

**2023 Central States Communication Association Graduate Student Caucus**  
**St Louis, Missouri**

Thursday, March 30, 2023

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

1. The meeting was called to order by Matthew Craig (Chair) at 9:32 am CDT.
  - a) Chair introduces officers (Maddy Pringle as Vice-chair and Gertrude Misornu Narthey as Secretary)
  - b) Attendance:
    - i. Chair: Matthew Craig, Kent State University
    - ii. A sign-up sheet was passed around and the names of participants are attached at the bottom.
  - c) The previous minutes and agenda were verbally reviewed by Matthew and emailed to attendees.
  - d) Motioned to approve minutes: Matthew moved to accept and was Seconded by Maddy
2. Old business
  - a) The chair presented a report and overview of this conference.
    - i. There were 10 paper submissions and 10 discussion panel submissions, and all were accepted for 2023.
3. Secretary election
  - a) The secretary serves on the caucus for three years (as secretary, vice-chair, and then chair), and you must be a graduate student for the duration of your term.
  - b) Call for nominations.
    - i. Brief (1–2 minute) descriptions of who you are and your interest in serving the caucus.
    - ii. Maddy nominates Abigail Olajire.
    - iii. Call for votes.
      - Abigail voted (unopposed)
4. Passing of gavel
  - a) Maddy becomes chair.
  - b) Misornu becomes vice-chair.
5. Awards
  - a) Top Papers
  - b) Top Panel
6. New business
  - a) Review of Potential theme for next year: Page for 40
    - i. CSCA 2024 Call for Papers and the submission deadline will be e-mailed to everyone.

- b) How to get more people to submit papers to the grad caucus for research papers vs issues papers
  - i. Amanda Lilly: suggested a Panel for navigating the job market.
  - ii. Emily Wilson: suggested opportunities for Grad students to submit work-in-progress.
  - iii. Matthew: research round table, review process
  - iv. Maddy: suggested opportunities for extended abstracts which can be submitted as a full paper later and topics such as Learning to review, learning to chair, or respond, because they are less intimidating at this level.
  - v. Katie: suggested topics such as Difficulties/ navigating applying to PhD programs and coping with rejection.
  - vi. Matt: round table discussion on how you ask for more money based on How much each school gives.
  - vii. Matt: potential to collaborate with ERIC (ethnicity, race, international caucus)
  - viii. Maddy: Facebook group
- 7. Adjournment: Maddy moved to adjourn. Seconded by Naomi at 10: 12 am.

In attendance:

Name	email	Year in program
Matthew Craig		4
Maddy Pringle		3
Gertrude Misornu Nartey	gertrude@uwm.edu	2
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