

Performance Studies Division

Business Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 10th 2026 5.30-6.30

Birmingham, Alabama

1. Call to order
 - a. 5:32 p.m.
2. Motion to Approve Minutes, 2025 Division Business Meeting
 - a. Minutes Approved by Acclamation
 - b. Agenda for this year's meeting approved
3. Chair's Report
 - a. Colin Whitworth Gives Update from Exec Meeting
 - i. Update to DEI Committee to Community Building Committee
 - ii. \$15-\$20 Dues Increase Coming
 - b. Division Membership
 - i. Membership of 25
 - ii. Call to register ahead of the convention
 - iii. Cynthia Sampson notes no more "early bird reservation" but instead will pay a "late fee" (functionally the same as is).
 - c. Chair's Spotlight Panel
 - i. Pop Goes Performance. Panel Continued
4. Vice Chair's Report
 - a. Submission Numbers
 - i. 20 Total Submissions w/17 Acceptances
 1. 11 Papers (including extended abstracts & Page to Stage) 8 Accepted
 2. 7 Panels All Accepted
 3. 2 Individual Performances. Both accepted
 - a. Reminder to Submit
 - i. Papers
 - ii. Performance
 - iii. Awards
 - b. Total Panels/Sessions
 - i. Initially Given 10 & Awarded 1 More for a Total of 11
 - c. Pre-Conference Symposium & Response Panel
 - i. Bodily Humors: led by Drs. Alison Fisher Bodkin, James Madison University; Christopher Collins, Missouri State University; and Wendy Weinhold, Coastal Carolina University.
 - ii. Response Panel on 4/11 from 11:00-12:15, East O
5. Vice-Chair Elect's Report

- a. Upcoming Conference Location and Theme
 - i. Mobile, Alabama
 - ii. Theme: Curiosity
 - 1. Laura provides Hurston quote to contextualize the theme
 - b. Promoting next year's conference
- 6. Awards
 - a. Top Student Paper Award

"Unwritten Scripts: The Tension between Marital Duties, Desires, and Personal Dreams in Asian Cultural Performance"

Sharifa Shirina, Louisiana State University

Md Rafiqul Islam, Moulvibazar Government College

Sahibur Rahman, Begum Rokeya University

Mamunor Rashid, University of Colorado Boulder
 - b. Top Student Performance Award

(Decided at Conference)

 - i. Awarded to Andrew Ho from LSU for "Performing the Perfect Eulogium"
 - c. Page-to-Stage

Dr. Travis Brisini, LSU for *Far Halcyon Days*
 - d. Outstanding Publication:

Collaborative Performance for Social Justice

Dr. Tessa Carr, Auburn & Dr. Deanna Shoemaker, Monmouth
 - e. Southern Scholar of the Year: Dr. Jonny Gray, SIU
- 7. Nominations and Election
 - a. Call for Nominations for Vice Chair-Elect (Three-year commitment)
 - i. Shelby Swafford nominates Alex Lockwood
 - ii. Seconded
 - iii. Lockwood Accepts
 - iv. Nomination confirmed
 - b. Call for Nominations for Secretary (Two-year commitment)
 - i. Nicole Costantini nominates Mitchell Kahalley
 - ii. Seconded
 - iii. Kahalley Accepts
 - iv. Nomination confirmed
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Cynthia Asks if the old bylaws will be reflected on SSCA website
 - i. Materials have been sent to SSCA
- 9. New Business
 - a. Cynthia Sampson asks about continuing the chair panel and the pre-conference symposium

- b. Alex Davenport gives updates. Claims the Chair's spotlight will be contingent
- 10. Announcements and Celebrations
 - a. Nicole Costantini announces a revisit and update of the *Liminalities* reviewer pool
 - b. Rebecca Walker announces nominations opened for the Kleinau Award. Deadline September 15th
- 11. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.