

Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Business Meeting April 14th, 2016

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1. Greetings to Members
2. Discussion of Planning Committee E-board changes: Justin Killian has stepped down; Jessica Prody will step-up and be next year's Chair and conference planner. Need to elect Secretary and Vice Chair for 2017.
3. Kristen McCauliff, out-going Chair, read the 2015 minutes
4. Suspended normal business to Blair Thompson to learn about 2017 conference in Minneapolis.
 - a. "Create" is the theme; create reality, meaning, relationships, things constructed through communication, etc.
 - b. March 16-18th will be the dates; this is a bit earlier than normal
 - c. Hyatt Regency is the location
 - d. 12 slots for panels, not counting the business meeting
 - e. October 3rd, 2016 is the deadline for submissions
 - f. May 15-30; in that window is when the call for presentations needs to go out.
 - g. December 4th –acceptance and rejection notices must go out
5. Normal business resumed; 2015 meeting minutes approved
6. Elections
 - a. Vice Chair goes to James Proszek, Southern Illinois University
 - b. Secretary goes to Kristi Gerding Scholten, Ferris State University
7. Briefly discussed how we can get more people at the meeting next year; discussed the potential conflict with the National Forensics Association national championship tournament and what reason this might exist, whether or not it can be changed in the future.
8. Discussed the 2016 Conference (#of panels, and spotlight panels from our division still remaining)
9. New Business
 - a. Change the call to support other styles, like Chicago or MLA (not just APA); this was approved by the body
 - b. No new business from the floor
10. Awards given
 - a. Karlyn Kohrs Campbell Top Paper Award to Erin Doss (Indiana Univeristy Kokomo) and Kristen Hatten (Western Michigan University)
 - b. David Zarefsky Top Student Paper Award to Calvin Coker (University of Missouri)
11. Discussion of Theme for the 2017 conference on "Create"
 - a. Guthrie, etc.; Art based City
 - b. North Loop; Artist community
 - c. Have a visit to some of these artistic sights or communities and have a panel discussion afterwards (similar to the Creationist Museum outing of the past; used division funds to supplement cost of visiting the museum, then invited a panel of experts to converse with attendees in a session afterwards)
 - d. AIM museum
 - e. Black Lives Matter, Jamar Clark
 - f. Pop culture cross application – seek partnerships with that division? Regarding the Mary Tyler Moore Show, which was filmed there
 - g. Target is headquartered there – could do something with corporate communication or there marketing strategies
 - h. De-gendering toys movement
 - i. WWII German Internment Camps were in Minnesota
 - j. 1st Avenue = music scene; Bob Dylan and hip-hip
 - k. Invite local artists as panelists

- l. Rhetoric of Food ideas – work around the local culture of food; the Vegan Butcher or the Indigenous Culinary Restaurant (maybe this is where we should have our business meeting and then use division funds to supplement the costs) 😊
- m. Taste of Minneapolis is another idea in that vein

12. Meeting Adjourned