

SIGCSE Board 2022-2025

Meeting Date: March 15th 2023

Meeting Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Meeting Location: Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto ON, CANADA

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

- Minutes of Oct 2022 meeting approved
- Minutes of February 2023 meeting approved

Activity since the last meeting

- SIG Governing Board Meeting
 - ACM bylaws are being changed, and all SIGs are being asked to look at their bylaws to make sure they match ACM's
- [“After the Complaint, what should ACM disclose?”](#)
 - ACM soliciting input from its members about its “DRAFT 2. ACM Policy on Complaint Process Disclosure” document
- Discussion of allowing non-ACM computing education awards to present at our conferences
 - Resolution: take a look on a case-by-case basis
- Timothy Yuen approved for Junior Symposium Chair for Technical Symposium 2025
- 2023 Missouri-Iowa-Nebraska-Kansas Celebration of Women in Computing approved for SIGCSE in-cooperation status

DEIA Updates

- ACM Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council meeting today
- We will be holding SIGCSE Board “office hours” throughout the Technical Symposium to serve as chance for community to connect with us, ask questions, as well as bring feedback in a face-to-face manner
- Nothing in the Virtual Suggestion Box yet

SIGCSE Doctoral Consortia (DC)

- Discussion about DC at ITiCSE and ICER
 - How each conference handles DC is up to them, Board does not micro-manage
 - Will gather more data about how many were turned away from ITiCSE DC
 - Idea that SIGCSE Virtual could possibly have a virtual DC

SIGCSE Events demographics

- Our conferences, for the most part, do not collect *and keep* demographic data
- This has been for reasons of privacy, and/or they have not felt a need
- If we decide to collect, there has to be clear stated purpose, and how long it is kept
 - This is required for [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#) compliance

SIGCSE Office Hours

- Alison will let symposium chairs know our schedule and make sure it is announced in the opening remarks

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer presented an update and discussed with board

All Conference Business

- ITiCSE (Brett)
 - All go for Turku (huge music festival happening when working group folks are there)
 - Encouraging community to book now, since if they miss this window, they might not get a room in Turku in May
 - Secured 90 rooms at normal (discounted) rates
- Comp Ed (Dan)
 - Steering committee will be meeting on Thursday F2F (minus Ming)

Planning for Virtual Conference

- *Expression of Interest* draft document shared and edited, to be sent to SIGCSE-MEMBERS once finalized

Meeting with Conference Chairs

- Technical Symposium and Program chairs and CompEd chairs met with Board to share updates, highlights, and concerns
- The Board expresses their appreciation for their service, and wishes them great conferences

Awards

- SIGs may be asked to create awards committees for all awards
- Brett to put forth a proposal, as well as update conflict of interest policies

Travel Grants

- Approved Travel grants 2023, 39 applications, 7 accepted, 1 rollover from 2020
- Discussion of mechanism to recognize donors
- Motion to rename grant to “Henry Walker Travel Grant” approved

Meeting with dLPlan (the professional meeting planners hired to help with the TS)

- Many things going well, based on experience from the 2nd time doing hybrid
 - Attendees will hopefully have a great experience
- Not as smooth
 - Supporter numbers look like they’ll come in lower than last year
 - Virtual costs are significant for the number of people who signed up

Special Projects

- Selected 3 Special Project Grants
 - *AI-Generated Discipline-Specific Programming Problems for \$3K* (PI Carl Haynes-Magyar, Carnegie Mellon University)
 - *Computing+DEI = Multilingual Computing-Driven Class Material on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for \$4,560* (PI Mirella Moro, Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil)
 - *Let’s Play Ball: Understanding Neurodiversity and Accessibility for \$5K* (PI Devorah Kletenik, Brooklyn City University of New York)
- Status of final reports
 - 16 final reports submitted from May 2019 to May 2021
 - 3 outstanding final reports due from 2020 - 2021
 - Sending friendly reminders to 8 PIs who received Special Projects Grant from May 2021 to May 2022
- Propose revisions to the submission process
 - Need to revise the guidelines to make it easier for the committee to review submissions
 - Yolanda to suggest revisions and share with board, as well as connect with ACM Inroads to inquire about having reports published there

Reviewing reviewing project

- Discussion of issues that have been surfaced with reviewing
- Judy to lead “reviewing reviewing” project, will propose composition of panel to share with Board

Membership

- Discussion of models to double our membership
 - Reaching people who have never heard of us is a challenge
 - Concerns our annual fee too high for many countries
 - Perhaps reduce the digital (non-ACM) membership the way ACM reduces its fees (for developing countries)
 - SIGCSE Virtual one possible avenue to reach new members
- For further discussion
 - If “Computer Science” were “Computing”, would that be more welcoming?
 - Is our mission statement possibly exclusionary? What if you’re not an educator?

ACM Inroads

- Discussion of its history and current health
- Brett to talk to editors, make recommendations, and report back

Business meeting

- Discussion of the presentation set for Friday 17th March 2023, 17:10 - 18:00

Next meetings

- Zoom April 18th/19th
- Zoom May 16th/17th
- Face-to-Face in Berkeley CA Monday and Tuesday 23rd & 24th October

These minutes were approved 2023-04-18