

MINUTES

Emeritus/Retired Members Section (E/RMS) Business Meeting
2008 National Communication Association Annual Convention
Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Diego
Saturday, November 22, 2008
8:00 a.m. - Manchester H

In Attendance:

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AGENDA

STANDING BUSINESS

1. Chair Ken Andersen calls the Section meeting to order at 8:05 AM.
2. Ken leads the introduction of those attending.
3. Ken calls for the approval of 2007 minutes. MSP
4. Announcement: Chair Andersen reads the executive committee's newly composed Section mission statement recently sent to the newly restructured NCA website (see the Fall REMINDER for the text of this statement).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of VP elect. Patti Gillespie announces the executive committee's selection, via the nominating committee, of Barbara Lieb for this position. Chair Andersen calls for any further nominations from the floor. There are none and no further discussion ensues. Ken calls for her election by those attending. MSP

NEW BUSINESS

1. VP Larry Schnoor announces the theme for the 2009 NCA Convention in Chicago: "Discourses of Stability and Change."
 - A. We are allotted six programs including a business meeting.
 - B. Several important scheduling dates:
 - (1). December 3, 2008. First call for submission ends.
 - (2). December 5-9-11, 2008 Training program for those submitting programs.
 - (3). December 12, 2008 All Academic opens for program submissions.
 - (4). February 11, 2009. Deadline for submissions (all to be reviewed between Feb 11- Mar 6).
 - (5). March 6, 2009. All programs must be completed.
 - (6). Week of March 16, 2009. Acceptance notices sent.
 - (7). April 13, 2009. Online program posted.
 - C. IMPORTANT NOTE. All persons participating in accepted programs must preregister by September 7, 2009.
2. A discussion ensues on the nature that E/RMS programs might take.
 - A. Patti Gillespie suggests a panel on this Section's history. John Bowers recalls that at some past date E/RMS designated someone to compile this narrative. Patti notes that last year Bob Kully agreed to chair a standing committee for this very purpose.
 - B. Ken poses that NCA "Reports on Annual Conventions" and anniversary booklets could be searched. He will consult with Roger at NCA for these sources. THE REMINDER remains a source as well.
 - C. Ken further proposes a program on current graduate programs comparing past practice with

- present methods thus determining changes that have taken place over time.
- D. Larry suggests a "past presidents" panel that would note the changes these folks have observed. Ken and Patti echo this choice.
 - E. Patti also envisions panels on (1) retirement, including monetary issues (Ken adds the exploration of funding issues), (2) aging, and (3) politics.
3. Chair Andersen introduces the problem of publishing costs and printing mediums for THE REMINDER.
- A. The current NCA stipend for the newsletter is \$500.00 (two issues yearly). This year's editor, Ted Foster, reported an annual cost of \$800.00. The \$300.00 shortfall was offset with contributions from Ken and others in the Section. He notes that THE REMINDER is a vital resource for distributing convention programs to Section members thus spurring attendance for these events. Ken recommends that perhaps two smaller issues would resolve the problem and, after a short discussion, the assembled group tentatively agrees to support this position.
 - B. Patti and others suggest petitioning the NCA Legislative Committee for increased funding and, after another short discussion, Ken vows that he will consult this group for more funds.
 - C. There now arises the issue of online versus hard print status for THE REMINDER. Patti and Ken question online publishing only because it is seen to be less effective for sheer "reading" and readership" purposes. Larry Schnoor suggests "choice" by utilizing both mediums, but others hold that maintaining and managing email addresses might, at this point, are too problematic.
 - E. Finally, Ken concludes this extended discussion by posing the adoption of two perhaps shortened issues annually. There is unanimous agreement.
 - F. It is further noted that Ted Foster is still searching for the Fall 1993 and Fall 1994 issues of THE REMINDER.
4. E/RM Section's first "Distinguished Service Award."
- A. Ted Foster at Ohio University has been unanimously selected to receive this award for his unswerving and dedicated service in editing THE REMINDER.
 - B. Names of future recipients may be solicited in future issues of THE REMINDER.
5. Discussion emerges from the audience regarding the recent report from NCA's Legislative Committee on the political controversy surrounding the selection of convention sites. Ken notes that a majority of the Legislative Committee recently favored both revised and new protocols, but the required two-thirds vote for passage of these changes could not be mustered. Thus, there is no new NCA policy on this issue. As an aside, Ken notes that NCA finances are sound and that the Chicago convention will be larger than the San Francisco affair.
6. Committee appointments.
- A. Nancy Oft Rose has agreed to serve on the NCA Nominating Committee for 2009.
 - B. Ray Benkendorf agrees to join Ken in filling the two seats allotted to the E/RM Section for the 2009 Legislative Assembly meeting next year in Chicago.
7. At 9:15 AM Chair Ken Andersen calls for adjournment. MSP

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Benkendorf
Recording Secretary