

**Organization for Research on Women and Communication**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**February 28, 2016**  
**San Diego, CA**

Call to order 5:03 PM

- I. Introduction of officers
- II. 2015 minutes approved and seconded
- III. President's Report, Katie Gibson
  - A. Thanks to Karen Foss and Sonja Foss for planning and implementing an excellent pre-conference!
  - B. Programming
    1. We received 24 submissions for the 2016 Convention.
    2. Please encourage students and colleagues to submit to ORWAC next year.
  - C. Top Student Paper
    1. Ian Summers, University of Utah, "I Reserve My Right to the English Vice: Embodied Performance and Spectacle in the U.K. Porn Protests"
  - D. Reviewers, Facilitators, and Respondents
    1. Thank you to all reviewers, respondents, and facilitators!
    2. Please sign up as a reviewer, facilitator, or respondent for next year's convention.
- IV. WSIC Editor's Report, Joan Faber McAlister
  - A. New Developments
    1. Our Editor-Elect is Kristen Hoerl from Butler University.
    2. Kristen's current duties include:
      - a) Accepting all 2016 submissions.
      - b) Supervising our new Forum Editor, Lisa Flores.
      - c) Supervising our new Book and Media Editor, Rachel Griffin.
  - B. Additional Updates
    1. In 2015, we had our first quarterly journal.
    2. Volume 39 Issue 1 is now available electronically.
    3. There will be two more forums edited by Joan in 2016:
      - a) Space and Gender
      - b) Voting from the Margins
    4. Kristen and Joan will meet with Taylor & Francis in Philadelphia at NCA.

5. Our next forum is about Space, Gender, and Sexuality.
6. Special issue on the rhetorics of mothering will be coming out.
7. We have moved to iFirst so the special issue will be out electronically before it is printed.
8. Jimmie Manning's, "Paradoxes of (Im)Purity: Heteronormativity and Queering Heterosexuality in Family Discourse of Purity Pledges," is now our most downloaded article.
9. Between 2014 and 2015 we have had twice the number of online downloads.
10. We would like to see more submissions. Since we went to a quarterly publication, our acceptance rate increased from 5% to 13%.
11. Kristen and Joe (from Taylor & Francis) are working together to ensure a smooth transition.

#### V. Membership and Treasurer's Report, Valerie Renegar

##### A. Treasurer Updates

1. It's important to download articles from WSIC instead of giving pdfs to students.
2. Most of our royalties come from EbscoHost.
3. Our royalties should be \$19,000.
4. Total balance is \$148,492.00.

##### B. Membership Updates

1. All of the membership information has been transitioned to the website.
2. Our membership numbers are lower this year because of how people renew.
  - a) The new method keeps only those who have renewed (there is no longer a grace period).
3. We should split the Treasurer and Membership duties up in the future since membership is now done online.

#### VI. Vice President's Report, Marnel Niles Goins

##### A. Newsletter Update

1. The newsletter is now online, which makes it much easier to create and send.
2. The membership should have received the new version of the newsletter prior to WSCA.
3. The next edition will come out in June and be created by our new Vice-President.

#### VII. Webspinner's Report, Diane Keeling

- A. We've moved everything online and use PCS Software.
- B. If there are any issues, please let Diane know.

C. Requests from members:

1. We get requests to send out blasts to the membership about conferences, special issues, etc.
2. The Board decided to put the announcements on the website instead of emailing them directly to the members.
3. Membership suggested sending out blasts once a month with all of the announcements in one email and a link to the website.

VIII. New Business

A. Election of New Officers

1. Vice President, Leslie Harris, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2. Treasurer, Alyssa Samek, California State University, Fullerton
3. Student Representative: Jyleesa Hampton, University of Kansas

B. Awards Committee: Creshema Murray, Lisa Flores, Gordana Lazid, and Sonja Foss

IX. Awards and Announcements

A. Awards

1. Feminist Scholar of the Year: Kathleen M. de Onís, “Lost in Translation: Challenging (White, Monolingual Feminism's) <Choice> with *Justicia Reproductiva*”

B. Announcements

1. Applications for Research Development Grants are due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Applications for Scholars’ Retreat are due March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marnel Niles Goins

**ORWAC Financial Report**  
FY 2015  
Submitted by Valerie Renegar, Treasurer

**Income**

Interest	\$1,856
Membership Subscription	\$2,880
Royalties	\$19,426

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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,162</b>
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**Expenses**

Administrative	\$9,565
Receptions, website redesign, editor stipend, tax prep	
Gifts/Awards (7 research grants)	\$8,684
Printing	\$3,217
Banking fees	\$150

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,616</b>
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Net Income 2015	\$2,546
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**Investments**

CD BMW Bank	25,000
CD Discover Bank	25,000
CD Goldman Sachs	22,000
CD Ally Bank	20,000
CD Goldman Sachs	20,000

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<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$112,000</b>
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**Account Balances**

Checking	\$ 36,492
Investments	\$112,000

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<b>Total balance</b>	<b>\$148,492</b>
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## Membership History

2003	128	
2004	93	
2005	106	
2006	93	
2007	90	
2008	103	
2009	107	
2010	99	61 members, 38 students
2011	124	80 member, 44 students
2012	168	97 members, 71 students
2013	192	113 members, 79 students
2014	193	115 members, 78 students
2015	140*	94 members, 46 students

In previous years we counted those who had not renewed from the year before last (2014). Now we are only counting currently active members who renewed in 2015.

### *Categories Key:*

#### Income

Interest: revenue generated from the investments and checking account

Membership Subscription: revenue from student and individual memberships to ORWAC

Royalties: revenue from back orders and copyright fees

#### Expenses

Administrative: expenses for supplies, postage, executive committee meetings, tax prep, editor stipend, editorial assistant stipend, and receptions

Gifts/Awards: expenses for feminist scholarship award, top student paper award, research awards, scholarship donation, and other awards.

Printing: expenses for printing and publishing *Women's Studies in Communication*

#### Investments

All investments are CDs that are FDIC insured. They are tiered so that money is being freed up, and interest is being paid, throughout the year. As each matures, it is reinvested for the same period of time.