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BYLAWS (FOR DISCUSSION--11/1/85)

COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATION ETHICS

SPEECH COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. NAME, AUTHORITY, AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this group shall be the Commission on Communication Ethics (CCE).

Section 2. The Commission on Communication Ethics exists by authority of the Legislative Council of the Speech Communication Association in action taken by the Council in sessions held in conjunction with the SCA Convention in November, 1984.

Section 3. The purpose of the Commission is to promote research and teaching relating to ethical issues and standards in all aspects of human communication and to encourage educational programs that examine communication ethics.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. General membership in the Commission on Communication Ethics is open to any member of SCA who is interested in promoting the Commission's purpose.

Section 2. The membership of this Commission shall be composed of those persons who attend meetings of the Commission at the annual SCA Conventions and those individuals who submit a written request to be a member of the Commission or so indicate on their SCA membership application or renewal. A current list of Commission membership will be reported to the SCA National Office at the end of each calendar year.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

An annual business meeting shall be held at the time and place of the annual convention of SCA. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Commission shall be Immediate Past Chair, Chair, Vice-Chair, Vice-Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor.

Section 2. The Immediate Past Chair shall serve as Chair of the

Awards Committee and as a member of the Paper Selection Committee. The Immediate Past Chair shall serve a one-year term. During the first year of the Commission, the Chair shall perform the duties of the Immediate Past Chair.

Section 3. The Chair shall preside at business meetings of the Commission and perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Chair shall serve a one-year term and shall succeed to the office of Immediate Past Chair.

Section 4. The Vice-Chair shall, in cooperation with the appropriate committees, plan the Commission programs for the annual SCA convention. The Vice-Chair shall serve a one-year term and shall succeed to the office of Chair.

Section 5. The Vice-Chair-Elect shall serve as a member of the Paper Selection Committee. The Vice-Chair-Elect shall serve a one-year term and shall succeed to the office of Vice-Chair.

Section 6. The Secretary shall prepare minutes of meetings of the Commission and of the Executive Committee, channel appropriate information to Spectra, and perform other customary duties of that office, e.g. providing the annual report on membership as required by SCA. The secretary shall serve a two-year term.

Section 7. The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the executive committee for a two-year term.

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The nominating committee shall consist of the immediate past chair and two members appointed by the present chair. Their charge is to nominate at least one person for each vacancy to be filled.

Section 2. Following the report of the nominating committee at the annual business meeting, and allowing for nomination from the floor, the election shall be conducted by the Chair in such a way as to provide for election by majority of those present and voting.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Commission on Communication Ethics shall be composed of the Immediate Past Chair, Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. The Executive Committee shall serve as chief administrative authority of the Commission between annual business meetings of the Association and Commission, with the understanding that all actions taken shall be reported at the Commission's annual meeting.

Section 2. Nominating Committee--See Elections Section 1.

Section 3, the paper selection committee shall consist of 3 members elected at the annual meeting
Section 4, Standing Committee, such as the paper selection, may be created by action of the membership at the annual meeting

~~Section 3. Special committees, such as Paper Selection Committee(s), with tenure ordinarily limited to one year and with specific duties appropriate to the needs of the Commission, shall be appointed by the Chair with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, or shall be elected by a majority vote of members in attendance at the annual business meeting.~~

ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All business meetings of the Commission on Communication Ethics and subsidiary bodies thereof shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by a majority of the Executive Committee or by a majority of the membership at an annual meeting.

Section 2. A proposed amendment must be published in the Newsletter prior to the annual meeting at which it will be considered for final approval.

Section 3. The adoption of a proposed amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted for Commission on Communication Ethics Review--

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