



**Ohio Communication Association  
Business Meeting  
MINUTES  
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**President’s Message and Report:** Sheida Shirvani (OCA President) called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Shirvani thanked the University of Findlay for a wonderful conference, and welcomed conference participants and opened the meeting by asking attendees to review last year’s business meeting minutes. Shirvani discussed the state of the communication discipline. A motion (and second) to accept the minutes was approved. Shirvani offered a token of appreciation to keynote speaker, Patrice M. Buzzanell (Purdue University). Shirvani discussed next year’s conference location (Kent State University) and theme (“Ventures in Communication: Technology, Innovation, and Diffusion”). Shirvani concluded her report by asking for a moment of silence for fallen colleague.

**Executive Director’s Report:** Adam Earnhardt reported that membership numbers are stable, and the association is financially stable. Earnhardt noted that he is pursuing outside sponsorships to support the two-day conference. Earnhardt will continue to look at additional revenue streams until he steps down in January 2013. Earnhardt noted that 28 universities represented at conference with representatives from 4 states. We currently have 145 members with 498 on the list serve. 128 members attended this year’s conference 60 faculty and 68 students.

**Journal Editor’s Report:** Stefne Broz (Editor) and Nikki Blau (assistant editor) thanked the reviewers and those who submitted articles. They reported that the journal had a 25% acceptance rate. They are looking for reviewers, and the call deadline for the next issue is January 31, 2012.

**Vice President’s Report:** Tim Pollock reported on web site task force. Pollock offered an amendment to constitution (change Newsletter Editor to Communication Coordinator). After some discussion, the amendment passes unanimously. Pollock announced appointment of OCA’s first communications coordinator, Andrew Hunt (University of Dayton).

### **Elections**

- Undergraduate Student Representatives (1-year commitment): Donnell Peake (Sinclair Community College) & Tyler Hall (Wittenberg University)
- Graduate Student Representatives (1-year commitment): Regenia Spoerndle (University of Akron) & Jaietta Jackson (Kent State University).
- Southwest District Rep: Myra Bozeman (Sinclair Community College)
- Central District Rep: Theodore Avtgis (Ashland University)
- Northeast District Rep: Erin Hollenbaugh (Kent State University – Stark)

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Next year’s conference will be at Kent State University, October 5-6, 2012. Adjournment at 1:35 p.m.