

Minutes of the Interpersonal Communication Division Business Meeting

April 4, Savannah, Georgia

Don Orban, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM. Current officers include: Don Orban, Chair; Tom Socha, Vice Chair; Brenda Burchette, Vice-Chair Elect; Jerold Hale, Representative on the SSCA Nominating Committee.

Under Old Business: Bill Edwards move the 1996 minutes be approved as read.

The revised constitution and bylaws for the Interpersonal Communication division was prepared by Don Orban, Herold Hale and Tom Socha. It was approved by those in attendance. Lynn Webb suggested all members present sign this document.

We were reminded that this division will elect a Vice-Chair Elect at each business meeting. The secretary is a two-year position to be elected in "odd numbered years."

Tom Socha thanked this year's paper readers: Bill Edwards and Mike Waltman. The Top Paper Awards will be presented to Joann Keaton and Wanda Kilgore at the awards luncheon. Discussion followed on ways to encourage student papers. Tom reported that this division sponsored the following programs: a spotlight panel, three competitive papers programs, and an education panel. Tom would like to see increased visibility of this division; discussion followed.

Under New Business: Don Orban called for us to be supportive of and integrated with other divisions. Shared resources and shared panels were mentioned as benefits. He challenged each member present to begin work on a completed paper which could be read for possible inclusion on next year's panels.

Lynn Webb suggested options for using the SSCA allocated money for this division. Discussion followed. Tom Socha will appoint a committee to consider these options. Volunteers should contact Tom.

Bill Edwards announced that people interested in interpersonal communication issues may wish to join the EMPATHY listserv: Listserv@uga.cc.uga.edu . In the body of the message, simply indicate "Subscribe empathy" and give first and last name.

Brenda Burchette, and the nominating committee, Randy Dillon and Sandra Halvorson, presented a slate of recommendations for next year's officers. The following members were elected and will comprise the officers and representatives for the division for the 97-98 year: Tome Socha, Chair; Brenda Burchette, Vice Chair; Bill Edwards, Vice-Chair Elect; Randy Dillon, Secretary. SSCA Nominating Committee representative will be Sandra Halvorson. The IPC Division's nominating committee will include Karen Fontenot, Jerry Hale, Kandi Walker and Tamara Bollis-Pecchi, and will be chaired by Bill Edwards.

Brenda Burchette will attend the SSCA planning session. She asks that those interested in presenting at the 1998 convention contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Carter
Secretary