

SIGCSE Board Business Meeting Minutes March 11, 2011

Renee called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

- Renée McCauley introduced the Board members and the editors of our publications.
- Renée then talked about SIGCSE publications. We will have a 4th conference publication each year, which will be the working group reports. To save costs, we will now send out one CD a year in December with all the conference publications on it (SIGCSE Symposium, ITiCSE, ICER, the ITiCSE working group reports, and the SIGCSE Bulletin).
- Henry Walker talked about the SIGCSE Bulletin and the transition it is going through. ACM has taken over ACM Inroads which is where the articles are being published. The Bulletin is now more of a newsletter. New to the Bulletin are announcements of interest to SIGCSE members.
- Curt White talked about the SIGCSE spotlight in the ACM Inroads June issues. He said that it will be a reflective piece about the symposium.
- Doug Baldwin gave an update on the budget for three years. 2010 the budget is closed, 2011 is the current year and 2012 is projected. SIGCSE took a loss of \$48,000 in 2010, probably a result of the economy. For 2011 we are predicting a loss of \$18,000. For 2012 we are predicting to break even. He also mentioned that we are moving the location of the SIGCSE symposium budget due to the time it takes to close it out, so SIGCSE 2012 should be in the 2013 budget. Thus, starting with 2012 on, the symposium will appear in the budget for the following year. Our fund balance is \$439,000 so we are in good shape. We had a surplus through 2008, but the last two years we had a loss.
- Doug talked about Special Projects. SIGCSE made one award this year for a Taulbee-like survey for undergrad institutions. The SIGCSE Board encourages special project proposals up to \$5K. One idea the board talked about was for scholarships for high school teachers to attend the SIGCSE Symposium. It would be nice if someone wanted to pilot such a program with special projects funds to get it started and then seek funding elsewhere to continue it. Other ideas are welcome. We review project ideas three times a year. The next time is in May.
- A question was asked about membership. Doug said that it is steady. 1954 members in 2010, which is down just a little bit.
- Amber Settle talked about the Speakers Fund. This is for bringing a speaker to an in-cooperation conference. We will pay up to \$1000 per speaker. We have approved one for a CCSC conference NE.
- Update on conferences. Tom Cortina and Ellen Walker gave an update on SIGCSE 2011. The latest registration is 1184. The conference is going well. The Sheraton has been great and they would recommend the venue to other conferences.
- There was a complaint about students not being able to go to the First Timers Luncheon. Ellen mentioned that she had board support on this decision. It was noted that the student volunteers have a pizza event.

- Liz Adams spoke about the ITiCSE conference. She is working group chair. They have three working groups and they are looking for working group members. One of the working groups needs some American and other European participants.
- Allison Young mentioned ICER will be in Providence, RI in August. It is a small conference on computing education research. Kate Sanders is running it.
- Dave Musicant and Laurie Smith King talked about SIGCSE 2012 in Raleigh. They have three hotels and one of them is a cheaper hotel option. It was expressed that we would get more student volunteers if we raised the student rate. There was a question asking if there would be an international track because other countries don't use the names of CS1 and CS2 and issues are different in other countries. The response was to talk to the program chairs, as they are in charge of the program.
- There was a comment about a question on the paper review form "is this relevant to SIGCSE?" Should you add a question of "would this appeal to an international audience?"
- Someone asked if it was easier to map papers to the ITiCSE categories than the Symposium categories. Turns out that they are the same.

The meeting was called to an end at 6:00pm.

End of minutes, March 11, 2011, SIGCSE Business Meeting.

Susan Rodger, Secretary