

2024 Central States Communication Association Graduate Student Caucus

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Thursday, March 30, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 by Maddy (Chair)
 - Officers introduced themselves: Maddy Pringle as Chair, Gertrude Misornu Nartey as Vice Chair; Abigail as secretary.
 - Maddy reviewed the 2023 minutes.
 - Jana seconded the motion.
2. Old Business
 - **Submissions:** There were 6 paper submissions and 4 discussion panel submissions. There were 100% acceptance rate.
 - **Secretary Election:** 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.
 - Maddy called for nomination.
 - Md Sazzad Mahmud Shuvo, University of Nebraska at Omaha nominated himself; He briefly described his profile and interests
 - He was a sole nominee, so unopposed
 - **Award presentation.**
 - Top debut paper and Top paper (Paul Skalski): Misornu Gertrude
 - Top panel award: Makenzie and Jana
3. New business
 - **Maddy proposes two potential amendments.**
 - **First:** Addition of the Paul D. Skalski Award to the byelaws
 - Jana seconded the motion and we all voted in affirmation.
 - **Second:** Extended abstract call should be revamped to ensure submitters provide their full paper by one month before conference paper
 - Makenzie seconds and we all voted in the affirmation.
 - **2025 CSCA at Cincinnati.**
 - Maddy opened the floor for ideas to fit the 2025 theme- *Widening the scope*.
 - Jana suggested a panel about a non-academic job opportunity.
 - Abigail suggested a panel in collaboration with relevant caucus for discourses about creating spaces for other voices in academia beyond WEIRD.
 - Maddy added that we can collaborate with intercultural division, DEI; it can be panel or discussion board.

- Shuvo suggested a panel that looks at the state of DEI initiative in the US; how we can regulate the discourse considering our current climate.
- Makenzie also suggested a panel to help promote graduate school to non-traditional student and how to bring DEI activities into the classroom as instructors.

4. Adjournment: Makenzie moved to adjourn at 9.59 am

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