

**Health Communication Division
National Communication Association
2018 Business Meeting
November 9 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. - Salt Palace Convention Center**

Immediate Past Chair: Allison Gordon, University of Kentucky

Chair: Norman Wong, University of Oklahoma

Vice Chair: Xiaoli Nan, University of Maryland

Vice Chair Elect: Jennifer Kam, University of California Santa Barbara

Secretary: Matthew Savage, San Diego State University

Graduate Student Representative: Sean Upshaw, Howard University

I. Call to Order

- A. Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
- B. Chair Wong introduced the officers.
- C. Chair Wong asked attendees to approve the 2017 business meeting minutes. Kathryn Greene moved. Second by Jennifer Kam. Minutes were approved.

II. Officer Reports

- A. NCA National Officer provided updates about Salt Lake location
- B. Chair Wong summarized the Legislative Assembly meeting. NCA is seeking more diversity in senior scholars who are editing journals. LA voted to allow journal editors to not be required to attend LA. The Committee on Committees changed their name to the Leadership Development Committee. Electronic elections for NCA will continue in 2019.
- C. Vice Chair Nan reviewed the paper submission/planning process for 2018. There were 231 paper submissions this year (218 paper submissions at 60% acceptance rate; and 13 paper panel submissions at 46% acceptance rate) and 163 reviewers. On average, each person reviewed 4 papers (with some reviewing 5 papers). In good news: 100% of reviewers completed their assignments! The scoring was based on three 10-point scales for theory, method, and results. Papers were accepted based on their numerical standardized z-score.

In 2018, the Health Communication division was designated 34 panel slots (up from 31 in previous year) and co-sponsored 6 panel slots for 2018 with Activism & Social Justice Division, Applied Communication Division, Communication & Social Cognition Division, Critical & Cultural Studies Division, Family Communication Division, and Feminist & Women Studies Division.

- D. Vice Chair Elect Kam announced election results. As of the business meeting, we have over 1000 division members. We collected 309 cast votes, and after dropping 12 votes from people who are NOT currently members of our division (297 total were counted). Current division members who voted elected: Kate Magsamen-Conrad (Vice-Chair Elect), Colter Ray (Secretary), and Heather Voorhees (Grad Student Rep).

- E. Vice Chair Elect Kam presented notes from the 2019 conference planning meeting. NCA is moving toward convention centers. To volunteer to be a paper reviewer or panel moderators/chair for the Health Communication Division, please contact division leadership. NCA 2019 (105th Annual Convention) will be in Baltimore, MD, November 14-17, 2019. The Convention theme is “Communication for Survival”. Designated number of panel slots for our division: 34

III. Awards

Chair Wong announced the recipients of the following awards:

- A. (Honored at ICA) Abby Prestin Dissertation of the Year Award:

Kristen Farris (advisor: Dr. Erin Donovan), completed at the University of Texas Austin, *The Impacts of Recurring Supportive Interactions on Couples' Psychological, Relational, and Health Outcomes in the Context of Rheumatic Diseases*

- B. (Honored at ICA) Amanda L. Kundra Thesis of the Year Award:

Erendira Estrada (advisor: Dr. Susana Ramirez), completed at the University of California Merced, *Development of a Participatory Health Communication Intervention: An Ecological Approach to Reducing Rural Information Inequality and Health Disparities*

- C. Distinguished Article Award (Dr. Rachel A. Smith)

Smith, R. A. (2007). Language of the lost: An explication of stigma communication. *Communication Theory, 17*, 462-485.

- D. Distinguished Book Award (Drs. Elaine M. Wittenberg, Joy V. Goldsmith, Betty Ferrell, and Sandra L. Ragan)

Wittenberg-Lyles, E., Goldsmith, J., Ferrell, B., & Ragan, S. L. (2013). *Communication in palliative nursing*. Oxford University Press.

- E. Dale E. Brashers Mentoring Award:

Dr. Kellie E. Carlyle, Virginia Commonwealth University
Associate Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Policy

- F. Distinguished Scholar Award:

Dr. James P. Dillard, Pennsylvania State University
Professor, Department of Communication Arts & Sciences

- G. Early Career Award:

Dr. Kate C. Magsamen-Conrad, University of Iowa
Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies

H. Top Paper Awards:

“Examining discrepancies between actual and desired communal coping with Type 2 diabetes” by Erin Basinger, John Caughlin, and Ningxin Wang

“Nonverbal affiliation by physician assistant students during simulated clinical examinations: Genotypic effects” by Kory Floyd, Mark Generous, and Lou Clark

“Maternal communication strategies that promote daughters’ body image” by Analisa Arroyo, Belina Stillion Southard, Heather Samantha Cohen, and Sarah Caban

“Tailored texts: An application of regulatory fit to text messages designed to reduce high-risk drinking” by Elizabeth Glowacki, Jay Bernhardt, and Matthew McGlone

I. Honored at ICA—Thesis and Dissertation of the Year

Abby Prestin Dissertation of the Year & Amanda L. Kundrat Thesis of the Year (see above)

IV. Old Business

A. The Early Career Award will not be named. No discussion was invited.

V. New Business:

- A. Chair Wong: Revised bylaws should be adopted by division. A motion was made by Kathryn Greene to accept revised bylaws, seconded, and supported with a unanimous vote by the division. Major changes are summarized below:
- i. Mentoring event to be held at discretion of the chair.
 - ii. Slate of names for reviewers now done electronically.
 - iii. Transition to voting for leadership positions to be done electronically.
 - iv. Minutes and other documents will now be distributed electronically.
- B. Chair Wong: Reviewers should be required to provide feedback. A situation arose where a paper received 2 very good reviews and 1 poor review. The paper could have been a top paper, without explanation for why one rating was low. A request was made to consider providing additional feedback to substantiate quantitative scores, and for the review form to require some qualitative remarks. No motion was made or voted upon.
- A. Chair Wong invited discussion about preconference sponsorship. Secretary Savage explained that there is a separate Preconference Division that accepts or rejects preconference submissions, regardless of sponsorship. Preconference “sponsorship” is in namesake only because there are not a certain number of designated preconference slots per division. The preconference division only requests division sponsorship to estimate interest and attendance. Division sponsorship is not validated by NCA. Ambar Basu pointed out that current bylaw language is preferential to the biannual Health Communication Division preconference, which can be exclusionary to certain scholars in the division. Kathryn Greene informed members that the biannual Doctoral and Early Career preconference has been held biannually for 20 years to mentor and provide

professional development opportunities for graduate students and early career faculty, and that all division members are welcome. A discussion was had about the pros and cons of an official preconference. An amendment to the bylaws was proposed by a division member, but a friendly request was made to reconsider any amendments until the division leadership could gather more information from the NCA Preconference Division. No motion was made or voted upon.

VI. Announcements from the Floor

- A. Kami Silk – University of Delaware has a new doctoral program.
- B. Lindsay Neuberger – University of Central Florida has a new doctoral program.
- C. Jake Jensen – Postdoc available.

VII. Passing the Gavel

- A. Passing of the gavel from Chair Wong to Vice Chair Nan.
- B. There was a motion to adjourn.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned (3:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew W. Savage, PhD
NCA Health Communication Division Secretary 2016-2018
San Diego State University