

# SIGCSE Board 2022-2025

**Meeting Date: October 18th 2022 & October 19th 2022**  
**Meeting Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm & 9:00am - 1:00pm ET USA**

## **Location:**

ACM Headquarters  
1601 Broadway  
New York City  
NY 10018

## **Attendees:**

Alison Clear, Chair  
Brett A. Becker, Vice Chair  
Jill Denner, Treasurer  
Dan Garcia, Secretary  
Rodrigo Duran, At Large Member  
Yolanda A. Rankin, At Large Member  
Judy Sheard, At Large Member  
Adrienne Decker, Past Chair

## **Minutes**

### **Approval of Minutes**

- 2022-08-16
- 2022-09-20

### **All Conference Business**

#### **Action/Discussion Items**

- There has been a suggestion to create a completely virtual SIGCSE sponsored conference – should this be done? The idea is to address issues of access due to financial, climate change, or other concerns. Will the hybrid aspect of SIGCSE conferences continue?
- Discussion
  - What is the decision process if a conference wants to change its format?
    - The conference steering committee (SC) makes a request with rationale, and the Board approves or denies it
    - Each conference is different, so this autonomy is left to the SCs who are left to express their vision
  - Decisions will be driven by a few elements

- What does our overall conference portfolio look like and who is it serving (and not serving)?
- How do we serve the “global forum” of educators and practitioners, many of whom might not be able to afford F2F conferences?

## Technical Symposium Business (Liaison: Adrienne Decker)

### Informational Items

Steering Committee news:

- Membership: Michelle Craig (chair), Alvaro Monge, Steve Wolfman, Sarah Heckman
- Last met: 10/17/22
- Board discussed issues and concerns that were brought to their attention
- TS-23 reported Round 2 submission data (below). ~75% of predeclared submission modality was in-person. ~85% of accepted papers from Round 1 plan to be in-person.
- Posters will have APCs (associate program chairs) from Round 1 acting as meta-reviewers (but not doing formal meta-reviews) for the posters track because of the volume. They are being asked to look at reviews and shepherd discussion to help the track chairs. This track was large before, but now it is very large. For historical reference, about 7 years ago, there were ~300 total paper submissions to the symposium, so our posters track is very close to the size the papers track was less than a decade ago.

	2023	2022	% change
ACM SRC	37	18	106%
BOF	53	54	-2%
Demos	31	31	0%
LT	45	31	45%
Nifty	34	22	55%
Posters	229	155	48%

- This is a 50% increase for many tracks, and reviewers stepped up

### Action Items

- Discussion
  - Discussion of removing systems and structures inhibiting diversity of leadership
  - There are many, many layers where new members can come in

- Need to describe the roles very clearly (ask current chairs to help)
- TS SC (Technical Symposium Steering Committee) would like to hold a brainstorming and community feedback session at the TS. The suggestion was to have this directly after the business meeting on Friday (in the same room), essentially transition from one to the other without much upheaval. The SC would like the Board to weigh in on this idea.
  - Board approves, need to find skilled facilitator
- Kids Camp going ahead in 2023, discussion for future 2024, 2025
  - Will ask “would you be able to come without this?” in future evaluation

## ITiCSE Business (Liaison: Brett Becker)

### Informational Items

- Steering Committee news:
  - Last met: (Oct 10 2022)
    - 240 in person for ITiCSE 2022, (2019 was the previous record @ 276), + 130 online
    - Challenges for some people to get there, different countries had different restrictions – only had one person with COVID who arrived at Dublin but stayed in the hotel (and only one report after the conference of COVID)
    - No 2023 approvals required at the moment. Committee mostly in place, some non-approval positions to place
  - Announcements:
    - ITiCSE SC Position Paper on Hybrid Conferences
      - ITiCSE-SC on hybrid conferences.pdf
    - Turku would like to be in-person only, July 2023
      - After lengthy discussion, motion approved
      - Board will be actively exploring addition of a new, online-only conference
    - Turku is considering not using Cvent

## ICER Business (Liaison: Judy Sheard)

Steering committee: Quintin Cutts (chair), Claudia Szabo (secretary), Mark Guzdial, Brian Dorn, Judy Sheard (Board Liaison)

### Informational Items

ICER will be in Chicago in 2023:

- Conference August 8-10 (Tue-Thurs) in Chicago, IL, USA
- DC (doctoral consortium) and WIP (works in progress), August 7 (Monday)
- Planning on hybrid for conference - under discussion.
  - Thinking of a low-cost hybrid option.
- Planning on in-person for DC
- Discussion of aligning ITICSE DC and ICER DC

Attendees were surveyed at the end of the 2022 conference and the results were discussed.

Some of the results were:

- ~95% of first timers had a good experience
- ~50% liked hybrid
- Surveyors used dynamic question model
  - you submit your questions and folks answer them live
- The 2023 Program Chairs are considering introducing a *response period* with reviewing (authors get a chance to respond to reviews), but that extends the timeline.

## CompEd Business (Liaison: Dan Garcia)

### Informational Items

- Steering Committee news:
  - Last met: 2022-09-05
  - Announcements:
    - “We considered several alternative dates and finally came up with December 7-9 (Thu-Sat) 2023 as the dates for CompEd 2023. It will be held in physical mode only (streaming proceedings if necessary for those unable to attend). The Indian COMPUTE 2023 conference is proposed to be held at the adjacent University of Hyderabad campus either just preceding or just following COMPED.”
    - For CompEd 2025, there is interest from 5 locations

### Action/Discussion Items

- We plan on meeting close to Dec 1, and provided all is still "a go", we will make the announcement on Dec 1(ish).
- Need to have call for Alison's position, with an eye to SC composition

## Treasurer's Report

- We are still fiscally sound, even though Fiscal Year 2022 saw a loss of \$304,280 (mostly from the TS), we still have a fund balance of \$1,186,485

## Additional Committees/Outside Collaborations Business

- Special Projects
  - Yolanda has had a handover with Laurie Murphy (previous Special Projects chair)
  - Yolanda is following up with projects whose reports are due or overdue
  - Notice for next round is going out this week
- SIGCSE Chapters, Rodrigo Board member liaison
  - How many are there?
    - 7 on the website
  - <https://sigcse.org/programs/local-chapters/index.html>
  - Alison will ask ACM representative for yearly reports
  - ACM chapter rules <https://www.acm.org/chapters>
- SIGCSE Committee on Computing Education in Liberal Arts Colleges
  - Seeking funding (and sponsors)
    - Exploring creation of a sub committee (Adrienne to report back)
      - Discussion of financial benefits and risks
  - Proposal
    - They can become a subcommittee for one year
    - Approved, sunsets 2023-10-15
- Travel Grants
  - Yolanda will send out notice to member list-serv, Dec 1 deadline
- Chairs Roundtable/New Educators Workshop
  - 2023 Chairs Roundtable
    - Krishmendu Roy is co-lead, with Cynthia Lester (from Georgia State)
    - They want it to be F2F
  - 2024 New Educators co-leads are set
  - How do we appoint?
    - Board puts out a call
  - TODO: Need to set up call for 2025 chairs

## Awards

- Vice Chair presented candidates; discussion and selection:
  - The **2023 SIGCSE Award for Outstanding Contribution to Computer Science Education** has been awarded to [Susan Rodger](#), Professor, Department of Computer Science, Duke University, USA.
  - The **2023 SIGCSE Award for Lifetime Service to the Computer Science Education Community** has been awarded to [Renée McCauley](#), Professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Charleston, USA.
- There were no Test of Time (ToT) nominations, so the award will not be given this year.
  - What should we do here?
    - Reminder: Board cannot solicit nominations directly

- Floated idea of Nominations Committee, no formal proposal made
  - Identifies papers to be chosen and gets it to happen
  - How do we create a space for papers to be recognized?
  - What are the seminal works?
  - The committee could share a short list to the community
- **TODO: Need to continue to discuss the process for the future**

## Discussion on DEI and the SIGCSE way forward

### Background

There have been several concerns raised by members, including the Papaya Project letter to the community <https://the-papaya-project.github.io/letter>

As well as issues raised by Nicki Washington about recent conference reviews and the community as a whole:

<https://medium.com/@nickiashington/when-are-we-gonna-have-a-serious-conversation-about-how-unserious-and-problematic-sigcse-is-839c4f28cc1b>

Board letter to members 10.7.22: “The SIGCSE Board is taking these matters very seriously and are working on specific next steps and a timeline for addressing them. We are committed to developing ways forward to ensure the safety and respect of all members of the SIGCSE community.”

Another resource from our website that the Board is reviewing as we identify next steps:

<https://sigcse.org/about/news/2022-09-All-The-voices.html>

- After lengthy discussion of the issues, the board identified short-term and long-term goals
- Short term
  - Yolanda will serve as the SIGCSE Board liaison to the ACM DEI committee
  - We will prepare a statement to the community
  - We will create a suggestion box for submitting concerns to the Board
  - We will recommend creating the role of an Ombudsperson to create a welcoming space for sharing any concerns
  - We will recommend every conference have a DEI chair (or called “universal design chair”) ... name to be decided later. But first we will do the following:
    - Understand what is already happening, what resources and support they need from the board, what conferences are doing
    - Create a questionnaire that will help us do a “SWOT analysis” (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) for inclusion, accessibility, providing an environment free from discrimination
    - Ask all SCs to fill in the questionnaire to describe what the conferences are doing

- Commit to having a listening session at every conference that is welcoming and gets input, shares what has been done to address, etc. This will be a regular event and serve as a continual feedback loop.
- Provide a space for 1-on-1 feedback; explore logistics of a room set-aside at a conference
- Long term
  - We all commit to continually educating ourselves of the issues through reading lists, discussions, and listening sessions
  - Explore the creation of a new Virtual conference
    - Dan, Rodrigo, and Brett will lead, form an exploration committee, to deliver a proposal by SIGCSE TS 2023 to Board
  - Review of Reviewing of every track at every conference
    - Policies, numbers, training, problematic reviewers, etc.
    - Each SC will deliver a report to the board responding to our questions

## Next Meetings

- November 22nd/23rd 2022 (online)
- January 24th/25th 2023 (online)
- February 21st/22nd 2023 (online)
- March 15th 2023 all day (face2face)

These minutes were approved 2023-03-15