

The following is the approved version of the bylaws of the Peace communication Commission, adopted at the 1987 SCA Convention in Boston. Changes from the previously-published bylaws are underlined.

Article I, Name, Authority, and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Peace Communication Commission.

Section 2. The legislative Council of the Speech Communication Association authorized creation of this Commission on the usual three-year trial basis at its meetings in November, 1986.

Section 3. "The purpose of this Commission shall be to promote teaching, research and practice by communication scholars and professional practitioners toward the understanding, management, and resolution of disputes at all levels; intrapersonal, interpersonal, and intergroup in personal, community, national, and international contexts.

The Commission shall encourage all members of SCA to seek a world in which all people and nations can manage their differences without resort to violence or threat of violence, war and nuclear suicide."

Article II, Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Commission shall be open to any member of SCA who wishes to join in the promotion of its purposes.

Section 2. Commission membership shall consist of those who attend its programs held during the annual convention of SCA and others who communicate their request to officers of the Commission, or who indicate that wish on applying for or renewing membership in SCA. A current list of Commission membership shall be reported to the national office of

SCA at the end of each calendar year.

Article III, Meetings

An annual business meeting shall be held at the time and place designated by the Vice President of SCA during the annual convention of SCA. Additional business meetings may be scheduled if necessary by the Executive Committee or by the membership of the Commission.

Article IV, Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Commission shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Vice-chair Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. The term of office for all but the Secretary shall be automatic from the office of Vice-Chair, Elect.

Section 2. The Immediate Past Chair shall chair the Awards Committee and serve as a member of the committee reviewing papers for convention programs. During the first year of the Commission, the Chair shall undertake those duties in addition to others identified in the bylaws or normally assumed by the Chair.

Section 3. The Chair shall preside at business meetings of the Commission, perform other duties specified in the bylaws, and generally give leadership to the Commission.

Section 4. The Vice-Chair shall, in cooperation with appropriate Committees, plan the commission programs for the annual SCA convention.

Section 5. The Vice-Chair Elect shall serve as a member of the committee reviewing papers submitted for the program at the annual convention and shall assist the Vice-Chair in the program-planning process.

Section 6. The Secretary shall serve for three years and may not succeed him/herself in that office.

The Secretary shall record the minutes of each business meeting of the commission and of its Executive Committee. It shall be his/her responsibility to channel appropriate information to Spectra, to keep a record of Commission members and report that to the SCA national office at the end of each calendar year, and to perform other duties assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for collecting appropriate and necessary information and disseminating that in a timely manner to the members of the Commission. In cooperation with the Secretary, the Editor shall maintain the most up-to-date mailing list possible and see that at least one newsletter goes out to the membership each year. The Newsletter Editor shall be elected for a term of one year and may be reelected for no more than two additional terms (three years maximum).

Articles V, Elections

Section 1. At the annual business meeting the members of the Commission shall elect a nominating committee of three members to serve during the next year and to report to the next business meeting. Nomination shall be made from the floor and elections shall be held by secret ballot. A majority shall be required for election on the first ballot. In case three are not elected on the first ballot, twice the number to be elected shall be retained for the second ballot, on which a plurality shall be sufficient for election. The Chair shall withhold his/her ballot and vote only in case of a tie. The Immediately Past Chair shall not be eligible for election but shall serve as non-voting convener and chair of the nominating committee. No member shall serve on this committee in two successive years.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall nominate at least one person for each vacancy to be filled. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for any office.

Section 3. All contested elections shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote shall be required for the election. In contested elections, if no nominee receives a majority vote, a run-off shall be held immediately between the two candidates having the most votes. On the final ballot the Chair shall withhold his/her vote in order to break a possible tie.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in any office, it shall be filled by the automatic succession process if possible. A vacancy in the office of Secretary or Newsletter Editor shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next business meeting, at which a new election shall take place

Article VI, Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Commission. The Executive Committee shall meet at the annual convention before the business meeting to make plans for and, with the guidance of the Chair, draw up an agenda for that meeting. It is authorized to act in the name of the Commission between the annual meetings, subject to review of those actions at the annual business meeting.

Section 2. The membership and selection of the Nominating Committee are described in Article V, Section 1, of the bylaws. This committee is advanced, but not required to submit at least two names for the office of Vice-Chair Elect.

Section 3. When needed, an Awards Committee may be created by the Executive Committee. The Vice-Chair Elect shall chair this committee. The Immediate Past Chair shall be a second member, with a third chosen by these two from active members of the Commission.

The Committee may, but is not required, to offer an award in the areas of (1) Book, (2) Article, and (3) convention Paper. No more than one award in each category

may be made in any calendar year. In the event that work by a member of the committee is nominated for an award, the Chair of the commission shall appoint a replacement to serve for that year.

Section 4. The Immediate Past Chair shall assist the Vice-chair in the selection of convention papers. These two officers may seek the assistance of other active members of the commission as needed and together they may constitute a Selection Committee.

Section 5. Temporary (ad hoc) committees may be appointed by the Chair with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. Such committees may also be created by the membership of the Commission at the annual business meeting.

Article VII, Parliamentary Authority

In any case not covered in these By-laws of any Standing Rules adopted by the Commissions, Ray Keesey's Modern Parliamentary Procedure shall be consulted. A parliamentarian may be appointed by the Chair, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Parliamentarian shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair and may continue to serve by mutual consent when new officers assume their responsibilities.

Article VIII, Quorum

At least ten members of the commission, plus two of its officers must be present for the transaction of business at any annual meeting. In the absence of a quorum, those present may authorize a mail ballot for the election of new officers. If a quorum fails to appear at two successive annual meetings, the Executive Committee shall consider the dissolution of the Commission.

Article IX, Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by a

majority vote of the Executive Committee or by petition of any three members of the Commission. Such proposed Amendments shall be distributed in writing to the members at least two weeks before the SCA convention.

Section 2. If published in an issue of the Newsletter distributed at least two weeks before the SCA convention, an amendment may be adopted by majority vote of those present and voting at an annual meeting.

Section 3. At any annual meeting those present may, by majority vote, adopt standing rules consistent with the Commission Bylaws and the parliamentary authority.