

CSCA 2023 ReConnect! Convention: GIFT Business Meeting

Thursday, March 30th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. CDT

Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 9:30

In attendance:

Jaclyn Shetterly, VP
Katie Turkiewicz, Secretary
Rachel Murdock
Kristen Stout
Steve Klein
Darcy Wente
Robert Hall
Amanda Taylor

Old Business:

2022s Meeting Minutes:

1. Additions or Changes to the 2022 Minutes: None
2. Motion regarding the 2022 Minutes: Robert - motion, Darcy - seconded, unanimous approval

New Business:

Outgoing Chair: Kate Ksobiech (not present)
Incoming Chair: Jaclyn Shetterly
Incoming Vice Chair: Katie Turkiewicz

Update on 2023 Conference:

1. We were fortunate to accept 42 of 47 submitted activities.
2. We chose to use a “panel” format for our sessions in 2023. Would like to do this again in 2024.
3. We had 42 reviewers for 2023 – keep up the great work recruiting people to take part. The list starts new each year and does not recycle. Please pass info along. Jaclyn to also send out call as well. Solicit reviewers at other GIFT sessions over next couple days.

4. Awards:

1. Top Activity:
 1. Angela Glunz: University of Tennessee at Martin
 2. “This List Hits Different, Fam”
2. Top Student Activity:
 1. Chandler MacSwain: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2. “Chartering a Path for Group Participation”

5. GIFT Reviewers: We asked attendees to please sign up to review the GIFT submissions next year. Most did sign up (8 total). We agreed to collect more reviewers at later sessions.

6. We will continue to add to the GIFT repository that was created in 2022

2024 Conference:

Conference Theme: Incoherence: Failure, future, and forgotten messages

- Location: Grand Rapids, MI
- Date: April 2 – 7
- Theme description from conference planner Kathy Denker: “Our lives are filled with moments of incoherence. Some segments of incoherence occur at the individual level, as we explore how shared meaning is missed. Other sites of incoherence come from systems and structures working to obfuscate our understanding of ourselves, our relational partners, our communities, and our organizations. Sometimes, as our theories tell us, incoherence can be beneficial, illuminating, or productive.”

GIFTS 2024 (SWOT analysis):

- Robert – collaborating with other groups, what goes into a “good gift?” continuing these conversations across other divisions, instructional opportunities with other groups, reach out to past top winners or chairs to participate as a featured panel, how to write a gift, panel of past award winners to discuss how to create a good GIFT (GIFTS for dummies),
- Rachel – propose to CSCA to do panel format instead of roundtables to ensure everyone is heard, voices aren’t strained, everyone is heard, etc.,
- Concern re: meeting room space constraints? Rachel noted we are usually in ballrooms, so not an issue.
- 7-8 GIFTS per session is a solid sweet spot.
- Everyone presents for 5 minutes each, then break to different tables for more targeted Q&A, let people float for entire Q&A session. This allows us to keep roundtable set-up in big ballroom and use it for Q&A, but everyone attending still gets to hear all activities presented
- Strength – we provide a place for grad students to explore teaching tools, experienced teachers great too for knowledge/experience sharing
- Threat – providing solid feedback to those GIFTS that are declined to ensure they’re getting the most from the submission process
- Panel on how to resubmit a rejected GIFT. Chair to collect all reject comments and comprehensively address this (not a current weakness, but a potential threat for the future as we continue to grow)
- Problem – cross programming that is problematic (instructional design panel running concurrently with a GIFTS session) instructional, basic course, comm ed, instructional resources, etc. More savvy to ensure these groups aren’t counterprogrammed
- Chair should ask Tiffany for which divisions might be struggling with submissions or seeking collaboration
- Solicit reviewers during other sessions
- Bring back online focused activities sessions

Vice Chair: Jaclyn to address some of this at program planners meeting, and to submit 2022 and 2023 division meeting notes

Elections:

1. Election for the position of Secretary.
 - a. We had two candidates for the position of GIFT secretary: Darcy Wente and Amanda Medlock-Klyukovski
 - b. We cast anonymous ballots and Darcy Wente was the unanimous winner.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.