Philosophy of Communication Business Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Igor Klyukanov
  - Annette Holba, vice chair, is sick and unfortunately unable to attend so we may have to improvise
- Approval of 2013 minutes—corrections? Feedback?
  - No corrections, no feedback
  - Marie Radford moved to approve
  - Joel Ward seconds
  - Minutes approved
- Guest presentation/report about changes to NCA bylaws by Kathleen Glenister Roberts
  - In 2010/2011, there was a task force imitated to look at the NCA bylaws and found structural issues with significant implications
  - A draft of bylaw revisions was handed out
  - Overview of major changes
    - There will only be one set of documents instead of two—the constitution and bylaws will be combined into one document
    - Some of the outdated bylaws were updated
    - The Legislative Assembly will not decrease the number of representatives—each group will be represented
    - A board of governors will replace the executive board—the legislative assembly will stay as it is with numerous checks and balances
    - There will now be the ability to recall a board member
    - In my opinion, there are two great things that happened
      - The intercaucus council is represented far more deeply and broadly on the board of directors with intercaucus chairs
      - This will help people understand fiduciary responsibility, which so much more beyond financial duties. This includes loyalty to the entire organization. If you come with the voice of philosophy of communication representation, you are in a complicated position.
  - These changes will not be voted on at this NCA convention.
  - We will first receive feedback. There is a bylaws booth in the exhibit hall and there are a series of events throughout convention.
- Convention report constructed by Annette Holba and presented by Marie Radford
  - We received 55 submissions, which is higher than the past couple of years.
    - We received 44 individual paper submissions
      - We accepted 12 (4 of which were student papers) and declined 21.
The remaining 11 submissions were transferred to Scholar to Scholar (6 were accepted and 5 declined)
  ▪ We received 6 paper session submissions (accepted 2 and declined 4)
  ▪ We received 5 Panel/Roundtable Discussions (accepted 1 and declined 4)
    o Our acceptance rate was at 27%
    o We were granted two additional slots because our membership and number of submissions are growing
    o I would like to thank all reviewers for their timely and thorough reviews: Ronald C. Arnett, Garnet Butchart, Janie Harden Fritz, Igor Klyukanov, Frank Macke, Craig Maier, Amanda McKendree, Leeanne Bell McManus, Gary Radford, Ramsey Eric Ramsey, Brent Sleasman, Andrew Smith, and Jessica Sturgess.
  o Discussion:
    ▪ Are the additional slots now permanent? No, we should have 6 permanent slots but will find out more information as we move closer to the convention.

Treasurer’s report by Marie Radford
  o We started with $390.00.
  o We paid for last year’s plaques and top paper awards so we now have $191.88 minus whatever it will cost for this year’s plaques.

Secretary’s report by Susan Mancino
  o The minutes from last year’s convention were completed.
  o The first two issues of Chronotope were released and sent to membership—one right after the 2013 convention and one right before the 2014 convention.
  o Please send any calls and announcements that you would like to be included in the newsletter to carrs1@duq.edu.

Legislative Assembly report by Marie Radford
  o I attended the first of two meetings. The second is held on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., which is in the program.
  o The first meeting was on Wednesday. For the majority of the meeting we discussed a faculty member who was up for tenure and hired but was then turned down after tweeting a pro-Palestinian message. The discussion surrounded a proposed resolution for NCA to make a strong statement that they found the message reprehensible. We spent almost the entire meeting word-smithing and debating the resolution, and at the end, it was defeated.
  o The meeting on Saturday has been extended 45 minutes. (It was originally supposed to be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.).

Convention Preview Report by Jay Brower
  o I unfortunately was not able to attend the meeting so I am just repeating what I heard.
There will be 83 fewer slots in next year’s program to accommodate space limitations.

The convention will be held at the Rio in Las Vegas, NV. The convention will be held all on one floor and all in one hotel.

This will likely have a negative impact on the growth in our slots.

The organization would like us to increase cross-listed sessions to address big problems in the discipline. They are also interested in NCA’s multiple constituencies.

I feel like there is a lack of recognition for our division. We need to work on getting our name out there.

- Presentation of Awards presented by Igor Klyukanov
  - Top Student Paper Award: “The Nodal Nomad, Lines of Migration, and Landscapes of Citizenship” by Michael Lechuga
  - Top Paper Award: “The Two Sciences of Communication in Philosophical Contexts” by Isaac Catt
  - Top Article Award: “Alasdair MacIntyre’s Contribution to Communication Theory” by Jason Hannon in Empedocles: European Journal for the Philosophy of Communication
  - Top Book Chapter Award: “Korzybski and Charles Sanders Peirce” by Isaac Catt in Corey Anton and Lance Strate’s edited collection Korzybski And...
  - Top Book Award: Communicative Engagement and Social Liberation: Justice Will Be Made by Pat Arneson

- Nominations run by Igor Klyukanov
  - Vice Chair-Elect
    - Isaac Catt nominated Frank Macke.
    - Motion approved and Macke elected.
  - Representative to Legislative Assembly
    - The past chair (Igor Klyukanov) is one representative.
    - A second representative is needed. This position involves coming to NCA early for the meeting on Wednesday and staying for the second meeting during the convention.
    - William Harpine (self nominated) is approved and elected.
  - Awards Committee Member
    - There are three members on the committee. One rotates off each year and the senior member becomes chair.
    - There is a minimal time commitment. You are required to read nominated books, book chapters, and articles. This is, however, fairly manageable because people do not nominate these all at once. The nominations are spread out so you can keep up with it. Additionally, we have adopted a structure where nominations will stay in place for a few years so you do not have to reread what rolls over.
    - Isaac Catt (self nominated) is approved and elected.

- Division Business
Richard Lanigan moves to change bylaws concerning awards committee.

- The details of the proposal are available on the orange handout.
- Previously, the committee was operating based upon traditional practices, which made it difficult to determine your responsibilities.
- The proposed changes on the handout are the second draft.
- Changing “awards committee” to “publication awards committee” makes it clear that this committee is not responsible for top paper awards, which is handled by the executive committee.
- Additionally, we suggest removing thesis/dissertation—we will read it after it is nominated as a publication.
- We suggest changing the categories of who is eligible to be those who belong to NCA but membership to the Philosophy of Communication Division is not required. This way we will not receive nominations from publishers.
- All nominations should be sent in PDF form except in the case of books, in which case three copies must be submitted.
- We suggest clarifying that single authored texts are preferred.
- Next, we suggest that eligibility is based on year of nomination, not year of publication. Books are eligible for four years after nomination, and journal articles for three years. This will also allow for the nomination of books of significant historical contribution.

Discussion:

- I have served on award committees in the past. It seems standard to require that the nominated author must be a member of the division in order to help membership. I am surprised that such a small division does not require this when we need membership.
- Response from Lanigan: In my experience, it works the other way around. If we require membership, some years we may have no nominations. Part of this carry over nominations business responds to this so that we are keeping nominations. Otherwise, the awards would not be consistently given and would disappear. We have a very small group. To pick on my friend, Isaac Catt, he won two awards. Why? Because no one else is writing. We do not want to reach a point where 5 awards are given to one recipient. In my experience, being exclusive does not work. Being expansive helps.
• In regard to the open publication date—how far back would be appropriate?
  o Response from Lanigan: I tried to get at that with the clause to signal historical contribution. The idea is not to go back 25 years. I think it is a common sense call. We are trying to get rid of the idea that the only good research is now research.
  ▪ Vote to approve motion passes.
  o Richard Lanigan moves for International Communicology Institute affiliate proposal.
    ▪ I am the director of ICI, and the affiliation’s basic function is shared credibility worldwide—a mutual recognition of the organization.
    ▪ ICI co-sponsors conferences at various levels. Most funding agencies who do grants for conferences in Europe require an international co-sponsor for EU money. ICI serves as the international co-sponsor. ICA and NCA cannot qualify as these co-sponsors.
    ▪ There is no cost and no legal issue.
    ▪ If NCA is listed as a research affiliate, all conference activity is announced and hopefully will help generate membership.
    ▪ This is one way to connect on the international scene.
    ▪ Vote to approve motion passes.
  o Igor Klyukanov moves that the division’s communication responsibility in the form of the newsletter will officially become the part of the secretary position.
    ▪ Discussion:
      • Would the vice-chair and vice-chair-elect still work on editing and proofreading the newsletter?
        o Response from Klyukanov: No, this would not change. Both would continue to assist.
    ▪ Vote to approve motion passes.
  o Website Announcement by Igor Klyukanov:
    ▪ Our division never had a website, but we now have one under construction. I hope that you have looked at it, and as I log into the website, is there any initial feedback?
      • Pat Arneson: The website looks great. It is easy to navigate, aesthetically pleasing, and all the information I wanted was there.
      • Deborah Eicher-Catt: I applaud the executive committee for working to get this up and running.
    ▪ The website will be hosted by Eastern Washington University. This is free and independent of NCA so are not bound by the association’s template.
- Additionally, we can make it mobile accessible and link it to social media if we want.
- We have room for publication announcements, news, and success stories. There is also an area for conference calls.
- Discussion:
  - Request to send the URL out again.
  - Clarify—we are a division, not an interest group, which is to our advantage.
  - Gary Radford: We should link it to the NCA website.
  - Richard Lanigan: This should also be a place where we reconstruct the history of the division with an entire list of past officers. I have a partial list of all award recipients. There is much work to follow, but these are enduring documents that will not change but will need updated. We can also link this to the ICI website.
  - Gary Radford: We also need to think about who will serve as the web master as we move forward. We may need to make a position.
- There is no need for a motion, but the division would like to thank Igor for his efforts.
  - Igor Klyukanov moves to include the treasurer position, which is not currently included in the bylaws, to the secretary position.
    - Vote to approve motion passes.
    - This will become official in article 5 of the bylaw.
- New business
  - Isaac Catt would like to thank the executive committee for their great leadership.
  - Igor Klyukanov would like to thank Annette Holba who was incredibly helpful.
  - Leeanne Bell McManus would like to announce the 2nd Biennial Philosophy of Communication conference this upcoming summer at Duquesne University. Annette sent an initial email, but more information is available in the back of the room.
  - Richard Lanigan would like to announce a phenomenology conference. There is also information about the conference in the back of the room.
  - Jay Brower will send out an email for those willing to review.
- No old business
- Meeting adjourned at 10:45.