

Central States Communication Association
Communication & Technology Interest Group
Business Meeting
April 1st, 2023
11:00 – 12: 15 pm, CDT
Regency E, Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch
St. Louis, Mo

Purpose: Annual business meeting of the Communication and Technology Interest Group to discuss current and relevant issues as we plan for the next year’s conference (Grand Rapids, MI).

Opening of Meeting: 11:00 pm CDT

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Riley Richards, Vice Chair of the CSCA CAT Interest Group.

Minutes from Preceding Meeting

Presentation and Approval of Minutes from the 2022 Business Meeting.

- Motion to approve (Mr. Matthew Craig), seconded (Ms. America Edwards) and passed.

Old Business – R. Richards

I. 2023 Slots and Submission Reports:

- a. Almost double the number of slots and submissions compared to 2022’s CAT program.

II. Awards.

- a. Recipients of the ComBotLabs Award for Top Paper: Dr. Yeojin Kim and Dr. Sung Eun Park.
- b. Recipients of the CAT Top Faculty Papers: Dr. Andrew Ledbetter, Dr. Nick Bowman, Dr. David Westerman, Dr. Leslie LeRoy, Dr. Renee Kaufmann, and Dr. Derek Lane.
- c. Recipient of the CAT Top Student Paper: Mr. Bumju Jung.

New Business:

I. CAT Interest Group Elections

- a. Chair: R. Richards moves from the Vice-Chair to Chair of 2023-2024.
- b. Secretary: Dr. Xialing Lin continues serving as the secretary for a second year (2022-2024).
- c. Vice-Chair: Dr. Austin Beattie was nominated by A. Edwards for the Vice-Chair position.
 - Motion to approve (M. Craig), seconded (A. Edwards) and passed.

- A. Beattie received the majority votes and was elected to serve as the Vice-Chair for a one-year term.

III. The 93rd Annual Convention Information and Group Planning Brainstorming– R. Richards

- a. Theme – *Incoherence: Failure, Future, and Forgotten Messages*.
 - Subtheme – *Silence*. We are invited to consider what is said and what is not said, focusing on investigating the positivity of communication.
- b. Group Planning about the 2024 conference.
 - CSCA 2024 Unit Slot Projections: The number of unit slots are closely related to the number of submissions. If the group receives 5% of the submissions, the group will receive 5% of the available session slots.
 - Hope to continue the growth of our slots in 2023-2024.
- c. Call for brainstorming of unit panels and project ideas.
 - M. Craig suggested collaboration with other units that also intend to increase their submissions, such as considering the Communication Theory Interest Group for co-panels to explore communication technology theories.
 - A. Edwards and Ms. Xin Sheng suggested collaborating with the Strategic and Applied Communication Interest Group to co-plan some future conference panels.
 - Dr. Chad Edwards suggested including interactive sessions with small coding projects or social robot demonstration.
- d. Date and Place: April 3 – 6, 2024, in Grand Rapids, MI.
 - Remind participants to book the conference hotel as soon as possible to secure the lodging availability at conference rates.

IV. Announcement from the Floor

- a. C. Edwards (Associate Editor of *Human-Machine Communication*): Call for papers for the upcoming special issues.

Meeting Attendance: 9 members and 2 officers

Close of Meeting: 11: 19 am CDT

Motion to adjourn meeting (A. Edwards), seconded (A. Beattie), and passed.