

## **Minutes of the SSCA Interpersonal Division Meeting**

Birmingham, AL

Saturday 4/5/03

J.D. Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. 22 people were present.

### **Old Business**

#### Approval of the minutes.

Minutes from last year's meeting were approved.

### Reports

#### *Chair's Report* (J.D. Ragsdale)

Ragsdale reported on the Executive Council meeting.

Dues increase reported: \$5 regular membership, \$10 sustaining membership; \$5 convention fee increase. Increase due to financial strain.

Future convention sites discussed: Tampa for 2004, Baton Rouge for 1005.

Discussion about Baton Rouge hotel decision ensues. . .site may be farther from downtown, decision not firm. Dallas/Forth Worth, TX mentioned as possible site for future conference—benefits of Forth Worth's Sundance Square area discussed.

Caring Hands is now a standing committee.

Other notes:

Kudos to Rodney Reynolds on increased submission rates.

#### *Vice Chair's Report* (Rodney Reynolds)

25 presentations were scheduled, 2 no-shows were noted. There were 16 competitive submissions, 4 papers were rejected. Thanks to P. Rockwell, P. Sapory, and M. Arrington for serving as paper readers.

Other notes:

Reynolds pointed out that the interpersonal ethics panel should be a big draw. This area is ripe for additional research efforts.

A sign-in sheet was circulated with an opt out clause for people who are not interested in service for the next convention.

Ken Cissna pointed out that our association directory should help us stay in contact. Thee directory can be sorted by name and division.

#### *Vice Chair Elect* (Patricia Rockwell)

Rockwell discussed plans and efforts to increase submissions for next year. Introduced Michael and Chuck Grant as nominating committee members.

### *Elections*

Anne Lucchetti nominated for Vice-Chair Elect. Vice Chair Elect would plan the Baton Rouge convention. Frances Brandau Brown nominated from the floor. Brown elected by majority of votes.

Melissa Young was nominated for reelection for Secretary. Term runs for 2003-2004. Manette Ezelle was nominated from the floor. Young elected by a majority of votes.

Manette Ezelle was nominated to the nominating committee Bill Walter is also nominated. Both elected by acclamation.

Michael Arrington was nominated as the Nominating Committee Representative. Arrington elected by acclamation.

#### New Business

The question of how to proceed with the Top 4 award when the presenter does not show up was discussed. P. King moved that in order to receive a top paper award in the division, barring exceptional circumstances, the author must present the paper as scheduled. J. Hale made a friendly amendment that someone else could present the paper on the author's behalf. The amendment was accepted and passed by acclamation.

#### Announcements

J. Hale lead the membership present in expressing appreciation for the work JD and Rodney have put into the division this year.

Additionally, Jim Roiger's work was recognized.

F. B. Brown announced that \$1600 was collected for the Caring Hands fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the effort this year.

#### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 ;m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Young  
Secretary