

ERICC Business Meeting  
Thursday, April 04, 2024

**In attendance:** Hsin-I Sydney Yueh, Amy Aldridge Sanford, Nurhayat Bilge, Sofia Salazar Carballo, Jacki Brucher Moore, Malynnnda Johnson, Heather Nesemeier, Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, Dorthy Pennington and Ahmet Aksoy (chair of IC Interest Group)

3:31: Meeting called to order by Nurhayat Bilge.

Last year' minutes (2023) were approved by everyone present.

### **CCT Speakers Series for Year 2024:**

Everybody at the meeting approved that the CCT Speakers Series committee will stay the same as last year (2023) for 2024, led by Gordana Lazić.

Gordana Lazić	Jennifer Willis-Rivera	Amy Aldridge
3 <sup>rd</sup> year (Chair)	2 <sup>nd</sup> year (Vice-Chair)	1 <sup>st</sup> year (New Member)

### **ERICC Board for Year 2024:**

Everybody at the meeting approved the following board for the year 2024:

New Chair: **Hsin-I Sydney Yueh**; New Vice-chair: **Anjana Mudambi**; Secretary: **Sofia Salazar**

### **ERICC low submissions for year 2024 CSCA:**

Nurhayat expressed her concerns about low submission rate. She believes there might be confusion between what IC and ERICC are and how they differ. Other members brought up a solution of offering co-sponsorship.

### **Ideas to improve ERICC submissions for year 2025:**

- ERICC submission in 2024: only one panel and four papers. We were given only three slots. All submissions went to double blind-review, and we had a 100% acceptance rate. In addition to the paper panel, we also had the business meeting.
- Dorthy and Amy proceeded to suggest that we should have an advocacy role and mentorship role at ERICC.
- Amy also emphasized that co-sponsorships help to get more slots, just like last year (2023).
- CCT suggested that we should follow the model of NCA's black caucus.

### **Report on 2025 CSCA conference:**

Sydney reports that the theme for 2025 CSCA is "Widening the scope," and will happen in Cincinnati, Ohio from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Proposal deadline is October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sydney mentioned that the takeaway from their conversation was to create more collaboration across different CSCA groups. During their conversation we were encouraged to attend meetings from groups we have never been to before because there is potential for collaboration or brainstorming about how to increase submissions. Sydney emphasized that we need to define what kind of submissions we are accepting for 2025.

### **Responding the CSCA's Vice-President Call:**

- Sydney asked for ideas from today's attendees to respond to the CSCA vice-president's call.
- Malynnda suggested more advocacy approaches. She suggested looking at what other groups are doing.
- Ahmat proposed co-sponsorships, explore co-sponsorships with IC.
- CCT proposed collaborating with the National Underground Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, which would appeal to "widening the scope."
- Amy said that she will do more research on possible collaborators from the museum and/or related to the museum.
- CCT suggested that speakers could be social activists and/or community leaders.

Sydney confirmed the amount we should award to top paper winners:

- \$50 competitive paper for student
- \$50 competitive paper for faculty

### **Ideas to improve ERICC submissions for year 2025 were addressed again:**

- Sydney suggested that the ERICC members should motivate people to submit.
- Heather recommended that we reach out to people for suggestions of names who would be interested in submitting to ERICC. We should also collaborate with other group chairs to distribute our calls. Lastly, we should reach out to NCA and other communication groups to promote ERICC on social media and academic communication departments.
- Amy suggested sharing out our brainstorming ideas to Tiffany Wang to remind her about what we need. We need more visibility, more promotion.
- Heather suggested that we need to become panel chairs ourselves and invite young scholars and graduate students to participate in such panels. Heather suggested that we need to motivate people to participate as reviewers, and that in turn this would be a great way to get more members.
- Sydney suggested that we should highlight class concerns for our next year's panels.

### **Closing remarks and announcements:**

- Amy is working as an editor for the book "Reconciliation and Social Change."
- CCT will publish a book "Communication between Chinese and North American."

Motion to adjourn; everyone agreed. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.