

COMM 601

Professional Development Assignment #2

Communication Associations and Lifespan-Digital Communication

This assignment asks you to research one international, one national, and one regional communication association and answer the following questions for each:

1. What is the name and history of the association? (Write a brief summary)
2. Who are the current officers (President? Vice Presidents? Immediate past President? Executive Director?)
3. How do graduate students join? What does it cost for a graduate student membership?
4. When is their annual convention? Where is their next convention? Where is the convention the following year?
5. What is the typical month for submission of conference papers and panels for review and consideration for programming at the next convention?
6. In what divisions are you likely to find papers about lifespan communication? Lifespan digital media?

Professionally, it is useful to belong to a national as well as a regional communication association for a variety of reasons such as professional development and student support. For example:

<http://www.natcom.org/Default.aspx?id=1172>

Although written for PhD students, here is a guidebook, published by the National Communication Association that has lots of useful information and illustrates the kinds of support that professional communication associations can offer:

<http://www.natcom.org/uploadedFiles/Content/Education/ProfDevTextvFINALNov2009.pdf>

Assessment—Submit a completed assignment (A), not submit a completed assignment (F).