I. Welcome  (Chair: Stacy Holman Jones)

II. Old Business

A. Legislative Assembly Report (Robin Clair absent). We will get the report from her.

B. 2007 Division business meeting minutes were approved.

C. Vice-Chair’s program report (Patty Sotirin). There were 27 session meetings scheduled, 25 Programmed. There were 65 individual papers submitted, 49 accepted.

D. Secretary’s report (Shirley Drew). The website is being kept up; however there is still room for improvement. As it turns out, this website is not used by many members and those who do don’t use it often. We will try some new software with an easier design.

E. Stacy read the Ethnography Division statement regarding the convention boycott discussion.

III. New Business

A. Division awards

1. Best Book Award and Best Article award (Immediate Past Chair: Patty Sotirin (for Robin Clair). Thanks to committee for their diligent reviews.

   a) Outstanding Book of the Year Award goes to Judith Hamera, professor and Head of Department of Performance Studies at Texas A & M, for: “Dance Communities: Performance, Difference, and Connection in the Global City.”
b) Outstanding Article of the Year Award goes to: Ragan Fox, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication at California State University, for “Skinny Bodies: Thin Gay Bodies Signifying a Modern Plague.” Text & Performance Quarterly, 27, 3-19.

c) Best Book Chapter: **None this year!**

2. Top Student Paper: Richie N. Hao, Ph. D student, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale for: “Virtually Tsinoy: Performing and Negotiating Diasporic Hybridity Online.”

3. Top Four papers (Vice-Chair, Patty Sotirin):

   1) “Virtually Tsinoy: Performing and Negotiating Diasporic Hybridity Online” by Richie N. Hao, Ph. D student, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

   2) “Discourses of Legitimacy: A Love Song to Our Mongrel Selves” by Alice A. Filmer, Ph. D student, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

   3) “The Postmodern Ethnographic Flaneur: Studying Hyper-Mediated Everyday Life” by Charles E. Soukup, Associate Professor, University of Northern Colorado.

   4) “Cleaning Up My (Father’s) Mess: Narrative Containments of ‘Leaky’ Masculinities” by Kurt Lindemann, Assistant Professor, San Diego State University.

4. Norman K. Denzin Award (Shing-Ling Sarina Chen coordinator, Stacy Holman Jones presents): Kurt Lindenman.

5. Ellis-Bochner award: Shing-Ling Sarina Chen coordinator, H.L. Goodall presents: W. Benjamin Myers.
B. Elections

1. Secretary
   a) Report of Nominating Committee (NC Chair: Chris Poulos): Bryant Keith Alexander and Jeanine Minge were nominated.

   b) Call for additional nominations from the floor (Chair: Stacy Holman Jones)

   c) Voting by written ballot (Secretary: Shirley Drew—please bring ballots for both elections)

   d) Voting

2. Vice-Chair Elect
   a) Report of Nominating Committee (Chris Poulos). Sarah Tracy and Keith Berry were nominated.

   b) Call for additional nominations from the floor (Chair: Stacy Holman)

   c) Statements from candidates:

      1) Sarah Tracy (for Vice Chair Elect)
      2) Keith Berry (for Vice Chair Elect)

   d) Voting by written ballot (Secretary: Shirley Drew)

   e) Voting

3. Call for nominations of 2008 Submission reviewers (15-20) (Vice-Chair Elect: Patricia Geist-Martin) Note: In the past, we have collected volunteers by passing around a sheet asking for name, position, email, and phone number and whether the person wanted to review, serve as a chair of panels, or serve as respondent (or all three). In the past, we’ve not used graduate students to respond and/or chair.
4. Call for Nomination of 2008 Division Awards Committee members (Approximately 8 people are needed) (Chair: Stacy Holman Jones)

5. Presentation of results from ballot tallies for Vice-Chair Elect (Chair: Stacy Holman Jones)

C. Vice-Chair Elect’s report on the pre-conference (Patricia Geist-Martin). Pre-conference was a success. Panels were very interesting.

D. A. Vice-Chair Elect’s Report on the 2008 Preconference and Program Planner’s meeting: will discuss at later in this meeting. (Patricia Geist-Martin).

E. Discussion of additional issues


   1. Two committees need to be formed, an Awards committee and a Nominating committee. Volunteer sheet was passed around.

   2. Other items from the floor.

      a. People outside of our division need to be informed.

      b. Carolyn Ellis talked about some new ethnography books that are now available from Left Coast Press:

         1) Chris Poulos, Accidental Ethnography

         2) Thomas Frentz, Trickster in Tweed: The Quest for Quality in a Faculty Life

         3) H.L. Goodall, Writing Qualitative Inquiry

         4) Carolyn Ellis, The Ethnographic I: A Methodological Novel about Autoethnography (this is not available at the conference but can be
ordered with a discount through Left Coast Press).

c. Election Results. Secretary: Jeanine Minge. Vice Chair Elect: Keith Berry.

d. Vice-Chair Elect’s Report on 2008 Preconference and the Program Planner’s meeting.

1) *Preconference*: The preconference was a wonderful success. We had 29 people attend and we met off-site at El Cordova Hotel in Coronado. We started Wednesday night with a reception, a panel, and a special performance by the Ethnogs. The theme of this conference is “Performing Unconventional Identities” so this fit in that theme perfectly. In fact, the Ethnogs were not the only unconventional identities performed that evening. Old fans, groupies, and roadies showed up to cheer them on.

    We had panels all day Thursday, into the evening. Panelists were prepared but did not read presentations; the presentations included performances, discussions, and participation from the attendees. The Ethnogs performed again after dinner.

2) *Program Planners Meeting*: Patricia was unable to attend the meeting but one of her students attended in her place. The theme for next year is *Discourses of Stability and Change* and we will meet in Chicago. The deadline for submissions is February 11, 2009.

3. The gavel was passed to Patty Sotirin and a donation was made to the 9to5, National Association of Working Women.