

# SIGCSE Board Meeting Minutes

## August 4, 2011

### Phone Call Meeting

Participants are Doug Baldwin, Ginger Ignatoff (ACM), Dan Joyce, Renée McCauley(chair), Barbara Boucher Owens, Susan Rodger, Amber Settle, Mark Guzdial, John Impagliazzo, and Z Sweedyk. Tiffany Barnes and Henry Walker were absent.

*Renée called the meeting to order at 2pm.*

#### **Budget Update, Doug**

- Doug gave an update on the budget indicating that SIGCSE is in good shape with a surplus for fiscal year 2011.
- John noted as ITICSE 2010 co-chair that he had to refund over a dozen refunds due to exceptional circumstances.
- Starting with the 2012 budget, the accounting of the Symposium will be moving to the following year. Thus for the 2012 budget, ICER 2011 and ITiCSE 2011 will be included in the budget but there will be no Symposium in the budget. The 2013 budget will include all three 2012 conferences.

#### **PKAL Update, Dan**

- Dan and Briana Morrison attended the PKAL meeting in May and thought it was worthwhile to attend. PKAL paid their expenses.
- The meeting consisted mostly of brain storming sessions to identify and discuss projects related to student learning about sustainability in STEM disciplines. After the meeting six projects were identified. Dan sent out a call to the SIGCSE listserv for volunteers for teams to help with these projects and identified five volunteers.
- The six projects and SIGCSE volunteers for the teams are:
  - 1) Developing a common language for use in society position papers and/or journal articles – Samuel Mann, Otago Polytechnic Te Kura Matatini ki Otago, New Zealand
  - 2) Gathering and disseminating resources on teaching sustainability - Leigh Ann Sudol-DeLyser, Carnegie Mellon University
  - 3) Implementing interdisciplinary, problem-based professional development workshops - Michael Goldweber, Xavier University
  - 4) Developing public policy recommendations - William E. J. Doane, Bennington College
  - 5) Conducting audience research
  - 6) Developing textbook content and improving publisher/author engagement - Robert Beck, Villanova University
- A Bulletin article should be written about this.

ACTION: DAN

### **Student Research Competition (SRC) at SIGCSE, Renée**

- There was a discussion about the SRC. It was noted that there were not many student participants this year. This contest happens at several conferences and the winners submit papers for a final competition and are invited to the ACM Awards banquet.
- There was a discussion about the fact the competition is open only for single student submissions and not a team of students. Many projects involve teams of students. These are ACM rules and it is not clear they can be changed.
- We need to advertise this more. We should talk with Ann Sobel and possibly find someone to work with her.  
ACTION: Susan and Doug. Also Ginger will get more info on this from ACM.

### **Status of dialogue on SIGCSE cooperation with IEE - European informatics education conference, Renée**

- The status is Renée, Barbara and Amber have met about this and talked with Andrew McGettrick. They are waiting to hear back from him.  
ACTION: Renée, Barbara and Amber will report at next meeting.

### **Should SIGCSE group on LinkedIn be open?, Barbara**

- Barb started a SIGCSE group on LinkedIn and she approves members. The traffic has increased dramatically. We decided she should open the group so that anyone can join.  
ACTION: Barbara

### **Update of the SIGCSE logo, Amber**

- There was a discussion of the immediate need for a quality, high resolution image of the SIGCSE logo.  
ACTION: John will get this
- Amber and Tiffany were looking into redesigning the SIGCSE logo. There was a discussion of whether or not we should redesign the SIGCSE logo, and if so we should involve the membership. There was some concern about whether a new radical design is a good idea. Tiffany is not at this meeting, so this is put on hold until the next meeting.  
ACTION: Need more info from Tiffany

### **Other items**

- John gave an update on the ACM Inroads website. It is moving forward. ACM is absorbing the cost. There is a temporary site, but it is not ready to look at yet.
- SIG officers orientation is on September 22. There will be a general ACM orientation, information about the different organizations in ACM and meet with staff people.  
ACTION: Doug and Renée will attend.
- ITiCSE 2012 conference in Israel. Some SIGCSE members have noted that Israel will not give visas to people from some countries and thus they will not be able to attend this conference due to its location.  
ACTION: Renée, Doug, Barbara and John will investigate and craft a response.

- Mark mentioned that Steve Wolfman with others has written an article for CACM about teaching-oriented faculty at research universities.  
Action: Mark will send the draft out.
- Doug mentioned that that are getting lots of submissions for the August round of SIGCSE Special Projects.
- Barbara talked about the history of SIGCSE Board members that she has collected that should eventually be listed on the SIGCSE web pages.  
ACTION: Barbara will send out.
- What is our membership? ACM is pushing membership, especially in India. Should we be focusing on recruitment for SIGCSE?  
ACTION: Doug and Susan, the membership committee, will look into this.  
ACTION: Ginger will send out membership number
- The minutes for the April Board meeting were approved earlier by email.

*The meeting was called to an end at 3:35pm.*

**End of minutes August 4, 2011, SIGCSE Board Phone Meeting.**

**Susan Rodger, Secretary**