

SSCA Interpersonal Communication Division
Business Meeting Agenda
Friday, April 4, 2025, 4:15-5:30
Momentum 1 Room

2024-2025 Division Officers

Immediate Past Chair: Laura Miller, University of Tennessee

Chair: Lindsey Aloia, University of Arkansas

Vice Chair: Erin Basinger, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Vice Chair Elect: Kellie Brisini, Louisiana State University

Secretary: David Roaché, Christopher Newport University

- I. Call to Order – Erin Basinger (4:17pm)
 - A. Welcome!
 - B. Attendance: 3 officers (Erin, Kelly, David), 11 members total
 - C. Introduction of officers

- II. Approval of 2024 Business Meeting Minutes
 - A. 2024 minutes shared electronically during the meeting
 - B. Questions?
 - C. Motion, Jenny Crowley; Second: Kelly Brisini

- III. Officer Reports
 - A. Chair – Erin Basinger
 - 1. Executive Committee Updates
 - a) 2029 SSCA location is Charlotte, NC
 - b) \$10,000 stipend for the executive director is approved. This should not affect finances for SCCA
 - c) NCA budget has \$10 million, running a \$1 million deficit each year
 - d) DEI is part of the discussion for funding
 - B. Vice Chair & Convention Report – Erin Basinger
 - 1. 20 submissions this year (9 papers, 10 posters, 1 submitted panel)
 - 2. 93% acceptance rate for papers, 100% for posters, 93% overall
 - 3. Each submission had 2 reviewers other than 3 papers for which only 1 review was submitted. Aloia weighed in on those.
 - 4. Given 11 slots, but only used 8 slots
 - 5. Proposed 8 panels total (4 for papers, 4 panels)

6. Proposed to host a poster session as the IPC division because the division had enough posters to host, but there were only 2 other poster submissions for the conference (from 2 other divisions)
7. Co-sponsored Quiz Bowl with Communication Theory and Methodology and Health Communication
 - a) Interpersonal Communication Division beat Communication Theory and Methodology and Health Communication Division
8. Top papers each had one additional reviewer.
9. Thanks to our 11 reviewers for their service.
10. Strategies for recruitment
 - a) Co-sponsoring with other divisions
 - b) Erin reached out to programs with graduate programs in VA, NC, and SC (special emphasis on non-R1 programs)
 - c) Poster sessions were a success, but it may have minimized full paper submissions.
 - d) Shout out to David Roaché and Christopher Newport University for the number of submissions from undergraduates and faculty.
 - e) Encourage submission of more panels in the future (e.g., roundtable discussion). Panels are well-attended, and attendees enjoy them
 - f) Erin opened the floor for increasing submissions/attendance:
 - (1) Equal benefit for full paper and extended abstract for posters (Jenny Crowley)
 - (2) Can the poster submission deadline be moved after the full paper deadline (Leah LeFebvre)? Kelly Brisini will contact SSCA 2nd Vice President to determine if this is feasible.
 - (3) Suggestion to have a graduate student networking fair integrated with the book fair (Kelly Morrison)
 - (4) Solicit abstracts to determine whether submitters would be open to be paneled or posterized (Jenny Crowley)
 - (5) Distinction that extended abstracts are exempt from top paper awards
 - (6) Is there a rule about online presentations for faculty/students who do not have funding to travel to more than one conference? (Quenten Bernhold)
 - g) In 2023, the executive council rejected the idea to move business meetings online (Laura Miller)

C. 8 paper panels, 4 panels (1 co-sponsored with Health Comm.), Business Meeting

D. Vice Chair Elect – Kelly Brisini

1. Theme for 2026 in Birmingham is Commun-AI-ity

2. April 3-7 2026

E. Volunteers for reviewers and panel chairs – Erin Basinger

a) Kelly Morrison, Quentin Bernhold, Laura Miller, Jenny Crowley, Mike Kotowski, Leah LeFebvre, Grace Nicholas, Aubree Herman, David Roaché volunteer as reviewers

b) Kelly Morrison, Laura Miller, Jenny Crowley, Mike Kotowski, Leah LeFebvre, Aubree, Herman volunteer as panel chairs

IV. Awards - Erin

A. Announcement of Top Student Paper

Speaking Parenthood: Mother: Mothers' perspective on marital communication in the postpartum period, Grace Nicholas, University of Alabama

B. Announcement of Top Paper

"Trust yourself and your body": Advice from fat individuals on how to navigate fat fertility, pregnancy, and birth, Erin Basinger, Margaret Quinlan, and Audrey Currey, University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

V. Election of Officers – Erin

A. Vice Chair-Elect

1. Serve as program planner for 2027 convention in Mobile, AL

2. Nominations

a) Quentin Bernhold (self nomination), Kelly Brisini (seconded)

3. Quentin made some remarks

4. Vote

a) Unanimous vote yes

B. Secretary

1. Nominations

a) Aubree Herman (Texas Tech University), Kelly Morrison (motion), Jenny Crowley (seconded)

2. Remarks from Audree

3. Vote

a) Motion (Morrison), Second, (Miller)

b) Unanimous vote yes for Aubree Herman

VI. Announcements

- A. Encourage members to attend two panels and two poster sessions by division members on Saturday, April 5th
- B. Passing of “gavel” from Erin Basinger on behalf of Lindsey Aloia to Erin Basinger

VII. Adjourn – 4:52 pm