

Women's Caucus Business Meeting
2003 National Communication Association Conference
Miami, Florida

- I. Welcome by Chair—Sheryl Lidzy.
Minutes accepted.
- II. Reports.
 - A. Vice Chair's Report—Mary Rose
 - 1. 119 participants on panels.
 - 2. There were some glitches on paper titles.
 - 3. We need to think about extenuating circumstances when planning panels.
 - B. Immediate Past Chair report—Pamela Kalbfleisch
 - 1. Francine Merritt Award communication moved to Spring announcement in Spectra.
 - 2. This year's recipient is Judy Pearson.
 - C. Student Representative Report—Raena Quinlivan (given by Kara)
 - 1. Suggested direct email with Chair.
 - 2. Sale of purple ribbons to increase awareness and raise money.

Move to wear purple on day of business meeting.

Discussion: Should we have a purple day? Yes, we still need to express solidarity. Should we sell ribbons? What happened to the buttons and money? We need to check into buttons and use the money for the plaque.

Motion carried to wear purple on day of meeting.

Discussion: Next question? What do we do with the money raised?

Friendly amendment: short announcement in the newsletter about buttons and purple day.

Also in news and notes of Spectra before Conference.

Discussion: Buttons are a good job for third year person.

Motion carried to use buttons as fundraiser and for third year person to take care of it.

- D. Affirmative Action Committee Report
 - 1. AAC never got scheduled.
- E. Pipeline Committee Report—none
- F. Nominating Committee Report
 - 1. Committee reminds people what the awards are and keeps track of past nominees.
 - 2. Can kind of use the newsletter note as an item.
 - 3. It was noted that some awards require a lot of preparation, others do not.
- G. Legislative Council Report
 - 1. Dues are going up and we are looking for funding in other ways.
 - 2. The new Website will be on line 12/1/03.
 - 3. We need to rewrite bi-laws because the Women's Caucus must have bi-laws. We need to create and submit them.
 - 4. Each division gets 2 voices, up to 5, based on membership. Women's Caucus gets a voice on the legislative assembly.

III. Old Business

Discussion of Mentoring program. It was suggested that we may want to revisit the NCA mentoring program. One idea was to have organized lunches with scholars. The question was raised about whether we want a mentoring program. It was suggested that we may want a program in which some of the women at NCA are welcoming.

A suggestion was also made to call it Womentoring and to have a panel next year to discuss it further. It was observed that there is a need to look at different levels and channels in the academy.

Several questions were raised regarding this issue: do we want it to be part of panel discussion? Do we want it to be formal? Should we have a pre-conference to discuss this more fully? Should we gather round a broad theme and break into smaller groups for discussion of issues?

A Junior-Senior Workshop was also suggested with rotating table discussions. It would work if we get back-to-back time slots. Need a committee to explore this. What we want to do is a prerequisite. The goal is to bring people

together in relationships; bringing together women who share. Teleconferences were suggested to continue the discussion outside of conferences.

We have 34 time slots for next year. We could use three consecutive time slots and put together groupings for discussion. Thursday morning was suggested.

Call for “womentoring.” A Women’s Caucus Working Session. We need a sexy name to get people to come. Victoria to pair with a senior to submit.

IV. New Business

A. Elections

1. Vice-Chair Elect—Cami Sanderson—Ferris State University
2. Second Vice-Chair Elect—Kim Goluninski—University of South Florida
3. Student Representatives—Victoria Newsome, Raena Quinlivan, Felicia Sanders, Tamiesha Taylor
4. Pipeline Committee Chair—Roseann Mandziuk
Continue working with Lois
5. Awards Committee Chair—Pamela Kalbfleisch
Work with Pipeline Committee
6. Legislative Assembly Representative—Chair
Caveat if chair is elected to Assembly—at-Large. Chair or Chair’s representative passed.

V. Items from the floor

- A. 25% of panels to have pre-conference on-line discussion.
- B. Two or three slots already to be used using NCA’s webspace.
- C. Change in co-sponsoring—if a panel is co-sponsored one unit eats the slot.
- D. Slots awarded on basis of membership.
- E. Need to collaborate with theory and research.
- F. Deadline for everyone is the same— February 16, 2004.
- G. There is one hotel for all meetings.
- H. Victoria will work on Newsletter with women from Feminist Division.

VI. Meeting adjourned