

Basic Course Interest Group
Business Meeting Agenda
April 4th, 2025
CSCA 2025 – Cincinnati, OH
Salon E / 9:30am-10:45am EDT

Chair- Joshua Young (Divine Word College)

Vice Chair- Kathryn Golsan (University of Northern Iowa)

Secretary- Evan Kirksey (University of Missouri)

1. Approval of 2024 Minutes

- Minutes were presented and approved without objection.
- Motion was made to correct the spelling of Melissa Beall, and was approved.

2. 2025 Convention Planner's Report

- BCIG allocated seven slots based on number of submissions
 - 5 panel proposals were accepted
 - 1 panel on the name of the division and course created
 - 1 slot used for business meeting
 - No papers submitted

3. 2026 Convention Planner's Report

- The upcoming theme is "Translate," encouraging application of communication theory beyond academia. Ideas included translating theory into practice, justice, modalities, and syllabi as tools.

4. Awards

- Melissa Beall Top Panel Award
 - Social Emotional Learning and the Foundational Communication Course: Perspectives on Skill Building to Support Learner Agency and Belonging ■ Caroline Waldbuesser, University of Missouri; Timothy Berkey, University of Notre Dame; Julie A. Borkin, Taylor University; Isaiah DeMarco, University of Central Florida; Grace Normand, Taylor University; Abigail Olajire, University of Missouri.

- Douglas M. Trank Top Paper
 - No submissions
- Inclusive Scholarship Award
 - No submissions
- The interest group would like to encourage further submissions next year.

5. Election

- Secretary
 - Anna Wright was nominated.
 - Jennifer Hough was nominated.
 - Jennifer Hough was elected secretary.

6. Passing of the Gavel

Joshua Young passed the gavel to Kathryn Golsan.

7. Next Year's Conference Ideas

The group brainstormed themes related to "translation," including:

- Empathy, real-world application, and community engagement.
- Relevance of the basic course in modern/post-COVID contexts.
- Broadening the concept of oral communication beyond classroom speeches.
- Enhancing the public perception and value of the basic course.
- Encouraging collaboration across divisions and exploring alternate submission formats.

The group also discussed concerns and things that the basic course interest group might not want to see next year.

- Clarify and potentially rename the "Basic Course."
- Differentiate AI discussions by addressing ethical and environmental costs.
- Suggestion to create a task force to house and share resources if not supported by NCA.

8. Announcements/Other Business

- There is a survey for what you would want the "Basic Course" name to change to.
- Kyle Rudick, editor of *Communication Education*, called for submissions, and pitched his book "Teaching from the Heart"
- Joshua Young shared a call from the Iowa Communication Journal.

- Basic Course Directors Conference will be happening in Memphis, TN.
- Donations are kindly appreciated to the Melissa Beall award.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned without objection.