

# FLORIDA COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FCA is beginning the next chapter in its history. We had a very successful 75th Anniversary Convention. It was wonderful to see so many new and old friends celebrating "Reflections on Yesterday...Visions for Tomorrow." And we have many special memories of this convention. It is now time to look forward to what FCA can do and accomplish to "advance the communication arts and science in the state of Florida."

Your Executive Board met in December and spent a very productive meeting talking about how we can strengthen FCA. The highlight of the year is always the annual meeting. First VP Carol Bledsoe has come up with a wonderful theme and there is information about program planning elsewhere in this issue. The convention site is really wonderful. Three days on St. Pete Beach in October will be awesome. Plan on spending an extra day to really enjoy the facilities, the property is all newly remodeled. We will have access to all of the amenities of the Tradewinds Sandpiper Resort. Our Site Selection Committee negotiated a wonderful rate and we can take advantage of the wonderful location. Bonnie Jeffries will be heading the local arrangements and promises a wonderful time for all!

We are going to focus on reaching several goals before we meet again. These include:

- Increased use of our Website. Last year we really got it operational and were able to use it the first time for program proposals and registration. We want to increase the capabilities and use it for convention planning and pre-registration.
- We are always looking for ways to increase our Secondary/Elementary activity. If you have an idea of what FCA can do to support speech communication in elementary/middle/high schools, please contact 2VP Chrissy Gesmundo or Secondary Rep. Beth Goldman.
- Move toward making the Journal indexed and electronically accessible.
- Make a major focus on Awards this year. The 2006 theme is about "Raising Standards in Teaching, Research, and Service." We offer FCA Awards in those three areas. What better way to raise standards than recognize excellence in those areas within our own Association.

Hopefully we can all work together to make this a wonderfully productive year for FCA. Please contact me with your ideas.

Deborah Hefferin, President



## FCA SCHOLARSHIP

FCA Student members are eligible for a scholarship. Any student who has been a member since January 1 can be nominated. Do you have an outstanding communication major? Is there a student in your class that deserves recognition? It is easy to nominate. Send me a letter of recommendation, a copy of the student's vitae, and an unofficial transcript (available through FACTS.org)

This year's theme is recognizing teaching, scholarship, and service. What better way to mentor our students than to show that we value the scholarship that they are doing. Nominations must be received by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact me at [dhefferi@broward.edu](mailto:dhefferi@broward.edu).

Send your nominations to: Deborah Hefferin, FCA President  
Communication Department  
Broward Community College  
1000 Coconut Creek Blvd.  
Pompano Beach, FL 33066

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING OUR FCA COLLEAGUES**  
 Sue Easton FCA Immediate Past President



Congratulations to our new FCA Executive Board members elected at the 2005 convention. As you know, these individuals work hard throughout the year on behalf of the membership-at-large, and volunteer many hours to sustain the association and achieve our goals. Best wishes for a wonderful year and for another great convention in 2006!

Also, a special thank you to Deborah Hefferin, the 2005 Convention Chair, for an outstanding convention. The sessions were great, the conversations were stimulating, and it was a wonderful experience meeting so many past presidents and hearing their stories. I know I felt honored to join their ranks as a past president and to recognize our history. Kim Johnson gave us all a terrific way to reflect as she provided her audio-visual slide show capturing the history of our association.

As we look forward to the 2006 convention let us continue to celebrate the FCA and each other. This is a good time to think about who deserves recognition – you can even self nominate. In the interest of encouraging you to nominate for the awards, here are some FAQs about our FCA Awards (taken from the website [www.flcom.org](http://www.flcom.org))

**Q: Why should I nominate someone for an FCA Award?**

A: Often our work is done as volunteers or seems to go unnoticed

by others. Receiving an award is a great way to acknowledge the contributions made by a colleague. It is also a way to professionally give that individual credibility in a formally recognized way that becomes a permanent part of their personal vitae and record.

**Q: What faculty and professional awards to you have for FCA members?**

A: Each year we offer three important awards to recognize the efforts of outstanding FCA members: 1) Outstanding Service, 2) Teacher of the Year, and 3) Scholar of the Year.

**Q: Who is allowed to nominate for an award?**

A: Nominations of FCA members can be made by any FCA member. You are also welcome to self nominate for any of these awards.

**Q: Where do I send my nomination letter?**

A: Send a nomination letter to the Past President (2006 Past President- Sue Easton, [seaston@rollins.edu](mailto:seaston@rollins.edu) (email preferred) or mail to 149 Edgewater Circle, Sanford, FL 32773). This letter should highlight why this person deserves the award and provide details on their accomplishments. The letters will be used as the primary evidence to be reviewed by the awards committee for selection.

**Q: What is the Teacher of the Year Award?**

A: This award recognizes outstanding performance as a classroom teacher.

**Q: What is the Scholar of the Year Award?**

A: outstanding scholarly achievement in one's career.

**Q: What is the Outstanding Service Award?**

A: This award recognizes achievement and service to the FCA over several years.

**Q: Are there any student awards?**

A: Yes, there is an "Outstanding Student Scholar award" given for outstanding performance and scholarly activities as a student member of the FCA. Students must be members of FCA for one

year prior to receiving this award. This award also has a monetary gift that goes to the recipient.

**Q: Are there other awards for student papers?**

A: Yes, we have two juried paper awards given at the undergraduate and graduate/faculty level for top papers. These papers need to be submitted as a part of the Call for Papers and are presented at our convention. To be considered for this award, the student must indicate that the paper is being submitted for this category and have the name and email address (or contact information) of the faculty member who has read this paper and approves its submission.

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 Broward Community College  
 1000 Coconut Creek Blvd.  
 Pompano Beach, FL 33066

**TEACHING  
 SCHOLARSHIP  
 SERVICE**

*The 75th FCA Jubilee  
 Photo Gallery*



## 2006 CONVENTION UPDATE & CALL FOR PAPERS

Carol Bledsoe 1st VP, Convention Chair



Our 2005 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention was outstanding! It was wonderful to see old friends and reflect on where FCA has come in the past 75 years. Thanks to everyone who participated and made it an unforgettable event. Let's continue the momentum with our 2006 convention which will be held at the beautiful TradeWinds Resort on St. Petersburg Beach October 19-21, 2006. The theme for the 2006 convention is:

### "Models of Excellence: Raising the Standards in Teaching, Research, & Service"

*This theme has endless possibilities as we continually strive to pursue excellence in the midst of ongoing discussions/debate about mediocrity. Papers, panels, workshops, individual programs, and posters are currently being sought.*

***The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended to  
MAY 15, 2006***

***Competitive Papers (Professional, Undergraduate, and Graduate Students):*** Submit a 100 word abstract by May 15. Final papers will be due by June 30. Please indicate on the abstract that this is a "competitive paper" and in which category.

***Poster Sessions:*** Submit a 100 word abstract of the nature of the poster. The Poster Session will be held on Saturday, October 21.

***Panels, Workshops, and Individual Papers:*** Submit a 100 word abstract. ***For panels,*** include the names and affiliations of all panel participants, including your name if you are on the panel. ***For workshops,*** develop the rationale for the workshop in addition to the abstract. ***Individual papers*** will be combined into programs around the convention theme.

***Submit your proposals electronically at the FCA website: [www.flcom.org](http://www.flcom.org)***

***All participants in a program session will be required to pre-register for the convention. The final program won't be printed until right before the convention and only those programs that are confirmed with pre-registration will be included.***

*If you have suggestions or would like to help with convention planning, please contact Carol Bledsoe ([cbledsoe@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu](mailto:cbledsoe@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu)) with your ideas and indicate where you'd like to assist. Help is needed with program submission review/selection, moderators for each session, the Thursday evening spotlight program, convention receptions, and many other important areas.*

*Please share this information with your colleagues and begin thinking about how you want to be involved in this year's convention. I look forward to a good turnout and worthwhile convention in a beautiful setting!*

Carol Bledsoe

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Christina Gesmundo 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Membership Chair

Happy 2006!

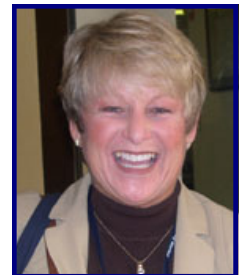


Spring semester is coming to a close—have you completed your New Year's resolution to become active in this fantastic organization!!! Participate in FCA as a member or as a campus contact. Not only will your actions earn you a vitae line but your personal contribution helps your professional communication association, your colleagues, future academics and the communication discipline as a whole. Your service commitment is as large-or small-as you prefer. Here are some easy suggestions for jump starting your involvement with FCA:

- \* Volunteer to be a campus contact distributing brochures and flyers
- \* Serve on the FCA membership committee recruiting new members
- \* Encourage and educate your students about the benefits and participation in the organization and in our annual conference

I look forward to working with our current campus contacts as well as our newcomers. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding membership, nominations for campus contacts, or would simply like more information, please contact me at [discodiva1974@yahoo.com](mailto:discodiva1974@yahoo.com). I would be happy to send you our membership materials, including the new FCA brochure. Spread the word about the Florida Communication Association!

Sincerely,  
Christina Gesmundo  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Membership



## FCA 2005—2006 OFFICER INFORMATION

|   |  |
|---|--|
| President: Deborah Hefferin             | <a href="mailto:dhefferi@broward.edu">dhefferi@broward.edu</a>               |
| Immediate Past President: Sue Easton    | <a href="mailto:seaston@rollins.edu">seaston@rollins.edu</a>                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> VP: Carol Bledsoe       | <a href="mailto:cbledsoe@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu">cbledsoe@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu</a> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP: Chrissy Gesmundo    | <a href="mailto:discodiva1974@yahoo.com">discodiva1974@yahoo.com</a>         |
| Recording Secretary: Kim K Johnson      | <a href="mailto:kkjohnson@adelphia.net">kkjohnson@adelphia.net</a>           |
| Executive Treasurer: Jim Katt           | <a href="mailto:jkatt@mail.ucf.edu">jkatt@mail.ucf.edu</a>                   |
| Journal Editor: Wally Schmidt           | <a href="mailto:Wschmidt@Rollins.edu">Wschmidt@Rollins.edu</a>               |
| Florida Education Liaison: Beth Goldman | <a href="mailto:Db8coach@aol.com">Db8coach@aol.com</a>                       |
| Newsletter Editor: Kim K Johnson        | <a href="mailto:kkjohnson@adelphia.net">kkjohnson@adelphia.net</a>           |
| Webmaster: Shari Hodgson                | <a href="mailto:Sharivn@aol.com">Sharivn@aol.com</a>                         |
| NCA Rep: Richard Quianthy               | <a href="mailto:Rquianth@broward.edu">Rquianth@broward.edu</a>               |





**75TH CONVENTION: 2ND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Kim K Johnson Recording Secretary

President Sue Easton called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.  
 Minutes of Friday, October 14, 2005 general meeting were approved



**NOMINATIONS**

A motion was made to approve the Nomination Committee slate of officers  
 The motion was seconded and the slate was approved by acclamation

**NEW OFFICERS OF 2005-2006**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| President                      | Deb Hefferin – Broward Community College         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Carol Bledsoe – University of Central Florida    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Christina Gesmundo – University of South Florida |
| Newsletter                     | Kris Byrd – University of South Florida          |



**COMMITTEES**

An announcement was made urging the members to sign up for the following committees:

- Membership
- Awards
- Convention 2006
- Site Selection 2007

Voting for Nomination committee took place.

Audit Committee:

- Nannetta Durnell
- Shari Hodgson
- Charles Lester



**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Recognize faculty with the following FCA Awards:
  - \* Scholar Award
  - \* Service Award
  - \* Teaching Award
2. Recognize students with the following FCA Awards:
  - \* Outstanding Scholar Award
  - \* Top Graduate Paper Award
  - \* Top Undergraduate Paper Award

The new FCA Grant guidelines will be included in the next newsletter and membership packet for 2006.



**BY-LAWS**

A motion was made to accept the previously published changes to the FCA By-laws  
 The motions was seconded and approved by the membership

**NEW BUSINESS**

Revisit the use of the Associations money. A few suggestions are listed below:

- An additional grant
- State Liaison support
- Protect a minimum balance
- Review budget annually

A motion was made for the FCA board to accomplish the following:

- Send a letter to the affiliation of the new President announcing their new position.
  - Send a letter to the affiliation of the immediate Past President recognizing their service.
  - Send thank you to all FCA Conference sponsors
- This motion was seconded and approved.

Results of the vote for Nominating Committee:

- Kim K Johnson – Chair
- Deb Hefferin
- Wally Schmidt
- Jim Katt
- Adeline Evans



Meeting Adjourned

# CALL FOR *FLORIDA COMMUNICATION JOURNAL* PAPERS

Wallace Schmidt Journal Editor



The *Florida Communication Journal* is seeking submissions for its next publication. *FCJ* is a professional, refereed publication. We encourage the submission of previously unpublished articles and research reports related to all aspects of the human communication process. We are also interested in relevant book reviews and best teaching practices. *FCJ* is interested in publishing material that makes noteworthy contributions to the advancement of human scholarship and that may be helpful to the teaching community.

Because of space limitations, manuscripts should preferably be twelve (12) pages or less in length and we prefer that charts and figures be kept to a minimum. Book reviews and best teaching practices should be kept to 3-5 pages.

Authors should submit one hard-copy and a computer disk with an accurate copy of the manuscript saved as a Word document (not Works nor Word Perfect). Prepare all manuscripts, double-spaced, according to the latest edition of MLA or APA guidelines. Prepare a separate cover page with author(s) names, address, e-mail address, affiliation, and an abstract of no more than 100 words. Remove all references to the author(s) within the manuscript to facilitate a blind review.

Submit manuscripts to: Dr. Wally Schmidt, Editor. *The Florida Communication Journal*. Communication Department, Rollins College. Winter Park, Florida 32789. Questions and inquiries may be e-mailed to: [wschmidt@rollins.edu](mailto:wschmidt@rollins.edu)

# REGISTER NOW!

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE REGISTRATION FORMS FOR:**

 **2006 FCA ANNUAL CONVENTION @ ST. PETERSBURG BEACH**

 **HOTEL REGISTRATION @ THE TRADEWINDS HOTEL**

 **FCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**



# Florida Communication Association 2006 CONVENTION



October 19-21, 2006  
TradeWinds Sandpiper, St. Petersburg Beach

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your 2006-2007 membership fees are due. Membership fees are separate from convention registration, but can be mailed together using the separate membership form. Both convention registration and membership renewal can also be submitted electronically on the FCA website ([www.flcom.org](http://www.flcom.org))

**Please *CIRCLE* your package/fee selection(s):**

|  |                    |                      |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Package A</b> for regular registrants includes convention fees plus both Friday and Saturday luncheons  | <b>\$90 early*</b> | <b>\$100 on-site</b> |
| <b>Package B</b> for student registrants includes all the items above  | <b>\$50 early*</b> | <b>\$75 on-site</b>  |
| <b>Package C</b> for regular registrants includes either Thur./Fri. or Sat convention and luncheon for that day.<br>Choose (circle) <u>ONE</u> : Thur./Fri. or Sat.    | <b>\$60 early*</b> | <b>\$65 on-site</b>  |
| <b>Package D</b> for student registrants includes either Thur./Fri. or Sat. convention and luncheon for that day.<br>Choose (circle) <u>ONE</u> : ..Thur./Fri. or Sat. | <b>\$25 early*</b> | <b>\$40 on-site</b>  |
| <b>Package E</b> for student registrants includes Thursday Evening program only  | <b>\$10</b>        |                      |

Scholarship Fund Donation..... \_\_\_\_\_

Total Owed (Sum of fees noted above)..... \_\_\_\_\_

(Make check payable to FCA. You may wish to make one check for these fees and for your 2006-2007 FCA membership dues.)

Your Name & Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Make a photocopy of this form for your records, then mail it and your fees to the following address:

Jim Katt, FCA Treasurer  
4625 Gatlin Oaks Lane  
Orlando, Fl. 32806

**\*These items must be received by October 12, 2006 if the "early" rates are to apply.**

The FCA's Federal Employer Identification Number is 59-2414616.

Hotel Registration Information  
Florida Communication Association 2006 Convention  
October 19-21



TradeWinds Sandpiper Hotel & Suites  
6000 Gulf Boulevard  
St. Pete Beach, Fl. 33706  
Hotel Website: [www.JustLetGo.com](http://www.JustLetGo.com)



Register using one of the following methods:

- ✉ Telephone (1-800-808-9833)
- ✉ Fax (727-363-2222)
- ✉ Mail (TradeWinds Island Resorts/Group Reservations Dept., P.O. Box 66307, St. Pete Beach, Fl. 33706)
- ✉ E-mail ([groupreservations@twresort.com](mailto:groupreservations@twresort.com))
- ✉ (A reservation request form is provided for fax, mail, or e-mail requests)

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|--------------------------|--|
| <u>Convention Rates:</u> | \$109.00 Standard Room                   |
|                          | \$124.00 Tropical View Room              |
|                          | \$139.00 One Bedroom Standard Suite      |
|                          | \$169.00 One Bedroom Tropical View Suite |

All convention room reservations include the following: Parking, Beach Cabana (1 per room), Fitness Center, Tennis Courts, Daily coffee/newspaper, In-room safes, Water Trykes & Paddleboats, Domestic faxes, & Business Center/Internet access.

Convention room rates will be extended two days prior to and two days following the convention.

Room Registration Deadline: September 19, 2006

(Room reservations beyond this deadline will be subject to availability.)







# Florida Communication Association

## 2006-2007 Membership Form



Benefits of FCA Membership include:

- The Florida Communication Journal (delivered twice a year) provides current and informative research articles
- Information to improve your classroom effectiveness through networking and convention sessions
- The FCA Newsletter keeps you current on events and information between conventions
- Annual convention – guest speakers, informative panels, papers, and posters, allow you to stay current about issues relevant to communication scholars in Florida.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address at Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone at Affiliation (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (exact, proper case) \_\_\_\_\_

Were you an FCA member in the past year?    YES    NO

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ to reflect the following (*check as appropriate*):

\_\_\_ Student Membership @ \$10.00    \_\_\_ Regular Membership @ \$30.00

\_\_\_ Patron Membership @ \$50.00    \_\_\_ a Scholarship Fund Donation of \_\_\_\_\_

**[Please make checks payable to FCA]**

The FCA's Federal Employer Identification Number is 59-2414616.

Make or print a copy of this form for your records and return it and your fee to:

Jim Katt, FCA Treasurer  
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Membership year begins October 1st and ends September 30th

# CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

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## ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Communication Association, hereinafter referred to as this Association.

## ARTICLE II –PURPOSE

**Section 1.** The purpose of this Association shall be to coordinate the efforts of teachers, students, and others interested in advancing the communication arts and sciences in the state of Florida toward

1. Developing a comprehensive and coherent philosophy of communication and communication education;
2. Raising the standards of communication instruction and activities in the schools, colleges, and communities;
3. Promoting the official and public recognition of communication as a valid, necessary, and fully accredited part of the curriculum in the elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and universities;
4. Encouraging able students to prepare for professional careers in communication education;

Providing a means of mutual stimulation and encouragement through sharing of experiences, ideas and points of view.

**Section 2.** The purposes for which this Association is organized are exclusively scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

**Section 3.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Active membership shall be open to teachers of communication and to other persons interested in the field of communication upon payment of annual dues.

**Section 2.** Student membership shall be open to college and university students who are duly enrolled as full-time students at the time of paying their dues and who have elected any area of the communication field as their major or minor, upon payment of annual dues for student members. Student members shall be considered active members relative to full privileges and responsibilities of membership. Part-time students may be considered for student membership by the Executive Board on a case-by-case basis.

**Section 3.** Patron membership shall be open to all those eligible for active membership.

**Section 4.** Any institution or organization shall be eligible for an institutional membership. Institutional members shall receive the Journal and shall be listed in the convention program.

**Section 5.** The membership year will be from October 1 through September 30.

## ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The officers of this Association shall be a president, first and second vice presidents, an executive treasurer, a recording secretary, a newsletter editor, a journal editor, and a Florida education liaison.

**Section 2.** Officers shall begin their duties immediately following the convention at which they are elected, except that the executive treasurer shall assume office on January 1 following his or her election.

1. The President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected at the meeting specified in Article VIII, Section 6.
2. The Executive Treasurer shall serve for three years, or until a successor is elected.

The Newsletter Editor, the Florida Education Liaison, and the Recording Secretary shall serve for two years or until a successor is elected.

The Journal Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Board after the Executive Board has received the report from a special Journal Editor search committee appointed by the President. This appointment shall be reported to the membership. The Journal Editor shall serve for three years. A Journal Editor-Elect shall be appointed by the Executive Board after the Board has received the report from a special search committee appointed by the President. This appointment shall be reported to the membership. A year later the Editor-Elect shall begin the Editor's three-year term.

Any officer serving on the Executive Board may serve no longer than two consecutive terms in the same office. In the event of a vacancy in any of the offices, the President, with the approval of at least three of the elected officers, shall name a successor to fill the unexpired term.

**Section 3.** The President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, may appoint an Archivist for a one-year term renewable indefinitely. The President may also appoint for each membership meeting a Parliamentarian to advise on procedural matters. While members of the Executive Board may be appointed to these offices, these offices by themselves do not carry right of membership on the Executive Board.

**Section 4.** A Florida Representative to the National Communication Association States Advisory Council shall be selected every three years by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. This office shall be ex-officio, no vote, on the Executive Board.

**Section 5.** A Web Editor shall be selected every two years by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. This office shall be ex-officio, no vote, on the Executive Board.

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## ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### Section 1. The President shall

1. Preside at all business meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board;
2. Approve policies, projects, and expenditures of the Association;
3. Perform any other duties prescribed by this Constitution and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association;
4. Coordinate all student awards for the annual convention;
5. Serve as coordinator of all committees formed in the Business meetings to ensure that they are meeting and submitting reports to the board;
6. Appoint Web Editor;
7. Coordinate the President's reception at the annual convention;

Encourage all board members to complete their responsibilities in a timely and professional manner.

### Section 2. The First Vice-President shall

1. Serve as Program Chair for the fall convention;
2. Assume all duties of the President in case of the President's absence or resignation;

Be responsible establishing the Convention committee.

### Section 3. The Second Vice-President shall

1. Act as chair of the membership committee and be responsible for new member recruitment;
2. Assume all duties of the President and the First Vice-President in the absence or incapacity of the President and First Vice-President.
3. Coordinate the New Member Orientation at the annual convention.

### Section 4. The Executive Treasurer shall

1. Keep a record of all financial transactions of this Association;
2. Prepare and submit a financial report to an auditing committee appointed by the President;
3. Keep an up-to-date membership roll;
4. Be responsible for negotiating convention site contract.

Manage all accounts receivable and payable.

### Section 5. The Newspaper Editor shall

Publish a newsletter at least three times a year: January, April and September, and shall publish an annual membership directory from the list of members maintained and supplied by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

### Section 6. The FLORIDA COMMUNICATION JOURNAL Editor shall

1. Publish two issues of the Journal per year;
2. Appoint an editorial board of at least six members, two representing the university level, two representing the community college level, and two representing the elementary, secondary, and/or middle school interests.

### Section 7. Florida Education Liaison shall

1. Serve as liaison with the Florida Department of Education;
2. Represent this Association to the county supervisors of language arts;
3. Work with the Teacher Education Centers to schedule workshops;
4. Assist the First Vice-President with programs designed for elementary-secondary teachers for the fall convention and the spring meeting;

Perform such other duties as the Association or the majority of the Executive Board shall from time to time assign.

### Section 8. The Recording Secretary shall

1. Keep the minutes of all business meetings of the Association and the Executive Board;

Assist the Web editor and archivist in the maintenance and upkeep of the Association's records.

### Section 9. The Past President shall

1. Coordinate all faculty/ member awards:
  - \* Service
  - \* Teaching
  - \* Scholarship
2. Communicate to all members and solicit input for faculty nominations;

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3. Coordinate presenters for awards at annual convention;

Purchase and prepare awards to be presented at annual convention.

**Section 10.** The Web Editor shall

1. Post information to website as sent by the Board officers;
2. Read and forward email as appropriate;

Resolve website problems or bring issues forward.

**ARTICLE VI- EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association whose duties are discussed in Article V and the Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board shall

1. Have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its regular business meetings;
2. Fix the time and place of the Association meetings;

Perform any other duties specified by the Constitution.

**ARTICLE VII— MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** This Association shall hold a fall convention on the third Friday and Saturday of October, or as near thereto as possible. The Executive Board may in addition plan a spring meeting to meet a felt need at a time and place to be selected by them. Proposals for a spring workshop/seminar are invited from any institution or Association member.

**Section 2.** Regular business sessions of this Association shall be held on each day of the fall convention.

**Section 3.** The Executive Board shall meet prior to each regular business session at the fall convention.

**ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1.** At the first business meeting of the fall convention a nominating committee of five shall be chosen as follows: without nominations from the floor, tellers appointed by the President shall distribute ballots to the active members present; each voter shall write on his/her ballot one to no more than five eligible members s/he wishes to nominate to the committee. The five members receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the Nominating Committee, with the one receiving the highest number of votes serving as chair.

**Section 2.** Persons serving on the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible to serve the following year, nor shall two persons from the same institution serve on the Nominating Committee. In the event two persons from the same institution are elected, the tellers shall eliminate the one with fewer votes.

**Section 3.** The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one person for each of the offices to be voted upon at the fall convention the year following the election of the Nominating Committee.

**Section 4.** The Nominating Committee shall meet prior to the conclusion of the convention at which it is elected to consider nominees to be presented next year. The Committee shall also meet prior to the first business meeting of the convention at which they present their report to review their recommendation.

**Section 5.** Following the report of the Nominating Committee, the presiding officer shall call for additional nominations from the floor. In the event of two or more nominations for an office, the voting shall be by secret ballot; but if one person only is nominated for an office, a motion for unanimous election shall be in order and may be voted on by acclamation or by a show of hands.

**Section 6.** The officers of the Association shall be elected at the final business meeting held during the fall convention.



## FCA MINUTIA A SCAVENGER HUNT

Part of this year's convention festivities included a scavenger hunt for little known or somehow forgotten facts about FCA. This was distributed at the Thursday Spotlight Program, "Games Speech People Play." Those in attendance were given the answer to the bonus question.

Congratulations to Deb Walker who found the most correct answers. She will receive paid registration to the 2006 convention. Many asked for the answers to the 15 items. Here are the questions and answers. Hope they bring a smile to you.

1. For the 50th anniversary a busload of FCAers went to see what play?  
\* Dylan Thomas' Under Milkwood.
2. Who was the editor of the first Journal?  
\* Don Williams
3. How many presidents of FCA do we actually salute?  
\*20
4. How do you get to be a Patron Member?  
\*Pay an annual dues of \$50
5. When did we start having Campus Contacts?  
\*2002-2003, Christine Hanlon's idea; Sue Easton developed
6. Past presidents are chairing our sessions. Who is the "oldest" past president chairing a session?  
\* Don Williams (1971)
7. When was our Keynote Speaker an FCA President?  
\*1985
8. In what year did the "Cow" arrive?  
\*1994
9. Where have we had the most conventions?  
\*Orlando (includes Kissimmee)
10. Name the school which initially hosted the FCA Conventions.  
\*Stetson University
11. What was the original name of FCA?  
\*Florida Association of Teachers of Speech
12. Get the signatures of 3 past presidents.  
\* There were over 20 to choose from
13. Is there anyone at this convention that has been president more than once?  
\*Tony Clark 1975 & 1995  
\*Deborah Hefferin 1997 & 2006
14. Which past president boasts the newest baby? A future FCAer?  
\*Christine Hanlon
15. Where will the 2006 Convention be held? And will you be there?  
\*St. Pete Beach at the Tradewinds Sandpiper
16. BONUS Which ex-presidents attended "Games People Play?"  
\*There were 7. You should have been there!!



# Poster Session