

**Intercultural Communication Division
Eastern Communication Association
2014 Meeting Agenda**

I. Greetings

- Nicole Files-Thompson begins the meeting at 9:40am

Announcements:

- **Marketing Director:** Andrew Spieldenner discusses marketing opportunities for ECA. Invites us to attend Philadelphia. The theme is deliberation. Looking to enhance the relationships between the communities and scholars. Partnership with NPR. Will broadcast some discussions. ECA 2015 will exist on Second Life for people who cannot attend the conference. There will be an author's table, tell friends with books to submit for table. 2015 Convention will be in the Sheraton Society Hill. It will be fun. Hope to see us all there. We are testing a mobile app for the conference instead of using paper.
- **Upcoming ECA Conferences:** 2016 Baltimore; 2017 is in Boston; 2018 Pittsburgh; 2019 Rhode Island

II. Minutes Approval:

- Minutes were approved. April Copes made the motion. Gina Castle Bell seconded the motion.

III. Nominations and Voting

Nicole Files-Thompson discusses the two positions we need to fill: Vice Chair Elect for 2016 and Executive Council Representative, 2016-2018.

2 People Ran for Intercultural Division Chair

- Quin Zhang an Assistant Professor from Fairfield University is running. She had a top paper award.
- Ali Erol – Runs for the program planner position. Been active with NCA and ECA for the last 3-4 years, presented at ICC in other divisions. He works at American University and lists his courses. He states he's working to publish in the intercultural area. Discusses transcending difference.

We Need to Elect Executive Council Representative Mid-Point 2016 - Mid-Point 2018

- This person will attend ECA exec council meeting at ECA 2016 and at will also attend the NCA Exec council meetings.
- Our current Executive Council Representative, 2014-2016 is Kathleen Roberts from Duquesne. She serves on executive council from from Sunday 2014 to Thursday 2016.

Andrew Spieldenner discusses the EC duties and the group discusses the importance of the position:

- Thursday prior to ECA/Sunday after ECA if you want to do it, make sure you can be present. They will take note of you as one of the few people of color in the room. It's important. They vote on publications and finances. As we move forward, it is important that we are represented at ECA. It is the role of executive council to make sure that the voices of everyone are heard, not just the leadership. Strongly encouraged that if you can do it, you should go.
- Andrew Spieldenner nominates April Copes for EXEC Council.
- Gina Castle Bell moves to elect April Copes by acclamation. AS seconds the motion.

IV. 2014 Convention Planner, Chair Report

- Sent calls for the division in June and August with conference theme and location.
- Multiple submission types were encouraged.
- Interest group had 5 slots. Same as 2013 and 2015. We had 10 competitive paper submissions and 5 panel submissions.
- We had 14 reviewers this year and used survey monkey instead of emailing papers. Recommendation was made to continue this.
- We created an intercultural Gmail account so that all the information is there and transparent moving forward.
- Reviewers only programmed 5 of the 10 papers. The decision was made to program only 1 top-papers panel.
- We programed all submissions through Voices of Diversity. We were allotted 5 slots but were able to program 6. Co-sponsoring got us an additional slot.
- We added 4 new members to ECA in our division, 4 of those people were new members of ECA.
- Are there any questions about what has happened this year.

V. Election Results

- Ali Erol elected Chair 2016, 6-0
- April Copes elected Executive Council Representative mid-point 2014 - mid-point 2016

VI. New Business and Announcements

- Bi Law Change: We don't need to elect someone for Nominating Committee Representative because the current year's chair becomes the nominating committee rep for year that you are chair and the past year that you are chair.
- Nominating committee put forth representatives for leadership positions at ECA in the future. We need people who will push the conference into the future.

Nicole Files-Thompson concluded the meeting at 10:14am.