

SSCA Popular Communication Business Meeting

April 5, 2014

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New Orleans, LA Sheraton

- I. General Business
 - A. Meeting called to order by Dave Nelson.
 - B. 2013 minutes submitted and approved.
- II. Other Business
 - A. Matt Ramsey reported on planning the 2014 panels.
 1. Matt put together 9 panels, with help from a variety of members.
 2. It was suggested that the division try for 10 panels next year!
 3. As last year, submissions to the division were sent to sscapopcomm@gmail.com. This system continues to work successfully.
 4. The division had an acceptance rate of 75%.
 - B. Discussion of the submission policy began
 1. The division had some trouble this year with people submitting multiple papers and panels.
 2. It was suggested that we revise our call and clearly state that multiple submissions will not be accepted.
 3. John Saunders suggested that people could submit “one individual presentation” and “limited to one panel presentation.”
 4. Another suggestion to the call was adding the phrase that submitters if accepted “would be expected to attend” the conference.
 - a. This was due to the absence of several presenters at this year’s conference.
 5. However, Dave said that we needed to look at the bylaws before making any major changes in language to the call.
 - C. SSCA 2015 Discussion
 1. The theme for next year was briefly discussed.
 2. Paper deadline is September 12, 2014.
 3. It was suggested that we try to move our business meeting from Saturday evenings to a different time due to low attendance at this year’s meeting.
- III. New Business
 - A. Nominations opened for vice-chair elects. Danielle Williams put Dave Nelson’s name in for consideration. Dave elected unanimously!
 - B. Erin Looney elected as secretary!
 - C. Meeting ended with changing of the guard and the suggestion of a celebration in the hotel lobby bar.