

Annual Report to the International Communication Association

- (i) For the ICA Board Meeting, June 2016
- (ii) For the ICA Annual Report, June 2016

Division/Interest Group: **Communication History**

Chair: **Rick Popp**

Vice chair: **Dave Park**

Report

Membership: CHD's numbers (197) have dipped some from last year, something we expected given the group's overwhelmingly North American and European membership. We tried to counter this drop by reaching out to scholars in Japan, China, and Australia. Those efforts enabled us to make connections and resulted in submissions from scholars new to ICA. It was not enough to offset the number of members who decided to "sit this year out." Our sense is that with San Diego, Prague, and DC on the horizon, our numbers will be on the upswing. At the CHD business meeting in June, we will introduce a motion to increase membership fees by \$2-3. The reason is that we would like to offer a decent social, which our current budget simply does not allow for.

Committee developments: Nicole Maurantonio was elected Vice-Chair. In fall 2016, the next Secretary will be elected.

Top Paper Awards: Hatty Liu for her work on humor and the public sphere during France's July Monarchy and Hannah Spaulding (student) for her history of home video recording.

Fukuoka Preconference: "Crossing Borders: Researching Transnational Media History" (organized by Nelson Ribeiro) drew a high number of submissions and resulted in a very strong program.

Internationalization: The division had a successful year. As noted, we received submissions from more Asian- and Australian-based scholars than ever before. We aim to keep those connections strong as ICA heads back to the West for 2017-19. In addition, as a reflection of ICA's global scope, the preconference theme is explicitly focused on the transnational nature of modern communication. It will bring together scholars from 13 countries.
