

Feminist and Women Studies Division Business Meeting Minutes  
National Communication Association Convention in San Antonio, TX  
November 17, 2006  
3:30pm-4:45pm

**Welcome:**

- Robbin Crabtree, Chair
  - Thanked:
    - Kari Anderson for her programming work
    - Kristy Horn Sheeler and Kim Golombisky for their website and newsletter work
  - Approval of Minutes from 2005 Convention meeting
  - Election of Third Vice Chair: Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State University

**Reports:**

- Aimee Carrillo-Rowe, Immediate Past Chair
  - Robbin Crabtree, FWSD Chair, attended the Legislative Assembly meeting by proxy for Aimee
- Robbin Crabtree, Chair
  - Report from Legislative Assembly meeting:
    - Membership is at an all-time high
    - NCA adapted its diversity statement to include gender identity
    - NCA is in the process of revising its undergraduate standards which are used by academic departments for self-assessment.
      - The established committee is reviewing the standards and proposing changes based on institutional type. The committee remained clear that this is not an accreditation process.
    - The Gay/Lesbian Caucus changed its name to the “Caucus on GLBTQ Concerns.”
    - A new committee was created on MA-only programs (i.e. programs with no PhD).
    - A new division called Communication as a Social Construction was added to the list.
    - Recognizing Women in Review Process:
      - Robbin used the Legislative Assembly meeting to raise some of the concerns from the 2005 meeting regarding the number of unrecognized women who serve as ad-hoc reviewers on NCA and disciplinary journals.
      - She also mentioned that there is a discrepancy of policy regarding journals’ reporting of reviewers’ regions and national origins.
      - She represented the following perspective on behalf of the division: NCA should encourage journals to build statistical reporting of such data into the review process.
- Karin Vasby Anderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:

- Reminder: Please use your NCA listed email for all NCA business, per All Academic standards
- Thank you to the elder members of the FWSD for attending and supporting events and programs, as well as supporting the Division's mission and goals.
- Programming Report:
  - Total of 37 program slots were allocated to us.
  - 139 papers submitted (up 40 from 2005).
    - 94 were programmed into 22 panels.
  - 37 panels submitted (up 6 from 2005).
    - 13 were programmed.
  - 2 slots were used for business meetings.
  - Kari thanked reviewers, chairs, and respondents.
- Book Fair:
  - FWSD organized a book fair as part of its programming in 2005, which included a reception with the authors and a round table discussion of the publication process.
- Book Award:
  - Kari convened a subcommittee to explore a book award. This issue will be voted on later in the meeting.
- All Academic
  - Kari encountered a number of issues regarding All Academic during her planning process. She encouraged Future Convention Planners to keep their own list of submissions/accepted papers/panels in the future to work around these problems.
  - She reminded the membership to check the program ASAP in July, 2006 if they have submitted or agreed to respond or chair.
- The Organization for Research on Women and Communication (ORWAC) publishes the journal, Women's Studies in Communication. More information is available: <http://www.orwac.org/>.
- Kristina Horn Sheeler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:
  - 2007 Convention:
    - Scheduled for Nov. 15-18
    - Chicago
    - Feb. 14, 2007 submission deadline.
    - Theme: Communicating Worldviews: Faith, Intellect, Ethics
    - Scholar to Scholar revisions:
      - The 2007 programmers have created "Wandering Scholars" who are designated "seasoned" scholars in poster sessions. These attendees will walk through the sessions, interact with the group as part of presentations, offering questions and providing feedback. They will also provide feedback for two awards: the 'best' poster session and the 'most accessible' session (focus on participant interaction).
  - Encouraged Division membership to use their NCA email on file and check their spam filters.

- The Division at large discussed the procedure for submitting alliance programming as it relates to All Academic.
- Reminded submitters:
  - To include a detailed description and a list of participants for all panels, as well as a rationale for the panel at large and statements from each participant.
  - To NOT submit more than one panel/paper to a division, and no more than 3 overall.
- Sheena Malhotra, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair:
  - No Report
- Kim Golombisky and Kristy Horn Sheeler, Newsletter and Web Committee:
  - Please remember to submit stories throughout the year.
- Michaela D.E. Meyer, Liaison Committee:
  - Attended the “Meet the Editors” panel and raised some concerns regarding equity and the editorial process
  - Also discussed moving race-related research into regular journals. Further, she discussed the notion that methodologies not considered “positivistic” enough are not well-received in some disciplinary journals.
- Archana Dube, NCA Affirmative Action Committee:
  - The AAC takes on issued of grievance that occur at the convention.
  - The group is currently working to formalize travel grants for students of color to attend NCA as a way to make the convention more accessible.

### **Elections:**

- Liaison Committee (elected all interested based on unanimous vote from attending membership):
  - Chair: Kim Perez, [kimberleeperez@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleeperez@gmail.com)
  - Members:
    - Rachel Levit, California State Northridge
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    - Angie Corbo, DeSales University
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- Student Representatives:
  - Report from Kari Anderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
    - Historically there has been uneven utilization of student reps
    - Kari is hoping to plan a reception to accompany the book fair for 2007 and will solicit their help.
  - Elected all interested based on unanimous vote from attending membership.
  - Members:
    - Roxanne Banuelos, California State University Northridge
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**Additional New Business:**

- Kari Anderson moved that FWSD institute an annual book award (details in 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair report).
  - Passed based on unanimous vote from attending membership.
- Anita Taylor raised a concern that the name of the division (despite NCA's website and documents) should be Feminist and Women Studies (no possessive on "Women"). Division leadership agreed to look into the issue with NCA administration.

**Announcements:**

- Job postings
- WomensMediaCenter.org may have information of interest.
- The Francine Merritt Reception was cancelled.

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