

ICA 2018, Prague

Communication Science & Biology Interest Group

Friday, May 25, 2018 - 5:00-6:15pm
Hilton, Roma

Rene Weber (Outgoing Chair), University of California Santa Barbara
Emily Falk (Vice Chair & Incoming Chair), University of Pennsylvania
Allison Eden (Secretary & Incoming Vice Chair), Michigan State University
Christopher Cascio (Incoming Secretary)
Jason Coronel (Treasurer), The Ohio State University
Richard Huskey (Digital Media Coordinator), The Ohio State University
Clare Grall (Student and Early Career Representative)

1. Welcome & Introductions (**Rene**)
 - a. Recognition of Officers
 - b. Approval of the 2017 minutes (posted on our website)
2. Interest Group Website & Twitter Account (**Richard**)
 - a. Quick tour through content and services
3. Membership and Budget Report (**Jason & Rene**)
 - a. Membership as of May 20, 2018: 121
 - b. Budget & Expenses
 - i. Available funds 2017: Started with \$131.12
 - ii. Travel Awards: Travel awards, \$898.95
 - iii. Joint Reception - \$254.68
 - iv. Sponsorships (this year OSU): \$1,500
 - v. Other (plaques, etc.) - \$150
 - vi. Available funds for 2018:
OSU is donating money again: \$1,500
Leftover from 2017: \$327.49
Projected membership fees and ICA subsidy: \$1,000 + \$363
Projected 2018 funds: \$3190.40
 - c. Increases in funds?
 - i. Discussion membership fees (\$3 to \$6 or more possible)
4. 2018 Paper Competition & 2019 Conference Planning (**Emily**)
 - a. 71 submissions received; 26 extended abstracts, 26 were full papers, and 19 were bios of volunteers for our new problem solving session.
 - b. Each submission received at least 3 reviews and none of the reviews had to be declared delinquent in the 2018 review process; 46 reviewers volunteered
 - c. 38 of 52 (73%) of the submitted papers and abstracts were accepted; exceeded ICA target rate of 40% due to high quality submissions and our “problem solving session” which included all interested participants.
 - d. One submission for the “innovative presentation formats”: research escalator session
 - e. 2019 conference planning

5. Awards (**Emily & Rene**)
 - a. Student Travel Grants & Registration Waivers (**Emily**)
 - i. Is a member of or has applied to the interest group
 - ii. Tier of travel origin (C > B > A)
 - iii. Has not received other support
 - iv. Is author or coauthor on a paper accepted at CS&B
 - v. Award: \$75 + \$75ICA Match (= \$150) + Registration Waiver (discuss policy with membership for next year?)
 - vi. Winners: See presentation slides
 - b. Top Paper Awards - Selection Procedure (**Emily**)
 - i. Must be a paper submission (not extended abstracts)
 - ii. Selected strictly according to highest reviewer evaluations as “averaged standardized score” across all reviewers (4 reviewers per paper)
 - iii. Praise from all reviewers, that is, no reject recommendation from any of the reviewers
 - iv. Winners: See presentation slides
 - c. Outstanding Contributions to Communication Science Award (**Rene**)
 - i. Every two years (next in 2020); administered by the Chair with support from the secretary; award committee appointed by the Chair: David Ewoldsen, Erik Bucy, Kory Floyd
 - ii. Winner: See presentation slides
6. Report from the ICA Midyear Board Meeting and Conference Board Meeting (**Rene**)
 - a. Will be added after the meeting in Prague
7. Discussions and Announcements from Members? (**Rene**)
 - a. How to recruit more members and elicit more submissions?

See you at the joined reception with Info Systems, Game Studies, and Computational Methods; Sunday, 7pm, at Fat Cat Brewery and Pub, Karlova 147/44, 110 00 Prague 1