In attendance: Division members; Chair, Bryan Taylor; Vice-Chair and Program Planner, Bob Krizek; Vice-Chair Elect, Robin Clair; Secretary, Daniel Makagon

II. Old Business

2004 Business Meeting minutes were approved.

Vice Chair Elect’s Report on Pre-conference (Robin Clair)

* The focus of the pre-conference was historical ethnography. 43 participants registered. 35 participants attended sites.

* Thanks to guest speaker from Written By Hand Archives and other assistants.

Vice-Chair’s Program Planner Report (Bob Krizek)

* We originally had 22 slots. 2 additional slots were requested from NCA and requests were granted, so we had 24 slots: 1 slot for the business meeting, 12 for individual papers (48 papers total), and 11 intact panels (1 was a double panel).

* We had 66 papers submitted and we accepted 48 (73%).

* We had 18 panels submitted and we accepted 11 (65%).

* We accepted 4 panels where we listed another Division as a co-sponsor.

* We were listed as a co-sponsor on 2 panels where another Division was the primary sponsor.

* Members reported that in some instances our panels were in rooms that were too small. Attendees were sitting on the floor and some had to be turned away.

Secretary’s Report (Daniel Makagon)

* Announcement about subscribing to the listserv. Information was provided to attendees not currently subscribed.
* Presentation of the Division Web Site. Members were encouraged to submit syllabi, calls, bibliographic information for recent publications, and photographs/drawings/other fieldwork-related images.

* Thanked past Secretary Patty Sotirin for assistance.

III. New Business

Vice Chair Elect’s Report on 2006 Program Planners’ Meeting (Robin and Bob)

* 22 slots for next year. We were one of six divisions to retain the same number of slots, everyone else lost slots since the convention in San Antonio will be smaller.

* NCA used a matrix of number of members, acceptance rate percentage, and number of attendees for division sessions to allocate slots.

* Bob views the number of slots as a positive for the Ethnography Division. He believes that the high attendance of our panels contributed to our ability to maintain our slots.

* Chairs of panels should do their own count of attendees and submit that information to NCA as source of comparison to NCA’s statistics.

* Chairs might also consider providing a brief narrative about the session.

* Members should encourage people to submit to the division and encourage potential members to join the division. Current members to renew their affiliation.

* Poster sessions will now be scheduled during reduced slots times. In addition to posters these sessions will feature scholar to scholar sessions (multimedia presentations and dialogue-oriented, interactive, and performative options.

* All-Academic will be linked so that all review-oriented emails from Robin will also be sent to reviewers’ sections in All-Academic. This will help circumvent problems that arise when people have spam blockers and subsequently don’t receive messages from the program planner.

* Discussion panels have been dropped. There will be two types of panel proposal options: (1) panel proposal with rationale and abstracts for each panel and (2) panel proposal with rationale for panel and list of participants. All panels must feature a rationale.

* Robin will post call for next year’s conference on December 7, 2005. The call will be listed on NCA’s Web site, Spectra, CRTNet, the division Web site, and the division listserv. All submissions must be received by February 15, 2006. This due date holds for all NCA divisions.
Chair’s Report on Legislative Assembly (Bryan)

* NCA membership is up, convention attendance is up, and revenue from attendance is up as well.
* Planning assumption for the next three-year budgetary cycle to increase membership dues by $10 each year. This decision was made in an effort to create a cushion equal to one year of the association’s budget. NCA has steadily been doing that, which is common for associations. The recent fire precipitated this move for NCA. Bryan is happy to pass along responses from members to NCA leadership.

* The *International and Intercultural Communication Annual* will be reformatted as a journal provided Taylor and Francis approves such a move. Ethnographers who are working in such areas should submit their work to this new journal. The projected start date is 2008.

* NCA is working on the creation of Comm-zine (a working title), which provide a resource for communication practitioners, NGOs, K-12 teachers, government officials, and the general public. This will be a web-based quarterly journal. This is currently out for bid and it should be ready late-2007.

Division Awards (Laura Ellingson)

Best Book (Susan Isaacs)

* Carolyn Ellis, *Ethnographic I: A Methodological Novel about Autoethnography*

Best Article (Robin Clair)

* Sarah J. Tracy, “The Construction of Correctional Officers: Layers of Emotionality Behind Bars”

Top Four Papers (Bob)

* Barbara J Jago (University of New Hampshire, Manchester), “Inviting Emotion into the Classroom: An Autoethnographic Tale of Learning”

* Amber L Johnson (Penn State University), “Layering Sexual Assault: An Autoethnographic and Rhetorical Approach to Redefining Virginity and Date Rape”

* Keith Berry (Univ of Wisconsin, Superior), “The Chosen Ones: A Phenomenological Understanding of Why We Do Ethnography"
* Nicole L Defenbaugh (Southern Illinois Univ, Carbondale), “Under Erasure: The Absent 'Ill' Body in Doctor-patient Dialogue” (Top Student Paper)

Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research

a) Norman K. Denzin Qualitative Research Award (Carolyn Ellis)

* Sarah Dikins Calahan, “Passing Privilege: Confessions of a Class Academic”

* Kate Willink, “I Got to Thinking: Wait a Minute I’m a White”

b) David R. Maines Narrative Research Award (William Rawlins)

* Tiffany Thompson, “????”

Elections (Bryan)

* Vice-Chair Elect
Stacy Holman Jones, University of South Florida, was nominated and elected.

Call for Volunteers for 2006 Conference Submission Reviewers (Robin)

Call for Volunteers for 2006 Division Awards Committee Members (Bryan)

Motions Passed

* Recognizing the range of members’ economic resources, the Ethnography Division strongly favors differential membership and conference registration fee structures that account for differences in position, rank, and/or income.

* The Ethnography Division favors eliminating membership type designation from conference badges and other identification materials.

Recognition of Service/Passing the Gavel

Bryan Taylor thanked other officers for service to the Division and passed the Chair gavel to Bob.

Officers and members thanked Bryan and Laura for their service to the Division.

IV. Adjourn