SSCA POLITICAL COMMUNICATION DIVISION

BUSINESS MEETING 04/4/2025

4 APRIL 2025 / 5:30 PM / ROOM Imagination

ATTENDEES

Barry Smith, Bill Harlow, Brian Brantley, Carson Kay, Cheryl Maiorca, Joan Conners, Lauren Smith, Matt Farmer, Matthew Martin, Melissa Smith, Pat Wheaton, Shana Bridges, Colin Cameron

AGENDA

Movement to approve minutes from 2024 approved

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approve minutes from 2024 Convention
- III. Officer Reports

Chair report

- SSCA is working to make serving in leadership more financially accessible
- SSCA is working on strategic plan for next 5 years
- Division would like updates on professional successes
- o 2026 Birmingham, AL
- Charlotte, SC will be 2029 SSCA
- Executive Council discussing whether there should be change of DEI committee name or Article 7 of SSCA constitution (this is being discussed)

Vice-Chair report

- o 16 submissions including 3 panels
- Accepted 10 papers/rejected 3/all 3 panels accepted

Vice-Chair Elect

Nothing to report

Secretary

Nothing to report

Web Editor

- Nothing to report
- IV. Old Business

2025 gram – good scholarship (check out)

- Award recipients not present (weather is issue for many people trying to fly)
- o Round of solidarity applause for each

V. New Business

- Cheryl Maiorca stepping aside will not be able to serve as secretary moving forward
- o Vice Chair-Elect
 - o Nominations: Dr. Shana Bridges
 - Vote of acclimation
- o Secretary for one-year term
 - o Nomination: Dr. Melissa Smith
 - Vote of acclimation
- Note: Dr. Bill Harlow Smith indicated willingness to serve in officer role if needed in future

VI. Vice Chair Report:

- o Submissions this year:
- o 10 submissions: 8 papers; 2 panels
- o 4/8 papers accepted; both panels accepted

Motion to adjourn