

Interpretation & Performance Studies Interest Group – Eastern Communication Association

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting Providence, RI - 2014

- I. Meeting called to order by** Andrée (Dre) Betancourt from Northern Virginia CC and Cem Zeyhnoglu from East Stroudsburg U. in PA – czeyhnoglu@esu.edu at noon.

II. Old Business

- A. Approval of 2013 minutes with corrections: Sarah Heiss (Last name was added), Dre Betancourt was added as a co-chair and Christy Saindon was identified as the Executive Council Representative mid-point for a 2015-2017 term.
- B. Report on Programming –
1. IPS had 8 panels for the 2014 conference
 2. Most were programs w/ one paper
- C. Cem was the representative for the Executive Council.
1. The 106th Convention will be held April 22-26 in Philadelphia, PA. Submission deadline is October 15, 2014.
 2. The 2016 Convention will be in Baltimore, MA.
 3. Cem also mentioned elements of the upcoming Philly conference (This may be new business) that included: a new mobile app for the conference, a collaboration with WHYY to broadcast a performance Sunday morning, and a Spotlight streamed through SecondLife.
 4. ECA is also considering entering into an agreement with Omni. Cost of rooms is a consideration.
- D. Before the convention IPS had 29 members. We may have more by the close of the conference.
- E. We have been slotted 4 panels next year.
- F. Thanks were given to the reviewers for this year's conference: Megan Dowd, Heather Stassen-Ferrara, Carole Bennett, Christina Saindon, Jennifer Shamrock, & Sam Slone, and a request was made for more reviewers for the 2016 conference.
- G. We had one paper panel – Featured Saturday at Top Competitive Papers in IPS. Congrats to Lora Smith, Shelley Rawlins, Christina Saindon, Heather Stassen-Ferrara, Douglas Battema and Thomas DeBernardis.
- H. Elections –
1. Nominations were taken for 2016 Planner. Lisa Weckerle self nominated and Heather Stassen-Ferrara and Megan Dowd also offered to co-chair. Lisa rescinded her nomination so Heather and Megan were voted in by acclamation.
 2. Nominations were taken for the Secretary position. Lisa Weckerle self nominated and was voted in unanimously.

III. New Business

- A. Jennifer Shamrock is the Program Planner for Philadelphia. The Convention theme is "Deliberation".
- B. We should have 4 slots.
- C. Discussion ensued about the need for a better presence on the ECA website. Suggestions were made to post previous minutes and a list of possible programs. We could also upload

a list of panels once they are determined. Perhaps those could be sent to Kathy Cesa. If anyone has pictures, those could also be uploaded to the Facebook page.

- D. There was some brainstorming started about possible panels for Philly which included: work with “Gas and Electric Arts” (A local indie theatre company found at <http://www.gasandelectricarts.org/>), Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed, and Nancy Sawyer encouraged us to get in touch with Cannon about offering a Short Course: “Integrating Performance into the Classroom.” We could also do a Goggle syllabi search for overlap, offer an installation style event, and identify additional collaborations. Heather and Megan suggested using a Pechu Kucha style of presentation for a collaborative session. It is a 20 image, 20 seconds per image style of presenting. Finally, there could be performance collaborations with other interest groups.
- E. Cem expressed concern about broadening the IPS focus too much, and suggested that as we call for papers we are clear about our interest group. We could send out our Mission Statement in the call.
- F. There was a concern raised by Bruce Henderson about how ‘seasoned’ the planners were and he asked them to define Interpretation. Megan explained that she did not have an IPS background and offered to step down if there was discomfort about her serving as a planner. She had offered to help because she appreciated the Division and wanted to serve. Bruce continued to discuss his concern about there being a ‘learning curve’ for planners and that planners needed to “pay their dues.” He stated that the planners we had elected were not “seasoned enough” to plan a conference and asked that the remaining planner justify her contributions to IPS. She stated that she had been a regular attendee to the meetings, had presented on panels, had her paper included in the Top Paper Panel this year, and she also helped to program two panels for the 2014 Convention. Bruce did not think that was enough. He talked about how when he was “coming up through the ranks, there seemed to be a clique of persons who were allowed to plan, and he had to wait.” There was a question on the floor about whether this was an appropriate line of discussion b/c Roberts Rules may not have allowed a re-vote once the vote was taken. Heather also pointed out that as Planner, the other IPS people would be the reviewers. Bruce reiterated his concerns, and Heather, with no other real option given the discussion and Bruce’s perspective, gracefully offered to resign her position.
- G. New nominations were held. Lisa Weckerle from Kutztown was appointed Planner for 2016 and Shauna MacDonald from Villanova was appointed Secretary.
- H. Because our meeting time was over, Dre offered to write-up and send out via email, the round table summary.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM

In attendance: (y = will be a reviewer)

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For the April 25 meeting, 2014**

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