

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Caucus Business Meeting Minutes

2025 Central States Communication Association Annual Convention

April 3, 2025 - 9:30am, Salon M (Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza)

Attendance: 16 people

- I. Acceptance of agenda and approval of minutes from 2024 business meeting
 - a. Accepted; No objections
- II. Roll call/introductions
- III. Reports
 - A. 2025 Chair Report – Jimmie Manning
 1. Conference planning report
 - a. 9 papers submitted, 8 programmed
 - ii. Five more than last year.
 - b. 3 panels submitted, 2 programmed
 - c. Based on feedback from last year’s business meeting organized a book club, 20th anniversary panel, Chesebro winner panel, meal event, and drag event (the last of which had to be canceled)
 - d. Conference submission award winners:
 - Jimmie Manning Award winner – Dennis Ekwemnachukwu Okeke
 - Top Student Paper Award winner – Justin Tackett
 - Top panel – Living in the Neuroqueer Intersection: Exploring LGBTQ+ and Neurodiverse Identities – Michaela D.E. Meyer
 2. 2025 SOGI Awards
 - a. James W. Chesebro Award for Scholarly Distinction in Sexuality Research: Dr. Stephanie Young
 - ii. Jimmy read quotes and opened it up to the audience to offer comments.
 - b. Scholar Award: “It’s Barbie and it’s Ken’: Unpacking Greta Gerwig’s Signature Style as a Feminist Film Auteur,” Michaela DE Meyer
 - ii. Cowritten with Nicholas Delaney
 3. Ad-hoc committee creation
 - a. Advocacy Committee Establishment Committee
 - ii. Looking for members of the caucus to advocate.
 1. Ex. Carolyn Calloway Thomas Series

- b. Hall of Fame Nomination Committee
 - ii. 3 year (Ad hoc)
 - iii. Trying to nominate
 - c. Top Student Paper Award Committee
 - ii. Find a name for the paper award
 - iii. Fundraising?
 - B. 2025 Vice-Chair Report – Danielle Stern
 - 1. 2026 conference planning report
 - a. Theme - Translate
 - b. Minneapolis, MN – April 14 – 19
 - c. Submission Deadline – October 10th, 2025
 - 2. Solicitation of ideas for panels or sessions
 - a. Email
 - 3. Solicitation of reviewers
 - C. 2025 Past-Chair Report – Stephanie Young
 - D. 2025 Secretary Report – Vianna Isbister
 - i. None this year
- IV. Old Business
 - a. None this year

Passing of the gavel and transition to new SOGI Caucus Chair.

- i. New Business
 - A. Election of new caucus Secretary
 - a. Elliot Powell – He/They
 - i. USF
 - B. Additional new business from the floor
 - a. Tony
 - i. Put award call out in October
- j. Announcements from the floor (job openings, special issues or other publishing opportunities, good news, etc.)
 - a. Michaela – Submission opportunity
 - b. Jimmy – Announcing hire
 - c. Stephanie and Ahmet – Queering Communication Studies – book publication announcement
- k. Adjournment – to be followed by group photo and cake celebrating SOGI’s 20th anniversary