

Communication Education Interest Group Meeting Minutes 2025

Business Meeting Agenda

April 3rd, 2025

CSCA 2025 – Cincinnati, OH

Salon H / 9:30am-10:45am EDT

Chair: Joshua Young (Divine Word College)

Vice Chair: Kyle Vareberg (Northeastern State University)

Secretary: Caroline Waldbuesser (University of Missouri)

Call to order: 9:31am

1. Approval of 2024 Minutes
 - a. Correction: Spelling of Kyle Vareberg's name for meeting minutes and agenda.
2. 2025 Convention Planner's Report
 - a. Communication Education was awarded 17 slots for the 2025 conference.
 - b. 7 papers accepted and 1 declined resulting in 2 paper sessions (one of which won the conference wide Inclusive Scholarship Award—labeled under awards).
 - c. 1 paper panel was proposed and accepted.
 - d. 13 discussion panels were accepted.
 - e. 1 slot was used for the business meeting.
3. 2026 Convention Planner's Report
 - a. CSCA 2026 theme is Translate.
 - b. The conference dates will be April 14-19.
4. Awards
 - a. Gustav Friedrich Award for Top Student Paper and Top Debut Paper
 - i. Title: *It's Like We are Worth the Website, But That's It': Widening the Scope & Working Toward Campus 'Affinity' for Black College Students at AANAPISI/HSIs on the West Coast.*
 - ii. Author: Nicholas B. Lacy, Purdue University.
 - b. Communication Education Top Paper Award
 - i. Title: *Does it Matter Who You are as Long as You are Being Helpful? The Answer is Complicated. Revisiting Identity and Helpfulness in the Online Classroom.*
 - ii. Authors: Xialing Lin, University of Central Florida; Kenneth Lachlan, University of Connecticut; Stephen Spates, Michigan State University; Patric Spence, University of Central Florida; Renee Kaufmann, University of Kentucky; and Bumju Jung, University of Southern California.
 - c. Inclusive Scholarship Award for Interest Group and CSCA
 - i. Title: *Managing Disability Privacy in Student-faculty Classroom Accommodation Conversation: Sources of Turbulence and Strategies for Communicating Personal Boundary.*

- ii. Authors: Kathleen S. Valde, Northern Illinois University and Mary Lynn Henningsen, Northern Illinois University.
 - d. Top Panel
 - i. Title: *Leveling Up Learning: Widening the Scope Through Classroom Gamification*.
 - ii. Chair: Jennifer Hough, University of South Dakota.
 - iii. Presenters: Kristi Scholten, Ferris State University; Kristina M. Lee, University of South Dakota; Kristina Scharp, Rutgers University; Lauren L. Buisker, Colorado State University; and Michelle M. Matter, Crown College.
- 5. Election
 - a. Nominees for Secretary:
 - i. Rob Sidelinger ("Yea I can do it," he said reluctantly).
 - b. Rob Sidelinger was elected as secretary for 2026, Vice Chair for 2027, Chair for 2028, and Immediate Past Chair for 2029.
- 6. Passing of the Gavel
 - a. Josh Young handed out tokens of thanks (heart pins) to everyone in the division.
 - b. Josh passed the gavel to Kyle to assume his role as Chair for the 2026 conference.
- 7. Next Year's Conference Ideas
 - a. Theme: Translate
 - i. University notetaking system Glean: No crises allowed.
 - ii. AI: the uses of AI—how we can think about using AI to translate in the classroom.
 - iii. Translation between modalities: changing from in-person to online.
 - iv. Translating practices: translating pedagogy to new generations.
 - v. Career readiness: translating what we are covering into career readiness.
 - vi. How are we helping students process and translate the value of what they are doing both for themselves and for their careers.
 - vii. What do administration have to learn about how the current generation is speaking: TikTok's.
 - viii. Translating double-speak.
 - ix. How do we translate our policies that exist in response to the mandates coming down?
 - x. International instructors and students: handling accents and issues.
 - xi. Translate what we do into the common community: instructional resources outside of the classroom.
 - xii. Translating communication education research into the general public and campus.
 - xiii. Service learning projects: students translating information for the public
 - xiv. Communication education being education: translating for journals.
 - xv. Translate what we are doing in terms of marketing what it is we do to students: recruitment.

- xvi. Translating communication: what is it, why is it important, how can you use it, etc.
- xvii. Translating theory to applied practices.
- xviii. Micro credentials, certifications, etc. Usefulness? Participation Trophies?
- xix. Translating the communication crisis to the outside world: translating that relevance.
- xx. How do we translate communication being the “dumb persons” degree?

8. Announcements/Other Business

- a. Basic Course survey participation recruitment (Caroline Waldbuesser).
- b. Communication Education special issues (Kyle Rudick).
- c. Communication Teacher special issue (Josh Young and Allison Brenneise).
- d. Second edition of Teaching from the Heart (Kyle Rudick and Kathryn Golsan).

9. Adjournment: 10:06am

- a. Motion to adjourn: Allison Brenneise.
- b. Second: David Potter.