

Ohio Communication Association
Business Meeting
Holiday Inn
October 6, 2006

Meeting: Called into order by President Jeff Tyus

Executive Committee:

President Jeff Tyus thanked the following people for their contribution in this year conference and made the conference possible.

- Erin Burton from Bowling Green University helped coordinate the conference location.
- Amanda Rinero designed the conference program.
- Jim Aman from Saint Xavier University designed and manages the OCA website. He also made it possible for members to register for the conference and renew memberships online.

A new item this year added to our website, "Position Announcements." OCA provides this link to help our colleagues and universities announce open academic positions free on our website.

The 2007 OCA conference will be at Youngstown State University. We are planning the following year to have the conference at Marietta College.

Tyus suggested that other colleges and university can bid on the conference so that OCA can move the annual conference to support colleagues in all parts of the state.

Executive Director Sheida Shirvani: Our budget is fine, although we do not have extra money in our account. We are able to handle our financial needs. The new PayPal payment feature is working well. A few small glitches were resolved.

Wrench invited colleagues to join the editorial board of journal and also thanked the existing board.

Journal Editor Jason Wrench: The *Journal* is very healthy and back on track. The deadline for submission of articles, book reports, essays, etc. is mid-February. The deadline is after the deadline for NCA conference submissions.

Newsletter Editor Richard Hendrickson: Invited people to send new articles and their accomplishment and announcements of open positions to the editor. The deadline for the January newsletter is December.

President Jeff Tyus: Our constitution will change this year. The new constitution will be sent to all members in mid-August and vote upon at the next conference.

MOTION: Alter Articles II, III, and V to have 5 district representatives, one graduate student representative, and one undergraduate representative on the Executive Committee. Seaman moved and Romanski seconded. PASSED unanimously.

MOTION: Change the name of the College Representative to District Representative. Rick Hendrickson moved and David Body seconded. PASSED unanimously.

MOTION: To distribute the elections as evenly as possible, the new Southwest, Northeast and Central regional representatives will serve one-year terms and the Southeast and Northwest regional representatives will serve two-year terms. Thereafter, all regional representative terms will serve for two years. Nancy Kelley moved and Jason Wrenched seconded. PASSED.

Elections of Officers and Representatives:

- Matthew Smith elected to two-year term as Vice President, followed by two years as President and two years as Past President
- Stefne Lenzmier Broz elected Journal Manager
- Adam Earnhart elected Conference Planner
- Northeast District Representative: Nancy Kelley, Lorain County Community College
- Northwest District Representative: Jennifer Walton, Ohio Northern University
- Central District Representative: Ann Green Leaf, Ohio University-Lancaster
- Southwest District Representative: Heidi Arnold, Sinclair Community College
- Southeast District Representative: Down Carusi, Marietta College
- Graduate Student Representative: Tim Pollock, Ohio University
- Undergraduate Student Representative: Colleen Smith, Youngstown State University

Awards:

- Distinguished Instructor Award – Teacher Award: Dr. Carole Barbato Kent State-Liverpool
- Distinguished Graduate Student Award: Laura Russell University of Dayton
- Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award: Angela Steele Ohio University-Lancaster
- Distinguished Student Organization Award: Omicron Alpha – Ohio University-Zanesville

Adjourned: 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Sheida Shirvani, Executive Director