

**2024 Central States Communication Association Conference: Incoherence**  
**Communication Education Interest Group Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 6, 3:30-4:45 PM | Emerald A, Amway Grand Plaza - Grand Rapids, MI**

**Officers in Attendance:**

Chair/Program Planner: Kathryn B. Golsan, University of Northern Iowa  
Vice-Chair: Joshua E. Young, Divine Word College  
Secretary: Kyle R. Vareberg, Northeastern State University

**Attendance:** 6 members + 3 officers

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**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Kathryn B. Golsan called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of 2023 Minutes**

- Motion to approve: Caroline Waldbuesser
- Second: Rob Sidelinger
- Minutes approved.

**III. Conference Report (Kathryn B. Golsan)**

**Submission Details for 2024:**

- The Communication Education Interest Group was allotted 13 slots, the third most among interest groups, based on submission numbers.
- 12 papers and 8 panels were submitted.
- Acceptance rate: 100% of papers and 75% of panels.

**Previous Year's Total Submissions:**

- 2023: 21 submissions

**IV. Acknowledgment of Reviewers**

Special thanks to the following individuals for their service as reviewers: Kevin Meyer, Scott Sellnow-Richmond, Adam Tyma, Sandra Arumugam-Osburn, Annie Ashbrook, Margaret Baker, Joy Daggs, Kathy Denker, Randy Dillon, C. Kyle Rudick, Justin Walton, Deanna Fassett, Sandra Pensoneau-Conway, Elizabeth Ribarsky, Sarah Riforgiate, Anna Wright, T. Kody Frey, Annette Hamel, Sarah LeBlanc, Daniel McRoberts, Kim Omachinski, Adam Jones, Diana Trebing, Richard Jones, Christina Paxman, Leah Bryant, David Kahl, Jr., Kyle Vareberg, Tiffany Wang, Kimberly Weismann, and Anna Wright.

**V. Top Awards (Kathryn B. Golsan)**

- **Top Paper in Communication Education (and Top Inclusive Scholarship Paper):**
  - *"Neoliberalism and its Impact on Mediated Learning for Marginalized Students"*
  - **Author:** David H. Kahl, Jr., Penn State Behrend
- **Gustav Friedrich Award for Top Student Paper in Communication Education (and Top Graduate Debut Paper):**
  - *"Nurturing Black Excellence: Exploring Black Students' Emotions Regarding Success at PWIs"*
  - **Author:** Eboni Devon Springfield, University of Northern Iowa
- **Top Competitive Panel in Communication Education:**
  - *"AI Policy and Classroom (Mis)Use – Classroom Incoherence in the Face of 'The Machine' in Higher Education"*
  - **Chair:** Adam W. Tyma, University of Nebraska Omaha
  - **Panelists:** Elizabeth Ribarsky (University of Illinois Springfield), Jennifer Hough (University of South Dakota), Robert Baron (Austin Peay State University), Jessica Rick (University of Southern Indiana)

**VI. 2025 Secretary Election**

- **Nomination:** Caroline Waldbuesser
- **Motion to close nominations:** Rob Sidelinger
- **Second:** Diana Trebing
- Motion approved.

## VII. New Business

1. **Leadership Transition**
  - Chair gavel passed from Kathryn B. Golsan to Joshua E. Young.
  - Kyle R. Vareberg assumes the role of 2025 Vice-Chair.
2. **Discussion of 2025 CSCA Convention (Joshua E. Young)**
  - **Theme:** *"Widening the Scope"*
  - **Slot Allocation:** Same as 2024, based on submission numbers.
  - **Submission Deadline:** October 5, 2024
  - **Convention Date:** April 2-6, 2025
  - **Location:** Cincinnati, OH
  - **Interest Group Constitution Review:** Members are encouraged to review and suggest updates.
3. **Ideas for 2025 Initiatives:**
  - **Incorporating perspectives from outside the discipline** (e.g., Education theory).
  - **Expanding focus on DEI in Communication Education:**
    - Addressing issues in states with restrictive policies (e.g., Oklahoma).
    - Emphasizing language choices and political tensions impacting classrooms.
  - **Further exploration of neoliberalism in education.**
  - **Artificial Intelligence in Communication Education:**
    - Discussing its impact on learning outcomes.
    - Exploring creative and pedagogical uses of AI.
  - **Interdisciplinary scholarship initiatives:**
    - Pop culture and pedagogy.
    - Potential collaboration with the Basic Course Interest Group.
4. **Announcements**

## VIII. Adjournment

- **Adjournment Time:** 2:46 PM
- **Motion:** Caroline Waldbuesser
- **Second:** Rob Sidelinger
- Meeting adjourned.

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## Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kyle R. Vareberg, Secretary  
Northeastern State University