

**Ohio Communication Association
Business Meeting
Holiday Inn Youngstown South – Boardman, OH
October 6, 2007**

Call to order by President Candice Thomas Maddox

Thomas Maddox thanked Youngstown State University for all the work, cooperation, and assistance provided for this year conference. Thomas-Maddox specifically appreciated Youngstown State University, college of communication for their help and hospitality.

She called for approval of last year minutes. Motion was approved. No discussion and minutes were passed.

OCA Member recognition—It was taken a moment of silence for Gene Dobbs

Announcement of job opportunities:

John Carroll University needs Department Chair
Ohio University Athens – Senior and Junior level position
Ohio University Southern – Assistant professor position
Ohio University Lancaster – Assistant professor Position

Reports:

President: Thomas-Maddox-- announced and reported that she appointed a task force group to work on application for OCA website for adjuncts position. The form was approved and will be sent to web administrator.

Please send the job opening to Dr. Shirvani to be post on website.

Executive Director: Sheida Shirvani—this year is the largest group of OCA participants in the conference. The registration process went smoothly and there was no problem. Financially organization is healthy and we are able to cover all our expenses.

Conference Organizer: Adam Earnhardt – Poster competition will be announced later. He thanked all volunteers at Youngstown State University, their new department care Dr. Cary Horvath, department secretary, all the debate participants for the conference and finally board members for all their help and assistance this year.

Earnhardt, Conference organizer reported the acceptance percent for papers and panels were 71% and overall 22 different universities submitted their scholarly works to this year conference

Next year conference will be October 4, 2008 at Marietta College Campus and accommodation for participant will be in historical hotel near campus.

Poster Winners:

Ciara D’Altorio, -- Undergraduate from University of Youngstown -- Prize --\$25

Mili Banerjee --- Graduate Student from Akron University -- Prize -- \$25

Journal Editor: Stefene Broz – Thanked everyone for their submission and announced the form for the submission to journal is on website. The deadline is Feb 15. She asked everyone to submit their paper, book report to her. She asked to send their libraries subscriber and advertisements fee needs to be sent to her for the Journal.

Old Business – None

New Business: Matthew Smith – New bylaws and constitution reflected changes are in the folder. Matthew Smith asked for approval of changes. Motion to approve the changes. There was no discussion and motions passed.

Nomination and Election:

The following individuals nominated for new positions and were elected by the vote.

Paul Kuffel	--	North East District
Heather Parson	--	South West District
Ann Greenleaf	--	Central District
Carol ?	--	Undergraduate Representative
Colleen Smith	--	Undergraduate Representative
Jeff Leadbetter	---	Graduate Student Representative
Andrew Wilsterman	--	Graduate Student Representative
Chris Johnson	---	Graduate Student Representative

Award Presentation: Matthew Smith

Outstanding undergraduate paper award: Ashley Wollam -- Marietta College
Outstanding graduate paper award: Bettina Lunk and Bridget E. Rubenking --
Cleveland State University

Distinguished Graduate Student -- Scott Juba Kent State University
Distinguished Undergraduate Student --- Leland Spencer Mount Union College
Distinguished Student Organization -- “2380 Project” University of Akron
Distinguished Service Award: Sheida Shirvani -- Ohio University Zanesville

President: Thomas-Maddox thanked again from all the executive board

Meeting adjourned 1:10 pm