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Sports Communication Interest Group Minutes
Central States Communication Association
Thursday, April 4, 2024
Grand Rapids, MI

Call to order at 9:30 am by Chair Lindsay Cramer.

MSP approval of minutes from the 2023 meeting.

Cramer reported on programming for the conference, noting the group had a healthy number of competitive papers submitted, along with paper panels. The top paper award will be presented to Heather Hundley and Barbara Pickering, both from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, for *There is no I in team and no future for women: A discursive analysis of women's and men's College World Series championships broadcast*. The top student paper will be presented to Margaret Murphy from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign for *The WNBA's rhetorical public memory of #SayHerName*.

Vice-Chair Jerralyn Moudry reported on planning for the 2025 conference April 1-6 in Cincinnati. The conference theme is *Widening the Scope*. She talked about how planners are envisioning the theme in terms of submissions. Papers, panels, and programs are encouraged to look at ways submission content extends discussions and understanding. Those at the meeting discussed a number of potential paper and panel ideas. Moudry encouraged those in attendance to think about panel topics and to consider authoring papers for consideration. The number of "slots" for our group will continue to be determined by the percentage of our submissions within the total conference submissions.

Elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary were held. Officers for 2024-2025 are:
Jerralyn Moudry, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Chair
Emily Sauter, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Vice-Chair
Macauley Williams, Bowling Green State University, Secretary

Announcements included promotion of the NCA Communication and Sport Interest Group and the annual spring research summit sponsored by the International Association of Communication and Sport (IACS).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Jensen, Secretary