

Central States Communication Association Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Caucus

2021 Business Meeting
Thursday, March 25th, 2:00–3:15pm
Online

Purpose: The annual meeting of the SOGI Caucus to discuss current and relevant issues as we plan for the conference in 2022.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Virtual Meeting Logistics
 - A. Acting President Nick Lorang set expectations and protocol for using reactions via Zoom, including green and red buttons for voting.
- III. Welcome & Introduction of Officers
 - A. Chair: Nicholas Lorang, South Dakota State University
 - B. Vice Chair: William Sipe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 - C. Secretary: Scott Sellnow-Richmond, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Motion from William
 - B. Second from Justin
 - C. Motion has been adopted
 1. Motion approved

Old Business

- V. [Approval of 2020 SOGI Business Meeting Minutes](#)
 - A. [Motion to approve – Tim](#)
 - B. [Second from Dominic](#)
 - C. Justin thanked everyone for weighing in on the process to get the business meeting running this year after not being able to do so last year and handling everything via email. This was echoed by Nick as well.
 - D. Motion has been approved – minutes approved as linked here without revision
- VI. 2021 Conference Update
 - A. 2 total session slots allocated (business meeting + 1)
 - B. 1 paper submitted (down from 8 submissions last year); co-sponsored paper panel attempted

1. Definitely a drop from before (previously 8 submitted with 7 accepted, but more typically **6-8**).
 2. Justin – how much does our number of submissions dictate how many sessions do we get?
 - a) Jimmie – they tried to make it so you could accept anything of quality. Submissions were very low overall across the conference.
 - b) Justin – there’s a potential for slots to disappear going forward, perhaps, and that’s a concern.
 - c) To be fair, they are trying to be more equitable to start with where groups are and what they receive, and potentially give more slots as needed to various groups.
- C. No discussion panels submitted

VII. Budget

- A. Expenditures: \$150 total (3 awards x \$50)
- B. Funds Remaining: \$50 (endowment)
 1. No questions regarding budget this year.

VIII. Awards (Justin Rudnick, Past Chair & Awards Committee Chair)

- A. Recognition of 2020 Award Winners
 1. It was prudent to re-recognize last year’s winners as there was little-to-no fanfare possible with the situation last year.
 2. **Innovator Award:** Ahmet Atay (College of Wooster) & Sandra Pensoneau-Conway (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)
 3. **Outstanding Scholarship Award:** Robert Gutierrez-Perez (University of Nevada, Reno) & Luis Andrade (Santa Monica College)
 4. **Jimmie Manning Top Paper Award:** Jimmie Manning (University of Nevada, Reno), Tony Adams (Bradley University), & Ahmet Atay (College of Wooster), “Gay, Grey, Gray, and Play: Fifty Shades Queer”
 5. **Top Papers:**
 - a) Megan Orcholski (University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee), “Would You Say You Had Sex If...You Were Queer? Exploring Sex Constitution and Discourse in Queer Communities”
 - b) Mick Brewer (Lincoln University), “Psycho/somatic: Diaspora of the Sexual Borderlands as Queer Ontology”
- B. Presentation of 2021 Award Winners
 1. **James W. Chesebro Award for Scholarly Distinction:** Ahmet Atay (College of Wooster) & Michaela Meyer (Christopher Newport University)
 - a) It was decided to recognize both submissions for the award this year as both were outstanding.
 2. **Top Paper:** Evan Schares (Villanova University), “Armed Archives: Photography and Homonationalist Repertoires in Evan Bachner’s ‘At Ease: Navy Men of World War II’”

3. **Last week the SOGI Facebook page posted an announcement regarding these pieces.**
4. Justin – thanks to all, especially Sarah Baker-Bailey for all the work getting these awards done and the work done behind the scenes to help the caucus.
5. No additional old business, moving on to new business.

New Business

IX. 2022 Conference: *Re-Connect*

- A. March 30–April 3, 2022; Madison, WI; Madison Concourse Hotel
- B. [Call for Submissions](#)
- C. 2022 Conference Submission Deadline: Friday, October 8th, 2021, 11:59pm CT
- D. Open discussion of relevant themes, ideas, or potential SOGI programming for 2022 conference
 1. Justin – poses a question to the room. Is it unethical or just unheard of for us to reach out to folks who would have been scheduled into the conference last year and giving them a chance to present that work? To solicit those submissions once again to slot them?
 2. Seemingly consensus that this would be fine. Justin open to sending the previous materials to Will to re-reach out to folks from last year.
 3. Stephanie Young – we may need to think outside the box about advertising what we’re doing for next year. Twitter? How do we go about broadening our scope in terms of spreading the call to those who may be interested.
 - a) Will Sipe – could create templates for people to use and edit as they see fit.
 - b) Jimmie will buy a toaster for the person who gets the most people involved.

X. Secretary Election

- A. The Secretary serves a 3-year term, becoming the Vice Chair and Chair in subsequent years.
- B. From the Bylaws: The Secretary/Vice Chair-elect shall assist the Vice Chair as necessary with planning the CSCA conference of the coming year, cooperate with the Second Vice President of CSCA as necessary to plan the conference of the year after that, and prepare for the Office of Chair by becoming familiar with these bylaws and other Caucus procedures. The Vice Chair-Elect shall assume the Office of Vice Chair when the Vice Chair's term expires or when the Vice Chair otherwise vacates the office. As Secretary this officer will record the minutes at each meeting and distribute copies of the minutes to all members prior to the next meeting.
- C. Call for Nominations
 1. Motion from Will, second from Sarah

2. Motion passes and is approved
3. Justin asks Dominic and Sarah if either have interest in the position
 - a) Dominic and Sarah both expressed interest
 - b) Dominic nominated by Justin, seconded by Sarah, Dominic accepts the nomination
 - c) Sarah confirms she'd like to wait a year due to existing commitments
 - d) Motion to close floor for nominations by Nick, seconded by Stephanie, motion passes and floor is closed.
 - e) Dominic gives a brief statement on his background and interest in the caucus and CSCA as a whole.

D. [Voting](#)

1. [Voice vote ends in Dominic Walker-Pecoraro being elected as incoming secretary for the SOGI Caucus](#)

XI. Transition of Officers (Will Sipe, Incoming Chair)

- A. Will – hoping to see more papers! More submissions! If there's interest in having a different, active role in the caucus there is room for respondents, reviewers and chairs. Link will be sent out after the conclusion of the meeting.

XII. Announcements

- A. Top Paper Presentation on Saturday 3/27 at 12:30–1:45pm, Session #3408
- B. 2022 Conference Submission Deadline: Friday, October 8th, 2021, 11:59pm CT
- C. [Volunteers for Reviewers, Respondents, & Chairs](#) - Please fill out this form to sign up!
- D. Congratulations to all presenters! Have a great CSCA!

XIII. Adjournment