NCA Ethnography Business Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2004

In attendance: 52 Division members and Chair, Laura Ellingson; Vice-Chair and Program Planner, Bryan Taylor; Vice-Chair Elect, Bob Krizek; Secretary, Patty Sotirin

I. Old Business

• 2003 Business Meeting Minutes were approved.

Program Report (Bryan Taylor):
• 60 papers were submitted; 45 accepted for an acceptance rate of 75%.
• 20 panel proposals were submitted and 6 accepted for an acceptance rate of 30%.
• We received 18 panel allotments from NCA but we ended up with 21 slots by co-sponsoring panels with performance studies, critical-cultural studies, spiritual communication, gay caucus and health communication.
• Panel allocations are based on membership. Amira De la Garza suggested that faculty members sponsor memberships for graduate students.
• Note that technical support for the All-Academic program still falls to the program planner; the benefits are a faster process and electronic documentation.

Preconference Report (Bob Krizek):
• 35 participants signed up. 34 attended and visited 3 field sites. Feedback was positive.
• Thanks to Amira De la Garza and Chris Poulos for assistance.

Secretary’s Report (Patty Sotirin):
• Two newsletters were sent to division members, the first as a .pdf by email (to 423 members) and the second as a downloadable .pdf (email notice sent to 431 members).
• All members were asked to subscribe to ETHNOG-L (contact the division secretary for help – dmkagon@mtu.edu).

II. New Business

Program Planners Meeting Report (Bob Krizek):
• All-Academic has been improved -- more user friendly, more avenues for help, more internal links.
• 2005 NCA Conference will be in Boston November 16-20 at the Sheraton, Copley Place.
• Call for 2005 conference papers will go out December 8. Deadline for submission is February 16.
• We are guaranteed the same number of panels + the business meeting (22 slots) and we can make a case for more.

Legislative Assembly Report (Laura Ellingson):
• A new Nonverbal Division has been added – good opportunity for co-sponsored panels.
• Send feedback on the All-Academic process to the incoming NCA Martha Watson (mwatson@ccmail.nevada.edu).
• NCA has lucrative database and publishing partnerships with EBSCO and Taylor & Francis.

2004 ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION AWARDS*

TOP FOUR PAPERS
• Denise A. Menchaca, Bowling Green State University, “Constructing a Blind Faith: Identity and Expectation in (Un)familiar Territory.”
• Ragan Cooper Fox, Arizona State University, “Gay Grows Up: An Interpretive Study of Aging Metaphors and Queer Identity.”
• Alan D. DeSantis, University of Kentucky, Audrey C. Hane, Newman University, “Greek Sex: Understanding Conceptions of Gender and Sexuality in Fraternities and Sororities.”
• Christina C. Colp-Hansbury, Arizona State University, “Standing Their Ground Silently: A Qualitative Examination of the Protest Strategies of Women in Black.”

OUTSTANDING PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTER AWARD

OUTSTANDING PUBLISHED ARTICLE AWARD
Daniel Makagon, "The Search for Social Connection in America's Town Square." Southern Communication Journal, Fall 2003

OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD
• Robin Patric Clair (Purdue). Expressions of Ethnography: Novel Approaches to Qualitative Methods. SUNY Press.

NORM DENZIN AWARD (PRESENTED BY CAROLYN ELLIS & ART BOCHNER):
• Debbie Dougherty and Joshua Atkinson (University of Missouri-Columbia), “Profile of a Sexual Harasser: Comp;eting Ethical Communities and a Researcher’s Dilemma.”
• Amy Pinney (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale), “Ethics, Agency and Desire in Two Strip Clubs: A View from Both Sides of the Gaze.”

*Amira De la Garza reported that a review procedure has been added to the By-Laws and thanked this year’s top four reviewers.

ELECTIONS

DIVISION SECRETARY:
Daniel Makagon, MTU, was nominated and elected. He promised to create a division website and issued a call for syllabi links, photos, photos from the field and any suggestions for website design and content. Let’s get our work out on the web!

DIVISION 2ND VICE-CHAIR
Robin Clair, Purdue, was nominated and elected. Ideas for the 2005 Division preconference include ethnohistory (historical critical approaches involving ethnic
histories) or a fiction writing workshop. Please send ideas to ETHNOG-L.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Karl Winton, Dave Weber, Rob Swearinga, Bud Goodall, Karen Broadfoot, Nick Trujillo, and Sandra Faulkner. More volunteers are needed. Contact Bryan Taylor if interested (Taylorbc@colorado.edu)

**PAPER READERS**

Please sign up! Contact Bob Krizek if you are interested (krizekrl@slu.edu). Graduate students can serve as readers (but beware of time commitments).

**DISCUSSION ISSUES**

**BY-LAWS AMENDMENT: AWARD PROCEDURES (AMIRA DE LA GARZA)**

- Motion: Adopt the “Awards Committee Procedures” as an Appendix to the By-Laws as regulatory guide for the review and selection of Division Awards and agree that major amendments to the Appendix must be approved at an annual meeting of the Division before accepted.
- Motion was passed.
- Nominations for Award Committee:
  - Paaige Kelly Turner
  - Sarah Jane Tracy
  - Susan L.F. Isaacs
  - Robin Clair
  - Laura Lynn Ellingson
  - Elenie Opffer
  - Alexa Murphy
  - Amira Sarah De la Garza
  - Matt Vorell

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES SELECTION PROCESS**

- Laura Ellingson announced that it is no longer necessary to have Division board members represent the committee at NCA meetings; this can be an elected position.
- Advantage is that officers have some background about the Division’s interests
- Motion: keep the practice of having Division officers attend the NCA meetings.
- Motion passed.

**SELECTING DATABASE KEYWORDS FOR NCA DATABASE SEARCH ENGINE**

- Suggested keywords include:
  - Ethnography
  - Culture
  - Narrative
  - Story
  - Qualitative-research
  - Writing
  - Fieldwork
  - Interviews
  - Observation
  - Participant-observation

- Send additional suggestions to Laura Ellingson (lellingson@scu.edu)
- Motion to close the keywords list.
- Motion passed.
- NOTE: see follow-up comments at the ETHNOG-L Archive.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Art Bochner is one of two candidates for second VP of NCA
- Instructions for subscribing to ETHNOG-L will be posted to CRTNET
• International Qualitative Congress meeting, May 6-8. Theme: “What ethnography can offer to change our current political culture in the US and how US power is operating around the globe
• SSSI conference is February 11-12, 2005 in Boulder, Colorado. See http://sobek.colorado.edu/couch-stone/index.html

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE/PASSING THE GAVEL
Laura Ellingson thanked Bryan Taylor and Patty Sotirin for service to the Division and passed the Chair gavel to Bryan.