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FROM THE CHAIR Kenneth Andersen

The ninety-fifth (95th) National Communication Association Convention starts on November 12 and ends November 15, 2009 in Chicago, Illinois. The Convention hotels are The Hilton Chicago and the Chicago Palmer House Hilton. All the Emeritus/Retired Section programs are at The Hilton Chicago. E/RMS' five programs begin at 8 a.m. on Friday the 13th and end with a 12:30 p.m. program on the 14th. Our business meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. on Friday the 13th in Room 5C. Larry Schnoor has produced an excellent group of programs on our behalf so I encourage you to pass the word along to others and to attend them all. See you in Chicago!

FROM THE VICE CHAIR Larry Schnoor

The theme of the 95th Annual Convention, "Discourses on Stability and Change," seems particularly well suited to those with emeritus and/or retired status of the National Communication Association and the programs we've put together within E/RMS and in conjunction with the American Forensic Association and the Political Science Interest Group. Each program, including the business meeting begins, by reviewing and thereby stabilizing the past and proceeds to develop the way that past affects the present and its likely future effects.

Program 1

Asilomar at Thirty: Reflections on the 1979 NCA/ICA Conference in Honor of Gregory Bateson

Fri, Nov 13: 8:00am–9:15am, Hilton Chicago/Meeting Room 4A

Session Organizer: Carol Wilder (New School University)

Presenters:

Arthur Bochner (University of South Florida)

L. Edna Rogers (University of Utah)

Herbert Simons (Temple University)

John Wiemann (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Abstract: In February 1979, 100 communication scholars from across the country gathered at Asilomar Conference Grounds in California to honor Gregory Bateson. The conference, "Human Communication From the Interactional View," featured Kenneth Burke, Paul Watzlawick, Heinz Von Foerster, John Weakland, Jerry Brown, and Bateson. The resulting book, *Rigor and Imagination: Essays from the Legacy of Gregory Bateson* (Praeger, 1981), edited by Carol Wilder and John Weakland, received the 1982 NCA Golden Anniversary Book Award. Carol Wilder was the conference organizer, and panelists were all primary participants in the conference. Each authored a chapter in *Rigor and Imagination*. Panelists will reflect on their experience of the conference and the impact of its ideas on themselves and on the discipline.

Program 2

Emeriti/Retired Section Business Meeting

Fri, Nov 13: 9:30am–10:45 am, Hilton Chicago/Meeting Room 5C

Chair: Kenneth Andersen (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Vice Chair: Larry Schnoor (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Secretary: Ray Benkendorf (Southwestern College)

Program 3

Election 2008: A Retrospective Look a Year Later

Fri, Nov 13: 2:00pm–3:45pm, Hilton Chicago/Meeting Room 5C

Co-Sponsor: Political Communication Division

Session Organizer: Larry Schnoor (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Presenters:

Chair: Gerald Sanders (Miami University)

Diana Carlin (University of Kansas)

James Klumpp (University of Maryland)

Craig Smith (California State University, Long Beach)

Judith Trent (University of Cincinnati)

Robert Kully (California State University Los Angeles)

Abstract:

This panel is a reprise of the group that analyzed the factors that explained the reasons for the results of the 2008 election. This time, they will examine their analysis in 2008 and determine whether or not the strategies of the campaign proved to carry forward into the first year of a new administration. Were there some strategies that proved to be difficult to carry forward and caused changes in the rhetoric of the new president? Was there something that happened after the election that could have had a major effect on the election itself had it happened sooner? Panelists will welcome audience participation following the presentations.



The Chicago Bean in Millennium Park

Program 4

Three Graduate Programs of the '60s: Relevance Then, Relevance Now

Sat, Nov 14: 11:00am–12:15pm, Hilton Chicago/Meeting Room 5C

Session Organizer: Larry Schnoor (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Presenters:



Chicago Yacht Club

Chair: Kenneth Andersen (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Indiana: Theatre–Patti Gillespie* (University of Maryland)

Wisconsin: Rhetoric & Public Address–Kenneth Andersen* (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Michigan: Public Address–Allan Kennedy* (Morgan State University)

Respondent: Robert Hariman (Northwestern University)

Abstract: Three individuals* describe their graduate program experiences during the 1960's, speaking to the utility and relevance of their respective programs for their careers and futures.

Program 5

Honoring Unknown Mentors

Sat, Nov 14: 12:30pm–1:45pm, Hilton Chicago/Meeting Room 5C

Co-Sponsor: American Forensic Association

Session Organizer: Leah White (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Presenters:

Leah White (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Amy Hermodson (Winona State University)

Karen Mitchell (University of Northern Iowa)

Catherine Palczewski (University of Northern Iowa)



The Chicago River

Abstract: The purpose of this panel discussion is to give current communication scholars the opportunity to recognize retired scholars in the field of communication who have unknowingly influenced them. The panel participants will present brief statements recognizing the influence their unknowing mentors have had on them. These individuals include Bruce Gronbeck, Everett Rogers, Robert Breen, and Robert Newman. The session will open up to the audience, who are then invited to share their own experiences.

From the Secretary Ray Benkendorf

Our annual business meeting occurred at 8:00am on Saturday, November 22, 2008, in Room Manchester H in the Manchester Hotel in San Diego, California. The complete minutes of that meeting can be accessed at: <http://www.coms.ohiou.edu/emeritus-retired-members-section> or by requesting an email copy from either Ray Benkendorf (benkendorf@cox.net) or Ted Foster (foster@ohio.edu) or a printed copy from either Ted or me. The business meeting led to these actions:

1. Barbara Leib was elected Vice Chair for the 2009-2011 term. She will serve as Vice Chair and program chair for the 2010 and 2011 conventions and then replace Larry Schnoor as chair. You may congratulate Barb at leibcom@comcast.net. Larry Schnoor replaces Ken Andersen as Chair as of the first of July of this year. You may congratulate Larry at lschnoor@hickorytech.net.
2. You will notice from the size and format of this issue of the *Reminder* the size and scope of our newsletter are both reduced so we can continue to provide a spring and fall issue to our members while staying within our \$500 budget provided by NCA. You'll also notice that some of the detail that appeared in previous *Reminders* has been transferred to a web page provided by Ohio University's School of Communication Studies. NCA is working on providing a similar page on its web site for program planning and affiliated groups. Ken Andersen is working on securing additional funding.
3. E/RMS will establish a "Distinguished Service Award." The first award will be made at the Chicago Convention at the 2009 business meeting.
4. Nancy Oft-Rose will serve on the NCA nominating committee and Ken Andersen and Ray Benkendorf will fill two E/RMS seats in the legislative assembly.

From the Editor Ted Foster

Two things: First, visit our web page at this address to get the detail left out of this issue of the *Reminder* (<http://www.coms.ohiou.edu/emeritus-retired-members-section>). Second, ask your friends who are eligible for Emeritus membership in NCA to get that membership and to join the Emeritus/Retired Members Section.