**Interpersonal Division Meeting Minutes**

**National Communication Association’s Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA**

**Friday, November 18, 2022 from 11am till 12:15pm**

2021 to 2022 Division Officers

*Chair:* Rachel McLaren

*Vice Chair:* Jimmie Manning

*Vice Chair Elect:* Sandra Faulkner

*Secretary:* Samantha Shebib

*Social Media Manager:* Kai Kuang

*Immediate Past Chair:* Maria Venetis

*Legislative Assembly Representatives*: Lindsey Aloia & Anuraj Dhillon

*Awards Nominating Committee:* Norah Dunbar & Emily Scheinfeld

*Service Nominating Committee:* Clinton Brown, Skye Chernichky-Karcher, Marie Mallory, Jenna McNallie, and Jen Owlett

*Thesis/Dissertation Awards:* Tina Coffelt (chair), Jenny Crowley, & Tara Suwinyattichaiporn

*Early Career Awards:* Allison Alford, Sandra Faulkner (chair), & Andy High

*Knower/Miller Awards:* Sandra Faulkner (chair), Andre Fedd, & Nick Iannarino

1. **Call to Order and Introduction of Officers (Rachel McLaren)**

The meeting was called to order by Rachel McLaren at 11:03am. The minutes were sent via email before the business meeting and also via QR codes.

1. **Approval of the 2021 Minutes (Rachel McLaren) -**

Katherine Green and Colter Ray moved to approve the minutes and minutes were approved.

1. **Chair’s Report (Rachel McLaren)**
2. **Vice Chair’s 2021 Convention Report (Jimmie Manning)**

Jimmie explained he’s been working on planning for the 2022 convention. He, then, reviewed numbers for this year as opposed to the last few years.

* 137 papers and panel proposals were submitted in 2022
  + 179 in 2021 (abstracts were accepted last year)
  + 103 in 2020
  + 119 in 2019
  + 128 in 2018
* 10 Panel Proposals were accepted (62.5%)
* 83 Papers were accepted (80.7%)
* 7 Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Focused Panels
* 3 Special Panels

Reviewing papers for the conference—More transparency in reviews. Every paper or proposal was assigned three reviewers. Two of the reviewers were directly connected to the topic and/or method. The last reviewer was from another area to provide some sense of “breadth.”

Jimmy thanked the reviewers from the past 2022 year and gave a shoutout to Andrea Vickery for being the top reviewer from last year.

* 33 slots (35 slots in 2021)
  + Business Meeting
  + Top Paper Panel
  + Knapp Panel
  + Knower Article & Miller Book Panel

Overall, was able to create 40 program slots based on seeking additional slots, all from other units (up 3 overall slots from 2021).

1. **Vice Chair Elect’s 2022 Planner’s Meeting Report (Sandra Faulkner)**

Sandra discussed next year’s theme, which is freedom. National Harbor, Maryland at the Gaylord Hotel. There’s a total of 946 total slots for this conference, 27 slots for the interpersonal communication division. This is less than the 33 slots allotted this year. 12 slots will be for youth public speaking contest.

Submissions will open January 9th, 2023.

1. **Secretary’s Report (Samantha Shebib)**

No report was given, as they are covered in the weekly announcements from the secretary with division members.

1. **Social Media Content Manager’s Report (Kai Kuang)**
2. **Legislative Assembly Report (Lindsey Aloia and Anuraj Dhillon)**

We lose about $800,000 every year. We need to find creative ways to generate income. NCA is not currently fully staffed. Hoping publication renewal will help us figure out ways to generate more income. Annual dues haven’t been changed in sometime, so that might be way to increase revenue and potentially increasing conference registration fees.

There’s been some work on strategic planning. Essentially, strategic plan is in place to give us guidance principles, but the interest groups should come up with ways the interpersonal communication division can contribute to strategic plan. Part of this is advocating inclusivity.

Chief diversity officer will be hired.

1. **IDEA Task Force report (Mick Brewer)**

Mick discussed the inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (IDEA) task force report. In terms of memberships, they are going to be seeking at least two new members. They can be graduate students. It’s a two-year appointment.

The proposed new bylaw: The mission of the IDEA committee is to advocate for issues related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in line with [NCA’s commitment to inclusivity](https://www.natcom.org/about-nca/nca-and-inclusivity).

Efforts of this committee include implementation of IDEA principles in the division, such as evaluating policies, procedures, and practices of the division, providing relevant recommendations to division committees, and promoting initiatives that elevate inclusivity.

a. The committee will consist of six total members; up to two may be graduate students.

b. Members are elected for a two-year term of service, with two members completing their term and two members beginning their term each year.

c. The chair of the division and vice chair will serve as ex-officio members on the committee.

d. The committee will provide a report of the year’s activities during the annual business meeting at the NCA convention.

1. **Announcements from NCA Director of Communications, B. Denise Hawkins**

Jimmie Manning presented on behalf of Denise Hawkins, whom couldn’t attend, so Jimmie was given a script to read off during the meeting on Denise’s behalf.

NCA’s strategic plan has passed. NCA has a new journal, Race.

1. **Elections: presentation of candidates (Jen Owlett and Rachel McLaren)**

Elections will occur online, similar to last year. Because we have a number of bylaw changes. The election won’t take place during the meeting, until after the convention.

*Candidates for Vice-Chair Elect:* Erin Basinger and Josh Pederson

*Candidates for Secretary:* Jenna McNallie, Jen Owlett, and Madison Pollino

*Candidates for Legislative Assembly:* Lindsey Aloia (Assoc. Professor, Univ. of Arkansas), Shawn Starcher (Asst. Professor, Muskingum Univ.), Kelly Weikle (Lecturer, Sam Houston State Univ.), and Andrea Vickery (Asst. Professor, SUNY Oswego)

*Candidates for Service Nominating Committee:* Skye Chernichky-Karcher (Asst. Professor, Bloomsburg Univ.), Elizabeth Hintz (Assistant Professor, Univ of Connecticut), Kai Kuang (Assoc. Professor, Tsinghua Univ.), Tabitha Kinneer (Grad TA; Univ. of Kentucky), Jason Roberson (Student, Morehouse College), Brooke Wolfe (Doctoral Candidate, Univ. of Washington), and Deborah Yoon (Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Twin Cities).

1. **Division Award Recognition**

**Outstanding Thesis Award**  
Jared Worwood; advisor: Lindsey Thomas  
“*I Thought that We Could Nurture the Nature Out of Our Son”: Making Meaning of Parenting in the Narratives of Parents of Children in Residential Treatment"*

**Outstanding Dissertation Award**  
Roselia Mendez Murillo; advisor: Jennifer Kam  
*Using Theories of Relational Maintenance, Coping, and Resilience to Bridge the Distance between Separated Latinx Immigrant Families*  
   
**Franklin H. Knower Outstanding Article Award**  
Kristen Cole  
*Neuroqueering Interpersonal Communication Theory: Listening to autistic object-orientations*

In *Review of Communication*; [https://doi.org/10.1080/15358593.2021.1961849](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoi.org%2F10.1080%2F15358593.2021.1961849&data=05%7C01%7Csshebib%40uab.edu%7Cf8290896b2f64f98653808da85092162%7Cd8999fe476af40b3b4351d8977abc08c%7C1%7C0%7C637968571509985117%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p8NDnb8%2BXx%2Fr2%2FoUQFwQXP9%2FYaBuxofHBKaYx0TA35Y%3D&reserved=0)

**Gerald R. Miller Book Outstanding Award, Monographs**Ashley Duggan  
*Health and Illness in Close Relationships*  
Published by Cambridge University Press (2019)  
**Gerald R. Miller Book Outstanding Award, edited collection***Steven Wilson & Sandi Smith  
Reflections on interpersonal communication research*  
Published by Cognella, Academic Publishing (2019) **Early Career Award**Liesel Sharabi

1. **Top Paper and Student Paper Recognition (Jimmie Manning)**

**Top Paper**

*Charting a Path: Race, Research, and Practice in Interpersonal Communication Studies* By Megan E. Cardwell

**Top Student Paper**

*Learning to Love My(Trans)self & You: The Implications of Multiple Goals Theory for Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Romantic Partners Who Communicate About Gender-Affirming Identity Needs with Cisgender Partners*  
By Maddison Russell

1. **New Business (Rachel McLaren)**
   1. **Voting on bylaw changes to make the IDEA committee a standing committee.**

Erin Parcell motion to accept.

* 1. **Vote on bylaw changes to awards**

Kate Conrad proposed a motion to make and amendment (strike the words “the first” and say “three listed authors will receive a plaque”). Katherine Greene seconded the motion and amendment.

Motion carried.

* 1. **Vote on bylaw change to allow a representative to attend legislative assembly if the chair or immediate past chair cannot attend.**

Erin Parcell proposed a motion to make an amendment to apply this to the 2 legislative assembly members. Jimmie Manning seconded.

1. **Announcements**

Jeff Child

Andrew Ledbetter-secret panel on new com. theory book

Tom Socha – Running for NCA 2nd vice president

Leah & Josh Pederson—University of Alabama is hosting a mini-conference for IARR regarding the dark side in Tuscaloosa, Alabama from June 8th to June 10th, 2023.

Maria Venetis--Sending out announcements for awards earlier this year, coming out in Jan. or Feb. so decisions can be made earlier to help with program.

* 1. **If anyone else is interested in being a paper reader, complete the Google form**
  2. **Announcements from the floor**

1. **Passing of the Gavel (Rachel McLaren to Jimmie Manning)**

Rachel passed the gravel at 12:13pm to Jimmie.

1. **Adjournment (Jimmie Manning)**