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Greetings to members of the IAQI:

The following is a draft of the proposed Constitution of the International Association of Qualitative Inquiry. This document is the product of the eight-member Constitutional Committee's diligent efforts to fulfill their mandate as per the inaugural meeting of the IAQI; to produce a constitution that represents a plurality of interests and accommodates the diversity of the IAQI in language that is accessible to all members.

The International Advisory Committee has also fulfilled its mandate in reviewing the document and suggesting revisions to the Constitutional Committee. Countless emails, two phone conferences and many hours of thoughts, deliberations, and wordcrafting have resulted in a document that truly represents the committee's sincere concerns for the establishment and future of the IAQI and all the members it is charged with representing. That this small group of dedicated individuals from all over the world has managed to create such a document within the narrow window of time allotted to them is truly remarkable, and speaks to their self-sacrificing dedication for the greater good of qualitative researchers everywhere.

We ask that the general membership review this draft constitution in advance of the IAQI Annual General Meeting to be held Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the 2nd International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, Illinois, when the IAQI general membership will be asked to ratify this constitution.

Brief suggestions for amendment (one short paragraph please!) can be sent to [iaqi@c4qi.org](mailto:iaqi@c4qi.org) until April 24, 2006.

Special thanks to Noreen Sugrue for chairing the constitutional committee, and making the impossible happen. Also, special thanks to Judith Robinson, who went above and beyond in compiling this document. Thanks for all the hard work from the constitutional committee members: Margaret Somerville, Ruth Marilda Fricke, Lea Kacen, Marohaini Yusoff, César A. Cisneros, and Bob Rinehart. And of course, many thanks are in order for Leslie Bloom and Mikal Krumer-Nevo, who as co-chairs have effectively organized the International Advisory Committee into a functioning global, interdisciplinary entity.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF QUALITATIVE INQUIRY

## MISSION STATEMENT

The International Association of Qualitative Inquiry is dedicated to the promotion, development, advocacy, and use of qualitative research methodologies and practices in policy arenas, as well as in the academic fields of education, communications, business, social and policy science, medicine, and related human disciplines. Towards these ends, the IAQI provides an international forum and communal space through its annual congress, newsletter, web site, list-server and other media for dialogue, encouragement, collaboration, peer-reflection, and innovation among qualitative researchers and interested peoples.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council of the IAQI has been set up to provide the strategic direction and leadership needed to enable the IAQI to deliver their goal of promoting and representing the global development of qualitative research. As part of their role, the Executive Council will also be responsible for the administration of the association and to ensure that appropriate processes, systems and actions are put in place and carried out. The Executive Council will meet annually, either at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry or another international scholarly meeting, and will also correspond by email and use telephone conferencing where appropriate. All face-to-face meetings of the Executive Council will be open to all members of the IAQI, with the membership notified in advance via email of the date and place of these meetings. A summary of actions taken by the Executive Council will be circulated via email to all IAQI members and electronic copies of the minutes of Council meetings will be available to IAQI members on request to the recording secretary.

From May 2006, the Executive Council will consist of the president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, the managing editor of IAQI, and a representative from the IAQI Advisory Committee. Each year, starting May 2007, the council will be joined by the president-elect and vice president-elect, who will become

president and vice president respectively in May 2008, and serve a one year term (2008-9). The inaugural president and vice president will then step down, but will be available to act in an advisory capacity for a further year.

## BYLAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF QUALITATIVE INQUIRY

### 1 The Executive Officers

1.1 The executive officers of the international association for qualitative inquiry will be the president, the vice president, the president-elect, the vice president-elect, the secretary/ treasurer, the managing editor, and two representatives from the IAQI Advisory Committee.

### 2 Executive Council

2.1 The Executive Council shall consist of the president, president-elect, vice president, vice president-elect, secretary/treasurer, the managing editor of IAQI, and two representatives from the IAQI Advisory Committee. A recording secretary will also be present at meetings. The past president and past vice president shall serve as ex officio council members to act in an advisory capacity for a further year.

2.2 The Executive Council shall meet annually, either at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, or another scholarly meeting. Members will also correspond by email and use telephone conferencing where appropriate. An official quorum shall consist of four (4) members of the Executive Council to conduct the official business of the association.

2.3 All face to face meetings of the Executive Council shall be open to all members of the IAQI. The membership shall be notified in advance via email of the date and place of these meetings.

2.4 A summary of actions taken by the Executive Council shall be circulated via email to all IAQI members and electronic copies of the minutes of Council meetings will be available to IAQI members on request to the recording secretary.

### 3 Responsibility of Executive Officers

3.1 The role of all council members is to provide the strategic direction and leadership needed to enable the IAQI to deliver their goal of promoting and

representing the global development of qualitative research. The Executive Council shall be given the responsibility of the administration of the association and to ensure that appropriate processes, systems and actions are put in place and carried out. Members of the Executive Council are the legal trustees of the association.

### 3.2 President

The president of the IAQI will be responsible for leading the Executive Council and chairing the meetings. The president will act as a spokesperson and representative of the IAQI membership by actively engaging in discussions around the use of qualitative methodology in the public policy arena and promoting the unique contribution of qualitative methods to theoretical and praxis-related research.

### 3.3 Vice President

The role of the vice president will be to support the president in their role, and similarly to undertake to promote the interests of the society. The vice president will chair the Executive Council meetings in the absence of the president. With the secretary/ treasurer and the managing editor, the vice president will serve as a point of contact for IAQI members and seek to promote the membership of the association.

### 3.4 Secretary/Treasurer

The secretary/ treasurer will be responsible for documenting and monitoring the finances of the association on behalf of the executive council and make specific recommendations about what systems and processes should be put in place, and how the management of resources will enable the IAQI to meet their stated aims. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be the Election Officer of the association unless an alternate is designated by the Executive Council.

### 3.5 Managing Editor

The managing editor will keep members of the IAQI informed about the process of formation and the continuing future direction and actions of the IAQI, including information about specific events etc. that are of interest to the wider membership. They will also produce the IAQI Newsletter.

### 3.6 Representative from the IAQI Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee will be invited to nomi-

nate two representatives who will become part of the Executive Council with full voting membership, and act as a link between the Advisory Committee (and their sub-committees, and sub-groups) and the Executive Council.

### 3.7 President-elect and Vice president-elect

To facilitate organizational learning, continuity, and a smooth transition between officers, the incoming President-elect and Vice president-elect shall serve as voting members on the executive council for one year prior to assuming the full responsibility of their offices.

## Section 4 – Elections and appointments to the Executive Council

The inaugural president and vice-president will (exceptionally) serve a two year term (May 2006 – 2008), after which time they will both step down from the Executive Committee. For the following year (May 2008 – 9), they will act in an advisory capacity to support the new president and vice president. After May 2007, all officers will each serve for one year only, with the president-elect and vice president-elect becoming president and vice president respectively one year after their election. Other than the officers serving as the inaugural president and vice-president (2006-8) no person shall hold either the presidency or vice-presidency for two consecutive years.

### 4.1 The President

Early in 2007, in advance of the elections for vice president-elect (see 4.2 below), the executive council will start the process of selecting the new president-elect. As the president will be expected to promote qualitative research at an international level, the executive council will invite the membership of IAQI via email, to put forward the names of candidates for the office of president-elect to the secretary treasurer with a brief summary of their qualifications. These candidates can be (1) senior distinguished scholars and leaders, or potential leaders, in their field of qualitative inquiry, and/or (2) have demonstrated their energy, vision and commitment to the aims of the IAQI to enable them to lead and further develop the association during their presidency. Executive council members will be able to put forward nominations for the post of president-elect. As the aim of the IAQI is to be truly international, it is hoped that this system will enable

the executive council to appoint from an international field of qualitative researchers. However, at no time should the appointed president-elect be from the same country as the vice president-elect.

After a period of consideration by the serving executives, the Executive Council will draw up a ranked shortlist of candidates, informed by (1) a consideration of the skills and qualities of each of the candidates, including the (2) national region they represent, (3) gender, and (4) research interests, with the aim of promoting the principles of diversity and equality at all times. A representative of the Executive Council will approach the first candidate to invite them to consider taking on the role of president-elect for the period of one year, and the role of president for a further year. If this candidate declines, or is unable to undertake the presidency, then the next most suitable candidate will be approached, and so on.

The selected president-elect will be ratified through a simple majority vote by the membership via an online voting system administered by the election officer, and announced at the annual meeting of the IAQI at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in May 2007.

[\*\*Note: Rational for president election procedure: (1) To ensure the office of president does not succumb to a populist vote, which, in the opinion of the Constitutional Committee, would almost certainly favor a reproduction of existing global hegemonies. (2) To ensure the office of president retains the administrative capacity in terms of actual office resources to fulfill the needs of the IAQI membership on a global scale. This note will NOT appear in the official document to be voted on]

#### 4.2 The Vice President

In the first half of 2007 prior to the annual general meeting, the elections will be held for the office of vice president-elect of the association, and then afterwards on an annual basis.

a. The Secretary/Treasurer will email IAQI members (1) a register of current members, and (2) a call for nominations for the office of vice president elect. This IAQI email shall also clearly specify the names of those members who are ineligible for re-election, i.e. those who have already held these positions, and

people from the same country as the newly appointed president-elect.

b. Each member choosing to participate in the election shall do so by submitting by email the name of one person, and only one person, for the office of vice president elect. This can include self-nominations. The member shall then email their selection to the Election Officer of IAQI by the date specified. Late submissions cannot be considered.

c. The Election Officer shall compile the names cast for each office, with regard to the association's principles of ethnic and gender diversity, and the number of nominations for each candidate, and produce a shortlist.

d. The Election Officer shall contact short-listed nominees by telephone or by email to ascertain their consent to serve in the office if they are selected.

e. All consenting short-listed nominees will have their names placed on separate slips of paper and the slips will be placed in an opaque container suitable for conducting a "blind draw."

f. The Election Officer will then draw a name for the office of vice president elect, and that person will be an officer of the IAQI and serve on the Executive Council, assuming their responsibilities as members of the Executive Council at the time of the IAQI annual meeting following their selection. They will serve in this capacity for one year and will assume the office of vice president at the next Annual Meeting in the following year.

#### 4.3 Secretary/ Treasurer and Managing Editor

From 2006 the secretary/ treasurer and managing editor will be appointed by the Directorate of the Constitutional Committee (acting for the Executive Council) and will be invited to serve initially for three years, with the option of continuing to act in these positions for a further three years if this is agreed by the Executive Council, and then ratified by the IAQI membership. If, after the initial term of three years, or at any time, the secretary/ Treasurer or Managing Editor decide that they wish to step down from these positions, the Executive Council will be asked to appoint their successors for a three year term, and this decision will be ratified by members of the IAQI.

4.4. Representatives of the IAQI Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee will be asked to nominate two representatives to serve on the executive committee for three years. At the end of their term, another representative will be nominated and so on.

# Preliminary Agenda - IAQI General Membership Meeting

**Time: Saturday May 6, 5:30-6:45pm**

5:30-5:35	5 min	Chair	Call to order, approval of agenda, introduction of speakers
5:35-5:45	10 min	Denzin	Opening Remarks, report from the president, overview of progress
5:45-6:15	5 min	Sugrue	Constitutional overview
	5 min	Bloom,	Report from Advisory Committee
	5 min	Kumar Robinson	VP report
	15 min	Floor	Discussion of constitution, amendments to document
6:15-6:25	10 min	Chair	Vote by show of hands
6:25-6:30	5 min	Bloom,	Overview of Caucus Groups
6:30-6:35	5 min	Kumar Salvo	Report from managing editor, future initiatives
6:35-6:43	8 min	Denzin	Concluding remarks, declaration of end of conference
6:43-6:45	2 min	Chair	Directions to dinner, Adjournment of meeting

\*\*Brief (1 short paragraph only please!) suggestions for agenda items can be sent to [iaqi@c4qi.org](mailto:iaqi@c4qi.org) until April 24, 2006.

## Journals

### Qualitative Inquiry

Editors: Norman K. Denzin and Yvonna Lincoln

#### Call for Papers:

Special Issue on Technology and Ethnography: Technology for a Digital World

Guest Editor: Grant Kien

Submission Deadline: September 15, 2006

Microsoft, Intel, Pitney Bowes, IBM, Xerox... Numerous companies have begun to employ ethnography as an important component in their research. Has ethnography as a techno-methodology come of age in the context of globalization and hi-tech communications?

Qualitative Inquiry invites submissions of articles for a forthcoming thematic issue focusing on ethnographic approaches to the study of technology. This is a call for papers that explore methods and works that investigate technology through ethnography. While technology may be variously defined at any given moment, submissions should emphasize ways of understanding how technologies are "created, apprehended and used" in everyday life (Carey, 1989). Moving beyond mere enumeration of fetishized objects and fetishizing practices, I suggest that a neo-technographic approach should seek to show how technology is experienced and participates in everyday life experiences. That is, neo-technography should produce texts that show rather than tell, that bury the theory rather than lecture, and that provide significant and precious moments in time rather than steal them from us.

While all ethnographic methods are invited, a special encouragement is given to experimental and innovative work that endeavors to push the frontiers of ethnography in the realm of technological research, and/or make the subject of technology more present in ethnography as a disciplined approach to inquiry.

Some questions papers might address include (but are not limited to):

- Is technology a force of good and/or evil in our lives?
- What constitutes everyday experience with technology?
- What roles do culture, tradition and identity play in the success or failure of new technologies?

- Are technologies racist? Sexist? Ableist? Ageist? Othering? If so, how are these everyday discriminations enacted and experienced? How then do we transcend our technologies?

- If we have 'relationships' with, through, or even in spite of technological devices, what feelings are evoked and how? Do we love it? Hate it? Feel nostalgia or indifference?

- How and under what circumstances are interpersonal relationships maintained, inspired by, interrupted, and/or irrelevant to technological experiences?

- How does a researcher ethically, adequately and usefully demonstrate and document what might otherwise be taken as idiosyncratic everyday or mundane technological experiences?

- How are the 'digital divide' and other socio-political/economic technological constructs experienced?

- How does the networked nature of contemporary technology manifest as everyday experience? What is network in the popular imaginary?

- What questions are we missing or overlooking in ethnographic explorations of technology?

Please contact the special issue editor by email if you have any questions or are planning to submit an article.

Manuscripts should conform to the formatting standard of the QI Manuscript Submission Guidelines (available at <http://www.sagepub.com/journalManuscript.aspx?pid=54>). Please send both hard copies as per the instructions below.

Additionally, please submit your manuscript electronically as an email attachment to [gkcollectif@yahoo.com](mailto:gkcollectif@yahoo.com), preferably in Microsoft Word or rich text format.

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## Publications

Call for Papers for Summer 2006

Medical Sociology online

A free access publication of the British Sociological Association

The objective of Medical Sociology online (MSO) is to publish high quality articles in the broad area of medical sociology based on original research using qualitative and/ or quantitative methods. As a publication of the BSA Medical Sociology Group, MSO has a special interest in promoting the work of all sections of the academic community, including postgraduates and first time authors as well as people who have achieved eminence in their field. MSO encourages and welcomes the submission of articles or commentary pieces on research methodology, ethical issues in research, and the teaching and learning of medical sociology.

Medical Sociology online is now seeking articles for the summer and autumn issues for 2006.

Articles should be up to 6000 words, and submissions will be refereed anonymously by at least two referees. Authors are encouraged to submit by email. Please access the website [www. BritSoc.org.uk/](http://www.BritSoc.org.uk/) for full submission details, or email the editors on [MSoEds@liv.ac.uk](mailto:MSoEds@liv.ac.uk).

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## Conferences

Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender  
29th Annual Meeting  
Call for Papers and Panels  
“Mind, Body, and Spirit”  
Hosted by Saint Louis University  
October 12 -15, 2006  
www.osclg.org

The Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender (OSCLG) provides a forum for professional discussion, presentation of research, and demonstration of creative projects in the areas of communication, language and gender. OSCLG promotes recognition of those doing work in this area. Members of OSCLG believe that interaction across a wide spectrum of disciplines fosters more insightful discussion of the issues of language, gender and communication. OSCLG seeks contributions from teachers, consultants and practitioners as well as researchers.

The theme for the 29th conference is “Mind, Body, and Spirit.” Since Descartes separated the mind and body with his famous quote, “I think, therefore, I am,” the defining of the domain and relation of the mind, body and spirit has had important political, academic, and social consequences. For example, 1) current debates about potential biological differences between genders or sexual orientation raise issues that have consequences for our social and individual identities or spirit; 2) media presents the body as a gendered and political site in both news and entertainment venues; and, 3) organizational life encompasses not just the activities of the mind, but also the body and spirit with workplace health clubs and retreats. The 29th conference invites participants to explore these issues, in any combination, at the intrapersonal, interpersonal, local, regional, national, and global levels.

Individuals are invited to contribute in several ways. We invite you to submit extended abstracts for papers either on the conference topic or any aspect of communication, language and gender. In addition, we welcome proposals for panel presentations, round table discussions, or creative sessions (see back for specific details). Finally, we will offer you the opportunity to enhance and renew your own minds, bodies, and spirits not only through intellectual discussion, but also through (wo)mentoring, yoga, massage, and reflection.

Please submit your work electronically by June 1, 2006 to:

Deborah Ballard-Reisch dballard@unr.edu  
Questions??? Call (775) 851-4188

Information Regarding Submissions - Please submit your work electronically by June 1, 2006 to Deborah Ballard-Reisch at dballard@unr.edu If you have questions, please call (775) 851-4188.

### Panel Proposals

- Title of panel and one-two paragraph rationale that explains the purpose of the panel.
- Panel chair’s name and contact information (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email). For example, Deborah Ballard-Reisch, University of Nevada Reno, (775) 851-4188, dballard@unr.edu
- Names and contact information of each panelist (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email).
- One paragraph description of each panelist’s topic.

### Round Table Discussion Proposals

- Title of round table discussion, topic of discussion, and one-two paragraph rationale that explains the purpose of the discussion.
- Discussion leader’s name and contact information (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email). For example, Deborah Ballard-Reisch, University of Nevada Reno, (775) 851-4188, dballard@unr.edu
- If relevant, a list of invited participants (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email).

### Papers

- On the first page, please indicate the title of your paper, your name, and contact information (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email). For example, Deborah Ballard-Reisch, University of Nevada Reno, (775) 851-4188, dballard@unr.edu
- Submit extended abstract (approximately 500-750 words).
- Individual papers will be grouped into panels with other papers of like topics. Participants typically have 12 – 15 minutes to present their papers.

Information Regarding Registration - For questions

regarding conference registration and events, please contact Paaige K. Turner, Saint Louis University, turnerp@slu.edu (314) 977-3193.

Registration will be available on-line after June 1st at [www.osclg.org](http://www.osclg.org). Participants will be able to reserve their rooms, register for the conferences and schedule activities directly through this website. Registration fees are anticipated to run between \$85 - \$100 per attendee with a discounted rate for students. Room rates at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis-Clayton will run approximately \$109 plus tax for a double with a discounted rate of \$79 for students.

American Airlines is offering a 5% discount for round-trip travel to St. Louis from Oct. 9-18, 2006 for OSCLG members. Book travel on their website [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) and enter the STARfile authorization number "A69H6AA" to receive your discount.

[www.osclg.org](http://www.osclg.org)

## Misc. Announcements

The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction invites applications for the position of editor of *Symbolic Interaction*—a four year term beginning January 1, 2007. Applicants should submit a letter of intent that specifies qualifications, curriculum vita (with reference contacts), a proposed editorial staff, a statement of expected institutional support, and a statement of editorial philosophy. Send application materials by April 14, 2006 to: Dennis D. Waskul, Chair—SSSI Publications Committee, Minnesota State University—Mankato, Department of Sociology and Corrections, 113 Armstrong Hall, Mankato, MN 56001. Direct all inquiries to Dennis Waskul at 507-389-5673 or [dennis.waskul@mnsu.edu](mailto:dennis.waskul@mnsu.edu)

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