



# Human Communication and Technology Commission

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**NCA 2002 Convention**  
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**New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Theme:**  
**Communication in Action**

## Co-Chairs Reflect on Division Status

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### Of interest...

#### Conference Hotel Information:

New Orleans Marriott  
(555 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, Phone: 1-504-581-1000)

Sheraton New Orleans  
(500 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, Phone: 1-504-525-2500)

#### Visitor's Information:

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/guide>

#### Average Temperature in November:

Low: 51 degrees;  
High: 71 degrees

Your Co-chairs have been pursuing the movement of the Human Communication and Technology Commission to NCA Divisional status in accordance with Article VII, Sec.3 of the current NCA Constitution. The aforementioned Constitutional Article requires a membership of 300 each year for two consecutive years. Your Co-Chairs believe the Commission has met and surpassed that requirement and has called this to the attention of the NCA headquarters staff. We do not, at the time of distribution of this HCTC Newsletter, have a final administrative decision from NCA but there is a real likelihood that the group will be moved to Divisional status at or before this year's national convention in New Orleans.

Let's recall the HCTC Mission as presented in the fall,

2001 Newsletter:

*"To support the examination of theory and application of contemporary communication technology as related to human communication studies, pedagogy, and other functions."* A further purpose is stated: *"To promote research and study in the area of technology and communication in the university and corporate environment."*

After four years of HCTC presence and active participation within NCA and after four years of focus on human communication and technology the subject seems integrated throughout NCA study. An examination of this year's New Orleans Convention program evidences great topic interest and program penetration. Programs dealing with technology applications and considerations can be found in each convention time pe-

riod for each convention program day. The participation of hundreds of NCA members in consideration of multiple aspects of technology and human communication is demonstrated by this year's convention.

The Task Force on Communication Application in Speech Communication Research and Instruction began in 1982 and was dissolved in 1989 when its mission had been accomplished.

Has our Mission been accomplished? If so, should we dissolve? If not, what remains to be done? What value do we add, or may we add, to our profession and to our professional organization?



## How Did We Choose Our Program?

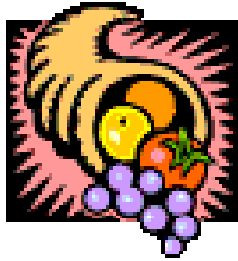
Convention planning for the Human Communication and Technology Commission was challenging but very interesting and exciting. Over 100 papers were submit-

ted, either as part of panels already proposed by interested parties, or as single submissions. The papers went out for blind, peer review conducted by a won-

derful and very competent group of volunteer scholars. They were given a scoring method by which they rank ordered the papers under their individual review. Once

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all scores were returned, we accepted the top 85%. Panels were accepted based upon a pre-established criteria that included such things as: contribution to the field, depth and breadth of topic coverage, participant scholar reputation, identification with the commission's goals, and others. Authors were notified



**Thank you to all of you who submitted for this year's convention!**

with regard to acceptance/rejection once final approval arrived from Judy Pearson at NCA headquarters. These last five or six sentences actually describe 3.5 months in actual time. The commission will field a three-fold increase over last year in accepted panels for this year's convention.

We wish to extend our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all those who offered advice, cat care, commiseration, review time and expertise, and of course, the authors and panelists who will make the 2002 convention in New Orleans a very special and professional occasion. We encourage all those who submitted their work this year to do so again for 2003.

Cheers, Dennis Wignall and Tasha VanHorn

## Human Communication and Technology Commission:

The Human Communication and Technology Commission (HCTC) focuses on the facilitation and acquisition of technology-related human communication. It supports the examination of theory and application of contemporary communication technology as it relates to human communication studies. The Commission is interested in Human Communication and Technology as related to areas of rhetoric, ethics, intellectual property rights, teaching and learning, security, accessibility, accountability, globalism, distance education, training and development, and other topics.

NCA members can select HCTC as a membership affiliation option at the time of NCA membership application or add HCTC to their NCA membership at anytime (select Unit #32). Three affiliations are included at no additional charge with each NCA memberships. Additional affiliations are \$5 per affiliation. For more information, contact Mary Wiemann at [Wiemann@sbcc.net](mailto:Wiemann@sbcc.net) or Noemi Marin at [nmarin@fau.edu](mailto:nmarin@fau.edu)

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