

# SIGCSE Board Meeting Minutes

## November 3, 2012

### Meeting in Chicago, IL

Participants are Renée McCauley(chair), Dan Joyce, Doug Baldwin, Susan Rodger, Tiffany Barnes, Amber Settle, Mark Guzdial, Barbara Boucher Owens, and Christine Alvarado. John Impagliazzo, Z Sweedyk, and Irene Frawley (ACM) could not attend.

*Renée called the meeting to order at 8:20am.*

- Welcome to Christine Alvarado to her first Board meeting. She is the new co-editor of the SIGCSE Bulletin with Z Sweedyk.
- Approval of September 18 meeting minutes.  
**ACTION:** Susan – send to Dan to post
- Doug discussed the budget for the fiscal year that started at the beginning of July and it is in fairly good shape. He thinks we will break even this year. This break-even estimate does not include surplus or loss from the any of the FY 2013 conferences (SIGCSE 2012, ITiCSE 2012 and ICER 2012), since they have not been reported yet.
  - We need to encourage members to put links to their articles to the authorizer, the ACM digital library.  
**ACTION:** Christine write an article for the Bulletin.  
**ACTION:** Renée send a note out to SIGCSE listserv to encourage this.
  - We decided to leave the registration rates for SIGCSE 2013 the same as last year.
- Renée gave conference updates.  
**ACTION:** Renée will forward numbers she had not yet gotten from ACM.
  - ITiCSE has moved to OpenConf and the SIGCSE Symposium is thinking about moving to OpenConf for 2014. Thanks to John Dooley for his report on OpenConf.
  - The SIGCSE 2013 Symposium just accepted 111/293 papers, 11/23 panels, 16/23 special sessions, and 36/84 workshops. There were 49 BOFs and 103 posters submitted that are currently under review. Adrienne Decker and Kurt Eiselt are the chairs for SIGCSE 2015.
  - There was a discussion of what other conferences are trying to improve the program quality, such as the revise and resubmit process that CHI and CSCW are using.
  - For ITiCSE 2014, we recommend a new position that is a recent past program chair who should attend the program committee meeting and help out with the transition. The SIGCSE Symposium is working well having an institutional memory from one conference to the next with the Program Co-Chairs becoming the Symposium Co-Chairs the next year. We also recommend that ITiCSE introduce meta-reviewing into 2014.  
**ACTION:** Renée will contact the 2013, 2014 and 2015 chairs to strongly encourage this. We realize it may be too difficult to implement for 2013.
  - The SIGCSE 2014 Symposium will be held in Atlanta.
  - The ACM Ed Board would like to hold a one day symposium/summit on MOOCs in conjunction with SIGCSE 2014 on the Wednesday before. Renée suggested they contact ACM.  
**ACTION:** Renee will talk to JD and Kris.

- Mark Guzdial has resigned from the ACM Education Board.
- The future sites for the SIGCSE Symposium are Kansas City for 2015, and maybe Memphis for 2016 or 2017.  
**ACTION:** Dan will talk to Bob Beck about SIGCSE Symposium going to west coast possibly before Memphis.
- The next three ITiCSE sites are Canterbury for 2013, Uppsala for 2014, and Vilnius for 2015. For 2016, Renée asked Allison Young to inquire about Peru. She is also investigating other countries such as Mikey Goldweber about Columbia, and Mirella Moro on ACM Education Council for Brazil. Dan will contact Fleischman who has a contact in Argentina. Interested sites should send a proposal by March meeting.  
**ACTION:** Renée and Dan. If site is interested they should fill out the site host document on the SIGCSE web pages.
- Dan mentioned that there is a computer science education workshop in Argentina in October. Maybe SIGCSE can co-sponsor it (contribute funds) and we can encourage SIGCSE people to attend.  
**ACTION:** Dan
- Others to contact for possible ITiCSE sites. Mark will ask people about China, India, and Toronto. Renée will ask about UBC. Barbara will ask about Australasia.  
**ACTION:** Mark, Barbara and Renée.
- ICER 2013 is in San Diego on Aug 12-14. ICER 2014 is in Glasgow. There is interest for ICER 2015 at the University of Hartford with Brian Dorn, ICER 2016 at Melbourne with Judy Shearer, and ICER 2017 at Tacoma with Josh Tenenberg and Donald Chin. The Board approved these three ICER sites. Mark, Sally, and Tiffany will continue as the ICER oversight committee.
- Renée talked with people from Informatics Europe who want to begin an annual computing conference associated with ACM to address the needs of K-12 and college level. Renée mentioned other CS education conferences in Europe and Informatics Europe now is planning a one-day conference attached to an annual ECCS Summit in November 2013 to get many of those people together to help start a new conference. We would have some SIGCSE representatives attend and need to put travel for this meeting in the budget.
  - <http://www.informatics-europe.org/ecss/ecss-2012.html>
- Renée and Amber attended the SIG Governing Board in October.
  - John White talked about internationalization and growth. They see growth in India, China and Europe.
  - CS2013 is in final stages. They have several presentations at SIGCSE
  - There will be a future Heidelberg Laureate Forum for 1 or 2 days with notable people (winners of Turing awards and math awards) and young researchers.
  - There was a discussion of more access to publications.
- Dan talked about SISL. Bob Beck went to the last meeting. SIGCSE has reps on 5 of the 6 working groups. Dan will modify a statement similar to this link and post it with SIGCSE endorsement.  
<http://www.aapt.org/Resources/policy/Education-for-a-Sustainable-Future.cfm>
  - **ACTION:** Dan
- The board discussed MOOCs and that we are excited about them but also concerned as they tend to be great for advanced and motivated students to learn new materials, but do not tend to help those students at the lower level.
- Dan led the award discussion. Henry Walker was chosen for the SIGCSE Lifetime Service Award. Michael Kölling will get the Outstanding Contribution Award.  
**ACTION:** Dan will contact winners and SIGCSE Symposium Chairs and announce award.

- Doug talked about Special projects, whose deadline is in November. Amber said the Speaker's fund has only had one award this year.
  - The Special Projects web page needs to be updated with titles and abstracts.
    - ACTION:** Doug send to Dan to put up.
- There was a discussion of IEEE Computer Society and other education efforts of other groups. IEEE CS has a nice website: [trycomputing.org](http://trycomputing.org)
- PACE met last May and is discussing creating white paper statements.
- Barbara gave a report on the SIGCSE Board nominations. The election postcards go out in April and the election will end in June. She mentioned the nominating committee was a good size, 7 people.
- Publications – Christine and Z are working together on the Bulletin. They tried the Member Spotlight in the last bulletin. Their goal is 6-8 articles in each Bulletin.
- Mark will verify that SIGCSE chose a best paper award. The awards committee should remind program chairs. This should be on the list of responsibilities for program chairs. Tiffany volunteered to help.
  - ACTION:** Mark
- John has renewed as ACM Inroads editor. The digital edition is out and the magazine has a nice website.
- CD archive – The three conferences and the working group papers for 2011 went out as one CD. We are putting a CD together again this year for 2012 to send out by December. Cost is \$10 to produce and mail from ACM. This was a recommendation from the SIG Board (see minutes from March 2011 in Dallas).
  - The future board should consider if SIGCSE should continue to send out the CD when all papers are in the ACM Digital Library.
- We discussed CSED week for 2012.
  - **ACTION:** Susan will send out a note about CSED week and that you can do an activity anytime, it doesn't have to be during CSED week.
- There was a discussion about the SIGCSE website. Does it need updating? Look at webpages of other SIGs.
- Susan contact conference chairs and future conference chairs about first timers luncheon to have a box lunch and open up the luncheon to have others beside first times come to this lunch. Only first timers would get a free lunch, others could pay at registration time.
  - ACTION:** Susan

*The meeting was called to an end at 3:55pm.*

**End of minutes, November 3, 2012, SIGCSE Board Meeting.**

**Susan Rodger, Secretary**