

ASHR Meeting Minutes

Date: April 2026

Officer Rotation and Appointments:

Alex Morales addressed questions regarding the upcoming officer rotation and clarified the proposed leadership structure for ASHR.

The following officer roster was proposed:

- Chair: Alex Morales, Vanderbilt University
- Vice Chair: Savannah Downing, Georgia Southern University
- Vice Chair-Elect: Alex Morales, Vanderbilt University
- Secretary: Jack Wood, University of Georgia

Discussion included the upcoming planning responsibilities associated with the officer rotation. Members also discussed ways to collaborate with other ASHR divisions at NCA and RSA.

Leadership Transition:

Alex will restart the service rotation due to a lack of volunteers, but will seek new members to serve in these roles.

SSCA 2027 Convention:

Members reviewed information regarding the Southern States Communication Association's 97th Annual Convention, which will take place April 7-11, 2027, at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza in Mobile, Alabama.

The conference theme is "Curiosity."

ASHR Call for Participation

Savannah distributed the division's call for participation via email. The call invites scholarship that engages rhetorical theory and historical cases, with particular attention to questions related to the convention theme.

The division will accept submissions in the following categories:

- Competitive Papers
- Extended Abstracts
- Thematic Panels

- Roundtable Discussions

ASHR will continue to recognize Top Faculty Paper and Top Student Paper awards. The recipient of the Top Student Paper Award will also be nominated for the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award. However, we reserve the right not to distribute these awards based on the quality/ quantity of submissions.

Submission Information:

Members reviewed conference submission requirements and deadlines.

- Submission Deadline: September 15th, 2026, at 11:59 P.M. PDT
- Submission Portal: SSCA Conference Submission System

The call outlines requirements for competitive papers, extended abstracts, panel proposals, and roundtable submissions, including anonymity standards, formatting expectations, and eligibility requirements for student papers.

Additional Announcements:

Members were reminded that audio-visual requests should be reserved for presentations requiring technological support. The call also reiterates conference policies concerning original research and division-specific submissions.

Adjournment:

No additional business was reported.