

SIGCSE Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2011

Phone Call Meeting

Participants are Doug Baldwin, Ginger Ignatoff (ACM), Dan Joyce, Renée McCauley(chair), Barbara Boucher Owens, Susan Rodger, Tiffany Barnes, Amber Settle, Mark Guzdial, and Z Sweedyk. Those who were not able to attend include John Impagliazzo and Henry Walker.

Renee called the meeting to order at 2pm. Doug Baldwin joined late.

- Mark reported that an ICER meeting for possible ICER leaders was held at the SIGCSE Symposium 2011. They talked about the logistics and issues of running an ICER conference.
- We discussed the Doctoral Consortium (DC) issues such as its drop in numbers and how to get ICER to grow.
 - One possibility for growth for the DC is to match the DC with another conference. It was noted that ICER is unlikely to grow as large as ITiCSE. The SIGCSE Symposium could do more to attract people into CS Education Research. The DC could use a publication. With no publication there is no record of people participating in the DC. Participants should submit a 2-4 page paper that goes out with the conference publication and into the Digital Library. This proceedings would need a name.
 - The SIGCSE Symposium is planning a new mentoring workshop for new faculty/soon to be faculty that the CRA is organizing and funding. Andy Bernat at CRA was interested in funding this and it would start at SIGCSE Symposium 2012.
 - Will the DC stay with ICER? For now, yes, but there needs to be some similar role at the SIGCSE Symposium for those who want to do computing education research. It was agreed that there are not that many sessions at the SIGCSE Symposium on computer science education research.
 - It was suggested someone could do a special projects workshop at SIGCSE to bring in speakers to run a workshop on this topic.
- Next topic is the European conference on Informatics Education. Andrew McGettrick suggested SIGCSE should know about it and participate in some way. One possibility is a SIGCSE European chapter. Should there be a new conference or should it be with ITiCSE, even though ITiCSE is not always in Europe? Probably they would want to have their own conference. Note that the Australasian chapter does have its own conference.

Doug Baldwin joined in.

- It was noted that ITiCSE was created to be a non-U.S. conference, not necessarily a European conference, though it has been mostly held in Europe except last year in Turkey and in 2012 in Israel. It could be in other non-U.S. countries.

- If there was a European chapter, would there be a problem if they had a conference around the same time as ITICSE? If there is a large SIGCSE chapter, should there be representatives on the board? Should there be a North American chapter?
- What is the next step? The Chapter subcommittee should think about issues and meet with Andrew and others. This is a bigger issue as it may involve restructuring the board, so Renee should also be involved in the discussion. We should be thinking about how to get non-U.S. people on the board anyway. Changing the bylaws is expensive and hard. The publications people are not on the board, but are serving because we think it is important they are non-voting. We can have other non-voting people attend the board meeting.
- We could decide that chapters of a certain size can have a non-voting member attend the board until we figure this out. It may not be a chapter, but someone involved in SIGCSE. We should think about the cost of this. It costs about \$3K to bring someone outside the U.S. to a meeting. But will large chapters increase revenue?
ACTION: Renée and Chapter subcommittee: Barbara and Amber
- The Fall meeting will be Oct 15 in Charlotte. Tiffany will host the meeting. Barbara mentioned the Ed Council meeting will be before that.
ACTION: Tiffany
- Dan and Brianna will represent SIGCSE at the PKAL meeting in May. Renée will have a phone call with them.
ACTION: Renée
- Mark, Henry and Barbara wrote a paper about a year ago about CS education. Henry has agreed to do the editing. It is a PKAL paper to represent SIGCSE computer science education. Barbara will send it out again. This will go on the website, a collection of discipline papers.
ACTION: Barbara, Henry
- Best Paper Awards are formalized through ACM. They need to have an honorarium, but that can be \$0. Mark will find out the ACM best paper info and policy, and come up with a policy draft for SIGCSE.

Dan Joyce dropped off the call.

- Ginger noted that there needs to be a written selection process and we need to check with the program chairs. All conferences may be different. Each conference needs to understand that this process needs to be written down. Mark said we need to come up with a written standard that is passed on to the next conference committee.
- Ginger said that you have to tell the ACM awards committee what the process is for a best paper award. The details of how that best paper is chosen must be written out and submitted to ACM.

- Mark said he got recommendations on what they are looking for the best papers from Ginger. Renée said she would send Mark some information that might be of interest.
 - ACTION: Mark, Renée
 - Mark posted Eric Roberts note about increasing enrollments on his blog site and it has been well looked at since.
 - Any update on ACM Inroads? Ginger said yes, but there is no timeline.
 - Renee said the Working Group reports from 2010 are ready to go out.
 - Doug said the budget is being updated to include the all conference CD for 2011.
 - Did ICER 2010 budget close? Ginger will check on this.
- ACTION: Ginger
- Barb wrote an article about authors for the ACM SIGCSE newsletter.

The meeting was called to an end at 3pm.

End of minutes, April 13, 2011, SIGCSE Board Phone Meeting.

Susan Rodger, Secretary