

Minutes of the OCA Executive Council Meeting
Thursday June 2, 2005
Pickerington Center Ohio University

Present: Jeff Tyus, Jason Wrench, Nancy Kelley, Richard Hendrickson, Lisa Wallace, Matthew Smith, Candice Thomas-Maddox, and Sheida Shirvani

Candice started the meeting because Jeff had a particularly long drive that day.

Conference papers were the main topic of discussion at this meeting. All the papers and abstract were distributed prior to the meeting, and members had time to read and evaluated them. The papers were categorized and papers selected for presentation. These were then and grouped into panels.

Jason was asked to write to the individuals who did not submit full papers and ask that they prepare their work for submission to the next OCA Journal.

Only one undergraduate paper and one graduate paper were accepted for the paper competition. The top graduate paper was by Amy Housely of Kent State University. The top undergraduate paper was by Nicole Focio of Ohio University-Athens.

For outstanding undergraduate and graduate students and outstanding program, only one nomination was made in each category. The Outstanding Graduate Student will be Carol Savery of the University of Akron. The Outstanding Undergraduate Student will be Heidi Porter of Ohio University-Eastern. The Outstanding Program will be the National Communication Association Club at Ohio University-Eastern.

Jeff reported that he had written a letter inviting people from many colleges and universities to get involved and to accept membership.

There was some discussion on the location of the 2006 conference. Jeff has already contacted two universities who are willing to bid on the conference. He will share additional information as it becomes available. It is possible that Kent State bid on the conference.

Jeff had asked the web administrator to add one item on the web site called "Ohio Accomplishment." There are already some posted activities in that area.

Richard Hendrickson reported that the second newsletter issue is out and is posted on the website. He asked Sheida to make copies of the newsletter to be put in the conference folder.

OCA Journal was discussed. It is still in the process of reviewing and notifying contributors. The next step is to collate the articles for printing. Jason expressed interest in being assistant editor of the Journal. Lisa Wallace was asked to give Jason's name to Karyl as a candidate for the position.

The last item of discussion was a report on the email list and Lisa Wallace's students' report. OCA received a list of the email addresses of communication studies faculty and some graduate students from major universities and community colleges in Ohio.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Submitted by Sheida Shirvani, Executive Director