

**Health Communication Interest Group  
Virtual Business Meeting Minutes  
Central States Communication Association Annual Convention  
Friday March 26, 2021 – 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM (CDT)**

**Chair:** Andrea L. Meluch (The University of Akron)  
**Vice Chair:** Jennifer Anderson (South Dakota State University)  
**Secretary:** Tucker Robinson (Missouri State University)

- I. Call to Order at 8:04 AM (CDT)
- II. Old Business
  - A. Approval of 2021 Business Meeting Minutes
    1. Shawn Starcher (1<sup>st</sup>) & Lindsay Kelpinski (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- III. New Business
  - A. Report of 2021 Paper and Panel Submissions:
    1. The HCIG received 18 submissions in total this year (down 9 from 2020): 16 competitive papers and 2 panels.
      - (1) 14 papers were accepted for presentation, 2 were declined.
      - (2) 2 panels were accepted.
      - (3) 2 Co-sponsored panels: (1) Communicating Personal and Organizational Complexities of Pregnancy and Pregnancy Loss with *Organizational and Professional Communication Interest Group*; (2) Inspiring Work with Affected Populations: Addressing the Need to Include Impacted Populations in Our Research with *Strategic and Applied Communication Interest Group*.
    2. This year HCIG had 7 slots (down from 8 in 2020). Of these, two slots were reserved for the Business Meeting and the Spotlight Panel.
      - a) The interest group gained 2 additional slots by co-sponsoring panels with other interest groups (see above), therefore, the HCIG sponsored a total of 9 slots.
    3. The HCIG had 20 reviewers, including the Vice-Chair. Each reviewer was assigned approximately 3 submissions and each submission was evaluated by at least 2 reviewers, but most were evaluated by 3.
      - a) Having multiple reviewers for each item helped to better calculate Top Paper and Top Panel Awards. Thank you to all the reviewers for your help with this.
    4. Planning for CSCA 2022
      - a) This year we had some challenges with COVID (e.g., uncertainty of travel/virtual conference options) that the CSCA planners believe resulted in fewer submissions. With the vaccine rollout we are hopeful for an in-person CSCA 2022 Conference and higher submissions.
    5. Awards Acknowledgement:
      - a) Top Panel: “Global Inspiration: A Discussion of Healthcare Barriers and Concerns for Underserved Populations” – Crystal

Daugherty, Northern Kentucky University; Christine Platt, Dominican University; Tharwa Bilbeisi, University of Memphis; Adebanke Adebayo; Shukura Umi, University of Memphis

- b) Top Paper: “Having Pain is Normal:” How to Talk About Chronic Pelvic and Genital Pain Reflects Messages from Menarche” – Katie Scott; Elizabeth Hintz, University of South Florida
- c) Top Student Paper: "You felt like your hands were tied and that you didn't know what else you could possibly do": Uncertainties of Parents with Children in Residential Treatment (Top Student Paper) – Jared Vincent Worwood, Illinois State University

B. Election of Officers:

- 1. Nominations for Vice-Chair (2-year term: will plan HCIG program for St. Louis, MO 2023; second year, act as Chair)
  - a) DeAnne Priddis, Middle Tennessee State University (nomination received electronically)
- 2. Nominations for Secretary (1-year term; will take minutes during the Business Meeting in Madison 2022)
  - a) Allyn Lueders, Wayne State College (nomination received electronically)
  - b) Rikki Roscoe, University of Missouri (nomination from the “floor”)
- 3. Paper readers/reviewers
  - a) Jennifer Anderson, Maria Brann, Leah Bryant, Elizabeth Hintz, Lindsay Kelpinski, Allyn Lueders, Andrea Meluch, DeAnne Priddis, Tucker Robinson, Rikki Roscoe, Shawn Starcher
- 4. Final Vote (Vice-Chair)
  - a) DeAnne Priddis, Middle Tennessee State University
- 5. Final Vote (Secretary)
  - a) Rikki Roscoe, University of Missouri

C. Passing of the “Stethoscope” to Vice-Chair Elect, Jennifer Anderson.

D. 2022 Convention Planning:

- 1. Updates on CSCA 2022:
  - a) CSCA will be March 30 – April 3 in Madison, WI at the Madison Concourse Hotel.

IV. Announcements:

A. Signing up to be a Reviewer (Paper and Panel Reader) for this year’s Submissions to the 2022 Conference

V. Adjournment: March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:35 AM (CDT)