

Overview of 2009 Conference Activities
November 3-7, 2009
Portsmouth, VA

Tuesday, November 3	Executive Committee Meeting Reception for Incoming and Current Board of Directors (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 4	Meeting of Board of Directors, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Pre-convention Workshop – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Preregistration required) **Pre-convention Tour—1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Preregistration required) Conference Registration Begins – 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 5	Convention officially begins with Keynote Address at 8:00 a.m. Outstanding Teacher/Researcher Plenary Address at 1:00 p.m. Concurrent sessions
Friday, November 6	Conference Sessions continue Convention luncheon—12:00-1:45 p.m.
Saturday, November 7	Conference sessions continue until noon ***Post convention tour to Colonial Williamsburg, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. (Preregistration required)

***Pre-Convention Workshop:**

ONLINE BUSINESS COMMUNICATION COURSES: PEDAGOGY FOR THE ELECTRONIC DELIVERY SYSTEM

This four hour workshop is designed for all business communication faculty wishing a greater understanding of online business communication courses. It is appropriate for those who have never taught an online class and are interested in how business communication can be offered online, for those who have just started teaching online courses, and for experienced online business communication teachers who are looking for new ideas, tips, and hints.

The workshop will be divided into four sections as follows:

Section 1 - Translating a traditional business communication class into an online course.

Section 2 - Communicating with students when you are not in a face-to-face setting

Section 3 - Working with virtual teams in an online environment.

Section 4 - Grading student papers and evaluating work

FORMAT: Each section will be about 50-55 minutes in length. Multiple presenters will be used with one person serving as the overall workshop coordinator. In each section, participants will have an opportunity for interaction and sharing of ideas as well as viewing presentations focused on the selected topics.

****Pre-Convention Tour: Walking Tour of Old Towne Portsmouth**

Join a costumed narrator for a 90-minute stroll through the cobblestone streets of Historic Olde Towne Portsmouth. View one of the most extensive collections of historic homes on the Eastern Seaboard, as well as hear tales of early American life.

*****Post-Convention Tour:**

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG W/ ADMISSION TICKET

- Depart via motor coach with your tour guide for the charming town of Williamsburg. Your guide will provide interesting and informative narration during your ride about the historic Virginia Peninsula and the Hampton Roads area.
- Once you arrive in Williamsburg, you will step back into the 18th century while strolling through the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Your historical interpreter will guide you through the past and the events that helped shape America's history as you enjoy a leisurely orientation tour through the restored area of this lovely colonial capital city.
- Spend the afternoon touring this living museum, with admission ticket providing entry into the many exhibition buildings, including the Capitol and the Governor's Palace. Tour historic homes, public buildings and 18th century craft shops where costumed hosts recreate the sights and sounds of America 200 years ago.
- Enjoy free time to shop and browse in the many unique specialty shops in Merchants Square. High quality apparel, gifts, jewelry, unusual quilts, beautiful furniture and Christmas decorations are but a few of the offerings found in this quaint, picturesque shopping area.
- Stop for a mid afternoon snack or refreshing beverage in one of the many restaurants in Merchants Square. Your tour guide will point out all of the dining options as you pass through town.