

2005 Minutes

Women's Caucus Business Meeting

2005 National Communication Association Convention
Boston

- I. Welcome from Chair Pam Tracy
- II. Review of Minutes from 2004 Business Meeting
 - Correction by Pam Tracy, on page 3 new titles should read:
 - 1st Vice Chair, Cami Sanderson
 - 2nd Vice Chair, Kim Golombisky
 - 3rd Vice Chair, Victoria Newsom
- III. Reports
 - A. Legislative Committee Report, Pam Tracy
 1. NCA's 3 year budget plan
 - a. Considering a convention fee increase:
 - i. \$5 students
 - ii. \$10 faculty
 - b. Discussion to develop undergraduate standard/certification for self study
 - c. *Comzine*: an online communication journal
 - B. Vice Chair's Report, Cami Sanderson (absent)
 1. No data
 2. Pam Tracy reports less than 100% acceptance
 3. Only panels accepted
 - C. Past Chair Report, Mary Rose Williams
 1. Francine Merritt Award: Patrice Buzzanell is the 2005 recipient. A reception follows the business meeting. Last year's recipient, Brenda J. Allen is presenting Patrice with the award.
 2. Nominations for the Merritt award are a lot of work, suggestion made to redesign the nomination procedure for the award. The award should take into account previous submissions and keep those submissions in a pool. A suggestion from the floor to contact the nominee and ask them if they wish to be considered for the following year, and if they wish to resubmit and/or add to the nomination packet.
 3. The caucus passes a resolution to keep the nominations active in a rolling pool 1 year beyond the original nomination year.

D. Program Planning Report, Kim Golombisky

1. A reminder that all Caucus members need to be sure their email addresses and other information is correctly listed in the NCA Member Center so that people can be notified to chair or review, as well as verify their submissions for the 2006 convention
2. The Caucus has 22 slots for next year.
3. Many Caucuses have been slashed so we are open to sharing slots with underrepresented groups.
4. We will not accept scholarly panels—please submit scholarly feminist work to the Feminist and Women’s Studies Division
5. Caucus panels should reflect issues of significance to women in the Caucus or NCA, as professionals in the field, as activists, etc.
6. Think about cross-collaboration with other groups—the more of us making trouble the better!

E. Treasurer’s Report, Victoria Newsom

1. Money has been collected for both the Francine Merritt Award and the Womentoring Program. Both programs successfully raised funds, but because this is the first year that so large an amount was raised in donation form throughout the year some problems have arisen. In particular, it is challenging that all of the money donated is handled through NCA’s Washington, DC office and unless donations are clearly marked with indications of exactly what they can be used for (i.e. “food for the womentoring panels” or “food for the Francine Merritt reception”) the donations cannot be released to the Women’s Caucus
2. A “take a student to lunch” practice for Womentoring is suggested.
3. A treasury committee is formed to oversee the collection of donations for Womentoring and other Caucus events.

F. Student Representative Report, none present to make the report, but the Womentoring program is cited as a success.

III. Announcements

A. Legislative Committee Report, Rosemary

1. Affirmative Action Committee is up and running after years of disuse
2. Proposed changes to the Affirmative Action Statement
 - a. Look at and review
 - b. Look at how Affirmative Action reps are selected
3. New interest in plan from a few years ago to provide a scholarship fund for students of color
4. Affirmative Action Intercaucus Award suggested

IV. Elections

A. Nominating Committee Report: Heidi

1. At-large 2nd Vice President
2. Candidates to go to the NCA nominating committee include Linda Cadi, Betsy Bach, Danette Johnson, Dreama Moon, Bryant Alexander

B. 3rd Vice Chair/Treasurer: Suzanne Enck-Wanzer

C. Student Representatives: Kate Burk, Felicia Sanders, Toniesha Taylor (others' names missing)

V. Passing of the Gavel

VI. Motion for Adjournment

Submitted by Victoria Newsom