

## **CSCA Women's Caucus Business Meeting Minutes 2021 Conference (Virtual Meeting April 27th, 2021)**

**Attending via Zoom:** Amanda Brown, Lauren Johnsen, Becky DeGreeff, Heather Nesemeier, Jackie Brucher Moore, Malynnda Johnson, Molly Wiant Cummins, Berth Ribarsky, Sheryl Lidzy, Kellie Smith, Wendy Anderson

- I. Call to Order:** Chair Amanda Brown
  - II. Approval of 2020 Minutes:** (Johnsen/Lidzy, Approved)
  - III. Introductions**
    - a. Leadership for the 2021 Convention
      - i. Chair: Amanda Brown, University of Wisconsin-Stout
      - ii. Vice-Chair: Lauren Johnsen, University of Memphis
      - iii. Secretary: Becky DeGreeff, University of Wisconsin-Stout
  - IV. Old Business**
    - a. Chair's report (13 total submission)
      - i. 10 (out of 11) Papers were accepted
      - ii. 2 (out of 2) Discussion panels were accepted
      - iii. Thank you to reviewers, chairs, respondents (19 people stepped up to help!)
      - iv. Thank you to Tiffany Wang and Deb Ford for keeping us on track!
    - b. Top Panels and Papers:
      - i. Top Paper Award:
        1. *The Privilege of Purity: A Feminist Post Modern Discourse Analysis on the Bachelor's Peter Weber's Fantasy Suite*. Sierra Kane University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
        2. Top Student Paper Award: "*Jesus Made a Feminist Out of Me*": *Communication of Dual Evangelical and Feminist Identities*. Karly Louise Poyner, University of Memphis
      - ii. Top panel Award:
        1. *Navigating Emotional Labor toward Healthier Balance: Top Panel in the Women's Caucus*  
Participants: Joy L. Daggs, Northwest Missouri State; Jessica Kratzer, Northern Kentucky University; Allison Duncan Brenneise, University of Minnesota; Anji L. Phillips, Bradley University; Hsun-Yu Sharon Chuang, Denison University; Danette Pugh Patton, Ursuline College; Molly Wiant Cummins, University of Texas Arlington
  - V. The Women's Caucus continued the fund-raising tradition by encouraging members to donate to organizations of their choice. As expected, COVID had an impact on donations. Regardless, the caucus raised \$300 for Sarah's Circle, a Chicago-based non-profit dedicated to assisting women and children**
- \*\*Note: There was a great level of scholarship demonstrated in the papers and panels. It is also inspiring to note that the top paper was also submitted by a student!

facing homelessness. There was also a good response to members donating to other organizations of their choice.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Secretary election:
  - i. Kellie Smith was nominated by Nesemeier/Johnsen. No other nominations were presented. Nesemeier moved to vote by proclamation.
  - ii. Kellie Smith was unanimously elected to serve as incoming Secretary.
- b. Bylaws and awards:
  - i. The bylaws indicate the presentation of an award to the top paper and top student paper; however, there is no mention of an award for the top panel.
  - ii. The question was raised as to whether the bylaws should be revised. Nesemeier moved to revise the bylaws to include an award for top panel. Ribarsky recalled from the 2017 discussion on the topic that concern was raised about the distribution of a monetary award being too complex. Discussion ensued.
  - iii. It was determined to move to keep the monetary award in place for the top papers and to present an award certificate to the members of the top panel. Discussion ensued related to the cost of printing multiple certificates.
  - iv. Adding the top panel award to the bylaws will be sent out to be voted on during the 2022 CSCA Women Caucus Business Meeting.
- c. 2022 Theme: Re-Connect: (March 30-April 3 in Madison, WI)
- d. Ideas for next year's conference – please share on the Women's Caucus Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144055393776/>

## **VII. Chair Brown officially hands over leadership to:**

- a. Chair and Program Planner: Lauren Johnsen
- b. Vice Chair (and charity fund raiser organizer): Becky DeGreeff
- c. Secretary: Kellie Smith

## **VIII. Discuss the 2022 theme and research and fundraising ideas.**

- a. Ideas discussed included:
  - i. How can I re-connect with my colleagues and the career that I love when I am exhausted/burned out from COVID?
  - ii. Rubber cement: Bringing us back together
  - iii. Re-connecting mentorship: Guiding others through the career process. Mentorship works both ways.
  - iv. I feel like I'm alone, but I'm teaching about relationships: I'm so confused?
  - v. Transition into retirement: Shifting, resisting, moving forward. I don't want to retire. Resisting the transition due to identity – or I may never have a tenure track job. Where a career in higher education is shifting.
  - vi. "Re-collecting" the pieces: Trying to piece a life back together coming out of COVID

vii. Revival: Post COVID celebrations as we reconnect or “re-birth”  
viii. Returning to life: Revival; rearticulation; rebirth; forward moving  
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ix. Recentering: Meditation; re-connecting with Self. “What the hell is up with [Insert Name]?”

x. Walk back in Wisely (anxiety of re-entry)

b. Fundraising ideas included:

i. Women’s Caucus Speed Dating – a space for networking, catching up, finding mentors.

ii. Brewery tours

iii. Short Course as a fund raiser? Is it even a possibility?

**IX.** Meeting Adjourned