpersonal Communication Division for the year.

**2. Vice Chair's 2014 Convention Report (Carrie Oliveira)**

The division received 20 paper submissions and 6 panel proposals (2 co-sponsored). Of these submissions, 14 paper submissions and 3 panel discussions were accepted. These numbers represent the higher number of submissions the division received this year. Carrie thanked all paper readers for submitting their reviews on time.

**3. Volunteers Solicited (Mary Beth Asbury)**

Kandi thanked Carrie Oliveira for her hard work on this year's convention and then handed things over to Mary Beth Asbury who solicited volunteers for paper reviewers, chairs and respondents to serve at next year's convention in Tampa. Mary Beth noted the more reviewers we have, the less any one person has to accomplish. She encouraged sharing the responsibility and the potential to add this information as an element of regional service. Kandi Walker noted graduate students could also serve as paper reviewers. A list was passed around the room to allow individuals to volunteer.

**4. Awards (Kandi Walker)**

*Top Four Papers:* The top papers were honored at the top paper panel.

*Top Paper:* Megan Dillow, Alan Goodboy, & San Bolkan: Attachment and the Expression of Affection in Romantic Relationships: The Mediating Role of Romantic Love.

Hannah Ball, Melanie Booth-Butterfield: Funny, but Wrong: Using Superiority Theory to Examine the Relationship between Humor Use and Bullying among College Students

Kaitlin Cannava, Andrea Vickery, & Graham Bodie: "That Reminds Me of a Time When": Patterns of Mutual Storytelling in Supportive Conversations between Friends and Strangers

Allison Alford: A Daughter's Perception of Turning Points.

*Top Student Paper:* Ashton Mouton, Communicatively Constructing the Father-Daughter Relationship in the Context of Eating Disorders.

## **5. Election of New Officers (Kandi Walker)**

Kandi made us aware that the Secretary position included a two-year term, so our only position to be filled was Vice Chair Elect. The candidate on the floor for nomination was Carrie West, Assistant Professor at Schreiner University. Carrie West introduced herself. Nominations from the floor were requested, however; none were provided. A motion was made to accept the uncontested nomination by acclamation, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

*Vice Chair Elect:* Carrie West

Nominations were sought from the floor for members of the nominating committee. A motion was made to accept the full slate of 5 names provided, which was seconded and approved.

*Nominating Committee:* Brooke Friley, Allison Alford, Ashton Mouton, Ashley Greene, Christin Huggins

## **6. New Business/Announcements from the Floor**

The duck of leadership was symbolically passed from Kandi Walker to Carrie Oliveira. Carrie then made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded and approved.

Ashton Mouton opened discussion of the new call for SSCA 2015 in Tampa, FL of communication as “Art and Craft.”

Kandi Walker suggested creating a panel structured similarly to a TED talk, which could include a presentation of 6 minutes or less to encourage creativity. She also suggested the division support this new panel and select a few choice scholars to present these TED-like talks. Kandi also noted the successful roundtable discussion panel from this year’s convention sponsored by the division in conjunction with the Communication Theory Division. She suggested creation of a similar panel in the future.

Carrie West inquired about a list of the division membership, which Kandi Walker indicated can be found by logging onto the SSCA website.

Carrie Oliveira identified she would contact Mary Beth Asbury with various ideas for future panels.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.