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NEWSLETTER

Greetings FCA Members and Friends,

I hope you had a restful holiday season and your year is off to a great start. I want to thank those who participated in the 82nd annual convention. It was great to see scholars and students come together to share their wisdom and discuss new ideas. I also want to thank our 2012 Convention Coordinator, Christine Hanlon, for making it a success.

As spring approaches the Executive Board is hard at work on a variety of projects. Our 2013 Convention Coordinator, Stephanie Jackson, is planning this year's convention to be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown Disney in Orlando. The Call for Submissions is featured in this newsletter. We encourage you to submit your work and share the call.

Web Editor Sanford Betz is spearheading a website redesign that we hope to unveil to you in October. In this newsletter you will find a link to a survey where you can provide feedback about how our website can better serve you. We envision a website that is modern, informative and easy to use.

We also want to incorporate your news and accomplishments into our newsletter. We love hearing about members who have received tenure, published an article or completed an advanced degree. We also want to help you promote your communication-related events such as student conferences or paper competitions. Please drop our Newsletter Editor, Stefanie Powers, a line with your good news.

If you aren't a member of the FCA, I encourage you to join today. Members receive our journal, the *Florida Communication Journal*. Our Journal Editor, Stephen Ziegler, has done a wonderful job elevating the profile of our journal.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to let me know your comments, ideas, and ways that the FCA can be of better service to you. I hope to hear from you soon!

Donald Painter, Jr.
FCA President



ABOVE: FCA MEMBERS AT PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FCA 83 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Creating Community

Through Communication

Deadline for Submissions: June 1, 2013

The 83rd annual convention's theme is the creation of community through communication. Our pedagogy, our scholarship, our service in communication are the basis for communities and community relationships. We are a community of learners, a community of scholars, and a community of professionals. In celebration of these communities, this year's convention will have 3 tracks: Communication Pedagogy, Competitive Communication Scholarship, and Communication Trends. These tracks will run simultaneously and allow for movement between tracks throughout the convention. At any given time, attendees will be able to choose between a session on pedagogy, scholarship and current trends.

CONVENTION & HOTEL INFORMATION

There will be additional opportunities to assist with convention planning and development as the convention nears. Opportunities include session moderators, convention logistics, convention receptions and other critical projects.

The 83rd Annual Convention of the Florida Communication Association will be held at the Holiday Inn in the Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. This hotel is located on Hotel Plaza Boulevard, less than one mile from Downtown Disney. More information about this hotel can be found on their website at <http://www.hiorlando.com>. The conference room rate is \$109 per night and is available 3 nights prior to and post-convention. Reservations can be made by calling 1(877)394-5765 and asking to speak with the reservations department. Reference the CAA rate.

If you have suggestions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Jackson, 1st Vice President, at sjackson@lynn.edu.

NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION STATES ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT 2012

We held our 82nd Annual Convention in Orlando at the Four Points by Sheraton Studio City from Thursday, October 18, until Saturday, October 20. The convention theme was "Critiquing Communication: Research, Pedagogy & Scholarship" and 109 people attended this year's conference. 42 people registered for the full convention either as regular or student members, and another 65 for one day registrations. As part of the conference, we sponsored two receptions for all attendees. We had programs during nine scheduled timeslots, with three programs each timeslot.

Our Treasurer was able to negotiate an excellent conference contract at the Holiday Inn at the Walt Disney World Resort for our 2013 convention. We will have our June Board meeting at the hotel. He had a site selection committee, which ended with three board members having site visitations at the most promising properties.

We continue to publish two print issues of our juried journal. In addition to providing copies to members as part of their member benefits, we also sell subscriptions at \$30 each to about 25 college and university communication departments and/or libraries. Anyone wishing to submit an article for consideration should contact Steven Zeigler at zrigl271@erau.

The newsletter editor is always looking for materials, including pictures. We publish the newsletter electronically three times a year. You may send materials to Stefanie Powers at spowers@lynn.edu.

Submitted by—Richard Quianthy
NCA Representative

SAVE THE DATE:
FCA CONVENTION
2013
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 TO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNICATION**TRACKS:****Communication Pedagogy Track**

Submissions to the Communication Pedagogy track seek to foster a community of learners. Panels, Great Ideas for Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.), Workshops and papers that focus on pedagogy will run continuously in this track. Submissions to this track, especially in the G.I.F.T.S. category, may be paired thematically with like submissions to create a cohesive, well-paced experience for attendees. Discussion panel, workshop and paper panel proposals must include a one-page attachment containing: (1) a rationale for the proposed panel/workshop/paper, (2) a brief (50-word) description, a brief (100-word) abstract for the program and brief abstract (100-word) for each paper, where appropriate (3) a list of all participants/authors including names, affiliations and contact information (email, postal address and phone number). Please identify the chairperson of the panel/workshop, who shall serve as the primary contact for notifications.

Communication Trends Track

Submissions to the Communication Trends track seek to foster a community of academics and professionals who examine trends in our societal, cultural, and organizational settings. Panels, workshops, and papers that focus on these trends will run continuously in this track. Submissions this track may be paired thematically with like submissions to create a cohesive, well-paced experience for attendees. Discussion panel, workshop and paper panel proposals must include a one-page attachment containing: (1) a rationale for the proposed panel/workshop/paper, (2) a brief (50-word) description, a brief (100-word) abstract for the program and brief abstract (100-word) for each paper, where appropriate (3) a list of all participants/authors including names, affiliations and contact information (email, postal address and phone number). Please identify the chairperson of the panel/workshop, who shall serve as the primary contact for notifications.

Competitive Communication Scholarship Track

Submissions to the Competitive Communication Scholarship track are competitive papers addressing one aspect of the conference theme. Competitive papers may be professional, graduate or undergraduate submissions. Competitive papers will be blind peer-reviewed and all competitive papers submitted will be considered for a Top Paper Award in the respective category. Submissions should include two files (preferably Microsoft Word or PDF): (1) one file containing a cover sheet listing the paper title and names, affiliations, emails, postal addresses and phone numbers for all authors (Please indicate on the cover sheet that this is a "Competitive Paper" and identify the category); and (2) a second file including a 50-word abstract and the completed paper. Papers should not exceed 25 double-spaced pages, excluding references and appendices. To facilitate blind review, please omit all author-identifying information from the text.

Competitive Poster Session

Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit to the Competitive Poster Session. Poster session proposals must include one attachment containing: (1) a one-page rationale for the proposed poster, (2) a brief (50-word) description of the poster, and (3) a list of all participants including names, affiliations and contact information (email, postal address and phone number). Please identify the category (Graduate or Undergraduate), and identify the chairperson of the poster session, who shall serve as the primary contact for notifications.

SUBMITTING PROPOSALS:

All proposals should be submitted electronically using the FCA website at <http://www.flcom.org>. Use the Conventions link in the left menu and then Proposal Submissions. If you experience problems submitting your proposal, please contact Stephanie Jackson, 1st Vice President, at sjackson@lynn.edu.

AWARDS:

Each year the Florida Communication Association presents awards at the annual convention to recognize the efforts of outstanding members. The FCA is currently accepting award nominations for the 2013 convention. Interested individuals may nominate others or individuals may nominate themselves. All nominees must be current members of the FCA.

Faculty and Professional Award Guidelines

Teacher of the Year

This award honors FCA members who have demonstrated teaching excellence. Nominees must teach courses in communication and have taught full-time for at least two years. The nominee will be asked to provide a current curriculum vita and a philosophy of education not to exceed one typed page. The nominee may also submit at his or her option up to three additional pages of supporting documentation, which may include letters of recommendation, student evaluations, and/or professional evaluations that speak to the nominee's classroom performance.

Scholar of the Year

This award honors FCA members who have demonstrated exceptional scholarly ability through research and publication in their academic careers. Nominees must be instructors, lecturers, or professors in the field of communication. In addition, nominees must have presented at FCA's annual convention and/or been published in the Florida Communication Journal in the past three years. The nominee will be asked to provide a current curriculum vita and one to three representative publications. The nominee may also submit at his or her option up to three additional pages of supporting documentation, which may include letters of recommendation, conference or publication feedback, and/or professional evaluations that speak to the nominee's scholarly accomplishments.

Outstanding Service

This award honors FCA members who, through their service and leadership, have made significant contributions to the FCA and the profession.

For more information about the Faculty and Professional Awards or to nominate a scholar for any of the above awards, please submit a letter of nomination not to exceed one typed page to Immediate Past President Christine Hanlon via email at hanlon@ucf.edu no later than August 31, 2013.

STUDENT AWARD GUIDELINES:

Student Scholarship Award

This award recognizes outstanding performance and scholarly activities by student members of the FCA. Recipients will receive a \$250 cash award to be used toward current or future educational pursuits. The nominee will be asked to provide a current curriculum vita or resume and a statement describing their academic and scholarly achievements not to exceed one typed page. The nominee may also submit at his or her option up to three additional pages of supporting documentation, which may include letters of recommendation, abstracts of publications, and/or a brief writing sample.

FCA Grant

The FCA is proud to provide a \$500 grant to student members to help them support or accomplish an outstanding communication research or service project. Interested students should submit a detailed proposal not to exceed two typed pages to FCA President Donald Painter at dpainter@polk.edu no later than July 31, 2013. Proposals may be submitted by an individual student member or a group of student members. Applicants may also submit at their option up to three additional pages of supporting documentation, which may include letters of recommendation, published articles highlighting the success of existing projects, and/or impact statements from those who are/would be served by the project. Recipients of the grant are required to return to the following year's convention and present to the membership the results or outcome of the project.

For more information about the Student Awards or to nominate a student, please submit a letter of nomination not to exceed one typed page to FCA President Donald Painter at dpainter@polk.edu no later than July 31, 2013.

THOUGHTS?

FCA would like to know how we can better serve you. Please click on the link below and complete a short survey. Your feedback will be very much appreciated.

[Please Click to Access Survey](#)

We invite everyone to send us your news and accomplishments. Also, please send us your favorite assignment or activity. Please send your submission to: spowers@lynn.edu and use "FCA" as your subject line.