

2021 CSCA Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group Business Meeting Summary  
Thursday, March 25th 5:00-6:05pm CDT (Virtual)

- Introductions of officers and present members were made.
- **Review and approval of 2020 Business Meeting Minutes**
  - **Action Item:** We will need a motion and a second to approve the minutes. Minutes will be sent via email to all members with further instruction on how to vote on the approval of the minutes.
- Since individual award recipients were notified virtually, no official award presentation took place.
- **Election of Secretary**
  - Briefly discussed the responsibilities of the Secretary.
  - Members were asked for nominations and/or self-nominations.
    - Dr. Tom Saylik (Concordia University-Chicago) was put forward for consideration and his qualifications were listed.
    - No other nominations were made.
  - Chad Nelson motioned to vote and Taylor Katz seconded the motion.
  - Anonymous voting of present members was conducted in accordance with the Interest Group's Bylaws.
  - Results of vote: 4-0. Dr. Saylik will serve as the Interest Group's Secretary in 2021.
- **CSCA 2022 Annual Conference**
  - Planning on an in-person conference in Madison, Wisconsin.
  - Members discussed organizing panels around particular topics. If interested, please contact the following members:
    - Iruoma Ezumba ([ieuzumba@uwm.edu](mailto:ieuzumba@uwm.edu)) proposed a panel on digital activism/social movements, women, culture, and race. In particular, Ezumba mentioned the Say Her Name Movement and the rhetorical importance of the Vice-Presidency of Kamala Harris.
    - Taylor Katz ([thkatz@uwm.edu](mailto:thkatz@uwm.edu)) proposed a panel on U.S. religious responses to the pandemic.
- **Facebook Group for the Interest Group**
  - A CSCA Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group Facebook Group does exist, but is sorely lacking in content.
  - Members deliberated which officer should be responsible for maintaining the Interest Group's social media presence. Perhaps maintaining the Facebook Group is a clarification of—not an addition to—the Chair's responsibilities.

- **Action Item:** Follow up with Chair to clarify their role in maintaining an active social media presence for the Interest Group.
  - The conference schedule, the call for papers, and the submission timeframe should be posted on the Interest Group's Facebook Group.
  - The Facebook Group should also serve as a networking space for developing panel ideas for upcoming conferences.
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- Bryan Paul motioned to conclude the Business Meeting and Taylor Katz seconded the motion.