

**Communication Theory Interest Group Business Meeting
Central States Communication Association
(In-Person Session, Cincinnati, OH)
2025**

Meeting begins (**Stephen Spates**, Chair)

I. Approval of the 2024 Business Meeting (9-0 approved)

- a. **Total number of attendances: 9 (7 members, 2 Officers)**
 - i. Vice Chair Austin Beattie is absent, due to family emergency
- b. **Motion to approve – Austin Frederick (9-0 approved)**

Transition to New Business of 2025

II. Announcements

- a. **The new CSCA conference theme and location**
 - i. **2026: Translate (Kristina Scharp)**
 - ii. **Minneapolis, MN at the Hyatt Minneapolis Downtown**
- b. **Top Paper Awards**
 - i. **Social Compensation and Enhancement Theory: Distinguishing Direct and Buffering Effects of Communication Technology Use on Social Connectedness and Well-Being [Em Griffin Top Paper]**
 1. **Erin Ruppel (Associate Professor), Xiola Schneiderman (Graduate Student), and Sarra**
 2. **Ben Slama (Graduate Student)**
 3. **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (institution for all authors)**

III. Nominations for Secretary

- a. **Abbie VanMeter (Independent Scholar) (9-0 approved)**
 - i. Discussion included covering the expectations of the role and the expected 3-year commitment to the interest group.

IV. Request for responses: Your thoughts to increase submissions.

- a. **Special Note:** Em Griffin (Honored attendee) took time to explain the history and importance of this interest group. He encouraged participation and continuation of keeping this interest group active.
- b. Increased submissions this year, including works in progress. This was a win for the interest group. Most action we've gotten in a few years.
- c. Creating more community and collaboration with other interest groups for shared panels
- d. Opportunities for teaching discussions or in-progress sessions
- e. Encouraging graduate students to submit and not feel restricted by depth of theory

V. Adjourn Meeting

a. Meeting adjourned unanimously (9-0 approved)