

Kenneth Burke Society

Eastern Communication Association

Providence, RI

April 25, 2014

Call to order 3:30 (Erik Garrett)

Minutes distributed and approved

Report on Providence (Erik Garrett)

- 5 slots + business mtg
- Submissions: 3 panels, 9 papers
- Top Paper Award given to Lamiyah Bahrainwala
- Top Student Paper Award given to Greg Coles

Planning for Philadelphia (Jean Miller)

- Submission deadline October 15
- 1st call for submissions end of May, 2nd call beginning of September
- Theme: "Deliberation"
- Try to work the act of deliberation into panels (engage the audience, two respondents, etc.)
- Spotlight connections: local media invited to attend, some virtual audience
- Book display for works authored by ECA members
- Sunday morning session on politics and media, taped for broadcast on NPR
- Survey on what short courses you want
- Want to grow undergrad scholars conference
- Discouraging having a panelist chair their own panel
- No-shows will be dropped from program; try to find someone to read your paper if you can't make it

Executive Council Report (Elvera Berry)

- Pilot of mobile program app next year
- Future venues: Philadelphia 2015, Baltimore 2016, possibly Boston 2017, possibly Providence 2018 or DC 2018 and Providence 2019
- ECA membership dropped this year, but conference attendance has increased
- KB Interest Group is tied for 5th smallest group (33 members), down 2 from last year

No other old business

New Business (Erik Garrett)

- Kenneth Burke Society Triennial Conference, St. Louis, July 17-20
- No elections this year

- KB journal now has interim editor, working to confirm new editors

Brainstorming for next year's panels (Jean Miller)

- Co-haggling: Burke/Jameson debate in *Critical Inquiry* (1978, 1981)
- English vs. Comm: Can we transcend our differences?
- Use Burke terms to debate an issue
- 4Qs, 4 panelists: e.g., Which intellectual tradition will best help carry on Burke's work? Which will most threaten it?
- Burke's idea of deliberative education (with *Instructional Communication*)

Meeting adjourned 4:25

Attendance: 10

Chair/planner for 2013 and 2014: Erik Garrett

Chair/planner for 2015 and 2016: Jean Miller

Executive Council: Elvera Berry

Secretary: Annie Laurie Nichols