Minutes to LSI Interest Group business meeting
Friday, April 4th, 5:30-6:30, Granby A (The Hilton Main, Norfolk, VA)

Chair: Eugenie Almeida, Fayetteville State University
Vice Chair/Program Planner: Robert Agne, Auburn University
Vice Chair Elect: Dorothy C. Andreas, Abilene Christian University
Secretary: Eugenie Almeida, Fayetteville State University

Submissions report:

- Chair's report from the Executive Committee meeting.
    - SSCA's financial status seems to be in good health.
    - The executive committee had an extensive discussion about diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) issues about including/excluding "DEI" in the constitution.
        - One of the main concerns was that by keeping "DEI" in the SSCA constitution may cause problems for members who come from states that prohibit such language.
        - The committee came to no conclusion about what to do.
    - Next year's conference will be in Birmingham, AL
        - The theme will be: "COMM-AI-INITY: Conversations in the Age of Intelligence."
            - The theme will emphasize Artificial Intelligence.

- The interest group had 6 submissions
    - 1 panel discussion submission
        - accepted
    - 5 paper submissions
        - One paper rejected

- The interest group was provided 3 slots for the conference
    - 1 panel discussion
    - 1 paper panel
    - 1 for the business meeting

    - Top Paper Awards
        - Student: Sidney Miles, *Pennsylvania State University* "Produce or perish: The productive ideograph
        - Faculty: Neil Korobov, *University of West Georgia* "Managing jealousy within non-monogamous romantic relationships: A critical discursive psychological approach."

- We discussed applying for Division status, but we elected not to because our membership is too close to the minimum, and it has been challenging to maintain officers over the past few years. So, we decided to wait a year or two to decide to apply for Division status gain.

- The group discussed ideas for possible discussion panels for next year. Some that came up were:

  - the topic of DEI in LSI research, including:
    - research topics about diversity, equity, and inclusion
    - the actual use, function, and implications of "DEI" language

  - the forms and functions of AI in situations, scenarios, or representations of mental health.

  - the role of AI in LSI research
    - AI's influence on power, voice, and decision-making
    - AI's influence on data collection and analysis.
    - AI's role in writing research

- Officers
  - Chair, Eugenie Almeida is now outgoing Chair
  - Vice Chair, Robert Agne becomes Chair of the LSI Interest group for 2026
  - Vice-Chair-Elect, Dorothy C. Andreas becomes Vice Chair/Program Panner of the LSI interest group for 2026
  - Robert Agne volunteered to be Secretary for the 2026 LSI Interest Group Business Meeting.
  - The newly Elected Vice Chair-Elect is Varaidzo Nyamandi (University of Texas, Arlington). She will become the Vice Chair-Elect/Program Planner for the 2027 Conference.

From Elizabeth at SSCA (reports@ssca.net)

- **There is a new form to submit your updated officer lists, bylaws, and business meeting minutes.**

  - **Access the form on the SSCA.net website. Access either the DIVISION or INSTEREST GROUP tab, and you will find the button at the top of the page.**