**NCA 2016 LSI Philadelphia, PA**

**Language and Social Interaction Division Business Meeting**

Friday, November 11, 2016 3:30PM – 4:45PM; Grand Salon F – Level 5, Marriott

**1. Call to order. Approval of agenda**

**2. Approval of minutes for 2015 LSI Business Meeting at NCA, Las Vegas, NV (5 minutes)**

**3. Report from Chair (Paul Denvir, 10 minutes)**

1. Legislative Assembly Update: approving new by-laws. In the past, we have had both constitution and bylaws and there is a move to have just by-laws. New by-laws are mostly non-controversial but a few changes worth noting.
2. In terms of fiduciary responsibility, there is no change – LA still has responsibility. However, a structural concern was discussed about whether a 100 person assembly can be adequately effective.
3. Change in requirements for developing new interest group – now need 200 signatures (used to be 100).
4. Discussion about changes to membership requirements: for retirement status, one needs to put in 25 years. There was motion to change requirements to 25 years of service OR 65 years of age. Motion did not pass so status quo remains at 25 years. Let Jay or Paul know thoughts about this.
5. New by-laws will reduce the number of people on the committee responsible for the by-laws. This was mildly controversial.
6. New division approved: Economics and Society. Two questions were raised: will this affect the number of slots – This is a possibility and may warrant a small increase in dues. What would it take to trigger closure of an interest group – falling below 100 members for two consecutive years.
7. Financial report: the budget was approved with one caveat. People wanted investments to be disclosed at LA to guarantee public transparency. Membership at large needs to ultimately approve budget so everyone will be asked to vote on this at some point in the future.

**4. Report from Immediate Past Chair (Jay Leighter, 5 minutes)**

Jay elaborated on the fiduciary responsibility issue Paul noted in the Chair’s report: The LA meets once a year and doesn’t always fully understand the terms but they have fiduciary responsibilities which is a structural problem.

**5**. **Report from Vice Chair (Galina Bolden, 10 minutes)**

1. 2016 Convention Program
* 80 individual paper submissions this year. 36 accepted including 14 in scholar-to-scholar.
* 13 panels submissions, 9 accepted.
* Compared to last year, there was a 40% increase in paper submissions and an 85% increase in panel submissions. Increase might be due to geographical location and we also received more submissions from people who had never been to NCA as well as some international submissions.
* 16 slots were allocated for the LSI Division this year. We requested two more so ended up with 18 total.
* 41 LSI paper reviewers to whom we are grateful. Each reviewer was responsible for 8-9 reviews.

Paper review committee: Phillip Glenn, Jonathan Potter, Anita Pomerantz

1. Presentation of Top Paper Award

Chase Raymond, University of Colorado, Boulder: “The ‘Do’-Construction in English Conversation”

1. Top Student Paper

Amelia Hill, University of California, Los Angeles: “’Suspect’ Identity: The Use of Race in Requests for Police Interventions”

**6**. **Report from Vice Chair-Elect (Alexa Hepburn, 10 minutes)**

1. 2017 Convention Programming Updates

Programming meets tomorrow and updates will be forthcoming.

1. Presentation of Outstanding Dissertation

Nadeszdha Sotirova: “Of All, I Most Hate Bulgarians”: Situating *Oplakvane* in Bulgarian Discourse as a Term for Communication Practice”

Nade’s dissertation is an ethnographic study of communication focusing on Bulgarian identity, culture and community. Reviewers were impressed with how the research couples a nuanced study of specific communication practices with a whole national ethos. The study enriches the field of the ethnography of communication substantively, theoretically and methodologically.

**7. Report from Information Officers (Brion Van Over & Lisa Mikesell, 5 minutes)**

1. Current Membership: 314 NCA LSI Division members, 447 Facebook followers
2. New website has been up and running. There will be a new spotlight feature coming soon and past LSI programs and meeting minutes are posted along with photos from the conferences. If you have suggestions for improvements, please let us know.

**8. Immediate Past Chair (Jay Leighter, 5 minutes)**

1. Presentation of Award for outstanding article within last 5 years: Two submissions.
* Jeffrey Robinson “What ‘What’ Tells Us about How Conversationalists Manage Intersubjectivity”

**9. Elections (Paul Denvir, 15 minutes)**

1. Information Officer (nominees; nominations from the floor)

Nadeszdha Sotirova was voted in as information officer.

1. Vice Chair-Elect (nominees; nominations from the floor)

Mardi Kidwell was voted in as Vice Chair-Elect.

**10. Announcements for Members (5 minutes)**

1. Job announcement: University of Macau is seeking applications for a Full Professor of Communication and LSI scholars welcome to apply
2. Center for Intercultural Dialogue: to learn more about making international connections and improving translation skills, visit CID here: https://centerforinterculturaldialogue.org/ They are also accepting 1-page submissions of short briefs describing “Key Concepts in Intercultural Dialogue” (for more info and previous publications, please visit: https://centerforinterculturaldialogue.org/publications/)
3. Discussion point: Audiovisual trouble this year for which we need a solution but are often dependent on the facility (and must follow stipulations of union hotels)
4. Book announcement: “Nu/Nå: A Family of Discourse Markers across the Languages of Europe and Beyond” edited by Peter Auer and Yael Maschler, published by de Gruyter.
5. Christina Beck: NCA 2017 will be in Dallas and local partnerships have been established.
6. CA workshops in spring on basic CA at Rutgers University (For more info, visit: http://rucal.rutgers.edu/rucal-ca-workshops/ca-workshops/)
7. Thanks to Christina Beck for all her hard work
8. ICA 2017 reminder: takes place next year in San Diego May 25-29.

**11.** **Adjournment**