

Minutes of January 30th, 2009

SIGCSE Board Conference Call Meeting

Participants are Doug Baldwin, Wanda Dann, John Impagliazzo, Dan Joyce, Renée McCauley, Barbara Boucher Owens (chair), Ingrid Russell, Henry Walker, Alison Young and Ginger Ignatoff (ACM SIG Activities Program Director).

- These minutes were approved by a formal in-person vote on March 4, 2009.
- The minutes of the conference call meeting of December 5, 2008, which had been distributed in early December and amended in mid December, were accepted, and will be posted on the SIGCSE web site at sigcse.org.
Action: Dan
- Chair's Report by Barbara Owens:
 - Joe Turner is retiring from his role as ACM, SIGCSE-funded representative to IFIP. We thank Joe for his years of service. The Board does not intend, at this time, to fill the vacated position.
 - Barb submitted the list of SIGCSE member benefits to ACM as planned. There were no changes to the benefits list from the previous year. Next year there will be changes to reflect the new publications arrangements.
 - Barb requested support to attend the CSTA (Computer Science Teachers Association) conference (CSIT09, June 27, 2009 in Washington, D.C.) and board meeting. We agreed to provide support.
 - This year's deadline for applying to become a Senior ACM member is February 28. All Board members are encouraged to apply.
 - Jan Cuny is in the "talking stage" of proposing a new ACM SIG for Broadening Participation in Computing.
 - Scott Grissom continues to work on migrating the SIGCSE web site to a plone-based site hosted by ACM. We thank Scott for his generous contribution of time.
 - Barb, Henry, Ingrid, John, Alison, and Wanda all attended the recent Rebooting Computing Summit held in Silicon Valley.
- John requested and received permission from the board to move forward with the plans for upgrading inroads to magazine status. He will rewrite the proposal as agreed previously, keeping the six associate editors but moving the set of assistant editors to advisory board status. Plans are to roll out the new magazine on January 1st, 2010 and to celebrate the move at SIGCSE 2010. It was noted that a reduced version of the Bulletin continue as an on-line newsletter.

Action: John

- Renee and Dan reported that the previously discussed small set of changes to the "Volunteer Travel Policy" had been made and the policy has been sent to Scott for inclusion in the new web site. Once that site is deployed and made public Renee and Dan should verify that the policy is correctly posted.
Action: Renee and Dan
- We considered the proposed Conference Committee Travel Guidelines Policy created by the subcommittee of Renee, Ingrid, and Dan. After some helpful discussion we agreed to send the policy back to committee for some revisions and hope to revisit this policy at our face-to-face meeting in March.
Action: Renee, Ingrid, and Dan
- Several requests for reduced or one-day conference fees have recently been received. Reasons for the requests are varied - attendees from developing countries, retired attendees, limited travel opportunity, etc. Barb will inform the chairs of SIGCSE 2009 that it is too late to introduce such fees for this year. A subcommittee consisting of Doug and Alison will consider this matter and craft a proposal to address the various issues. Henry will be available to advise this committee, as needed.
Action: Barb
Action: Doug, Alison, Henry
- Renee has a Project Summary ready for a grant proposal for travel support for our Doctoral Consortium. She will not proceed any further with the grant writing until she determines a viable "place" to submit. Several suggestions were made and Ginger agreed to help Renee determine one or more promising avenues to pursue.
Action: Renee and Ginger
- We discussed the posting of links to other conferences from SIGCSE conference websites. We decided to allow conference committees to use their own best judgment on which conferences to link to. Our conference leadership can be trusted to link only to appropriate conferences.
- We agreed that no changes should be made to SIGCSE exhibit fees.
- Ginger reported on the on-going saga of our By-Law change initiative. Since you last tuned in somebody at ACM decided they wanted some of the language in the new proposal changed. Ginger and Barb and a few others worked quickly getting the language and formatting changed. We approved the new version and the proposed cover letter to be sent to membership. The current plan is to send this out to the membership for approval on February 20th, with a deadline of March 20 for members to vote. This allows us to remind membership of the importance of voting during the SIGCSE conference.
Action: Barb and Ginger
- The SIGCSE 2009 conference committee tried a relaxed approach to the authorship hiding of submitted papers, on a volunteer basis. This change has generated a great deal of interesting discussion among the membership. This discussion should continue, and we should continue to monitor it, at the upcoming 09 Symposium.

- John pointed out that FIE is investing time and effort in upgrading and promoting its education conference and is advertising itself as the premier computer science education conference.
- John reported on evolving plans to celebrate SIGCSE's 40th birthday at the upcoming Symposium.
- Ingrid reported that ITICSE 2009 had 205 papers submitted.
- Alison and John reported on the most recent ACM Ed Council meeting. Alison had previously submitted her meeting "diary" which was very informative and appreciated by all. There was discussion of the possibility of creating SIGCSE chapters in China.

End of Minutes, January 30, 2009 SIGCSE Board Conference Call - Dan Joyce - Secretary