

Minutes of December 5th, 2008

SIGCSE Board Conference Call Meeting

Participants are Doug Baldwin, John Impagliazzo, Dan Joyce, Renée McCauley, Barbara Boucher Owens (chair), Ingrid Russell, Henry Walker, Alison Young and Ginger Ignatoff (ACM SIG Activities Program Director). Wanda Dann sent regrets because she was traveling and not able to call in.

- These minutes were approved by a formal in-person vote on March 4, 2009.
- Renee and Dan presented a "Volunteer Travel Policy" that they had created based on previous discussions with the Board. A few changes were agreed upon. The policy was then accepted and will be posted soon on the SIGCSE web site. This policy covers remuneration for all volunteer travel except for that directly related to running conferences.
Action: Renee and Dan
- During the discussion of the travel costs we decided that Barb should ask the SGB to revisit the funding of IFIP committees which it had agreed to do several years ago. Once suggestion would be that the Ed Board takes over funding of IFIP committees, which it had agreed to do several years ago.
Action: Barb
- A subcommittee consisting of Renee, Dan and Ingrid was formed to create a set of guidelines for remuneration of volunteer travel directly related to running conferences.
Action: Renee, Dan, Ingrid
- We agreed that as a general rule we do not use Outreach funding to fund presentations that were not previously done at SIGCSE or ITiCSE.
- We discussed the status of upcoming conferences, including the web presence of ICER 2009, the budget and planning for ITiCSE 2009 and the sponsorship for SIGCSE 2009.
- We revisited the decision to move inroads to magazine status, in light of new information about the change, namely that the SIG would lose "ownership" of the publication. Ginger reported that she was told that there would be no change to SIGCSE in terms of income from the publication and from Digital Library access to the publication, as a result of a move to magazine status. Nevertheless, we may want to move slower on this initiative than originally planned. We should reconsider our options; in particular, can we ask ACM to create a new category of publication for us that sounds better than a "newsletter", yet remains under our control. A subcommittee of Henry, Doug, and John will work on an executive summary of the pros and cons of the move to magazine status for us to review in preparation for a discussion of this issue at our meeting in March.
Action: John, Henry, Doug
- We discussed the list of member benefits. Ginger will investigate how much it would cost for us to add access to the Transactions on Computing Education (previously JERIC) as a member benefit.
Action: Ginger

- We discussed the current economic climate and the impact it might have on SIGCSE. We are potentially losing some conference sponsorship. There has been a message from ACM to all SIGs that we need to proceed cautiously with budgeting etc. On a related note, ACM warns that we should not count on a continued stream of income from the DL, since it may be made "free" at some point.
- Dan provided draft minutes from the October 2008 meeting. After discussing a few small changes the minutes were approved. They will be posted to the web site.
Action: Dan
- Ginger reported that the revisions to the SIGCSE Bylaws have been reviewed by the appropriate people at HQ and that they will soon be presented to the membership for approval.
Action: Ginger/ACM HQ
- We decided to have another conference call, tentatively on Friday, Jan 30, 2009 at 4:30 PM EST.

End of Minutes, December 5, 2008 SIGCSE Board Conference Call - Dan Joyce - Secretary