

SIGCSE Board Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2012

Phone Call Meeting

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

Renée called the meeting to order at 1pm EST.

- The Board approved the May 29, 2012 meeting minutes.
- Doug talked about the current budget that runs from July 2012 to June 30 2013. It is obviously early in the budget year, but we have a lot of expenses already including travel for site visits for future conferences and the May special projects. The closing conference budgets from 2012 are not in yet. We have a surplus for fiscal year 2012, and he thinks we are in adequate shape for the current year, although it is premature to predict that we will have another surplus.
ACTION: Irene and Doug will check for closing conference budgets.
- Mark talked about ICER 2012. The attendance was right in line with recent ICERs. They had 16 people in the Doctoral Consortium, and not all of them were from Australasia.
- Renée discussed future ITiCSE conferences. ITiCSE is in Europe through 2015. Canterbury, UK – 2013, Uppsala, Sweden 2014, and then Vilnius, Lithuania 2015. We discussed moving to other locations around the world such as South America for 2016. Some possibilities are Peru, Colombia, and Argentina. Renée said several people are exploring options and will need to make a case for a location. They should also investigate if there are related conferences we could co-locate with.
ACTION: Renée
- Renée has been in discussions with Informatics Europe (IE). IE is trying to get an education conference for Europe started, targeting K-12 through graduate education. They have concerns that ITiCSE is a competing conference, making it difficult for them to get started. We have decided to try to move ITiCSE away from Europe for 2016, but are still in discussions about ITiCSE's future locations after 2016. There are other possibilities of moving it to places with large groups of people in computer science education, but we do not want to rule out not coming back to Europe. Renée talked with several Europeans at ITiCSE 2012 and many were open to going other places. She also talked with several people who first formed ITiCSE and there were some concerns such as cost. This year ITiCSE was in Israel. John White of ACM is especially interested in having ACM collaborate with IE and is trying to get ACM-Europe started. It was noted that there are several other CS education conferences going on in Europe. Renée will keep us posted.
- Susan gave a report about SIGCSE 2013. The number of submissions is around the same as last year. Keynote speakers will be announced soon. Susan and Dorothea are busy working on supporters and exhibitors.
- Chris Stephenson of CSTA requested to run a workshop during the end of SIGCSE 2013. The Board gave approval in August for CSTA to run their workshop on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and Tracy Camp has secured space for them at no cost. The Board is in favor

of more relations with CSTA and decided to support the event with \$5K in funds for registration and food.

ACTION: Susan will inform Tracy and CSTA.

- The next Board meeting will be November 3 in Chicago. Amber is hosting and logistics information will be sent out.

ACTION: Amber

- Amber and Dan mentioned that SIGCSE's two awards have been advertised and they have heard from people who plan to make nominations.
- Barb has formed the nominating committee for the next SIGCSE election.
- All Board members should check sigcse.org/about/board to make sure their information is correct.

ACTION: Everyone

- Christine asked for ideas for the bulletin.
- Susan led a discussion on the SIGCSE Symposium Kids camp. At the last meeting the Board decided to lower the rates and to have the Board pay for the camp. Susan informed Tracy and Paul that the Kids Camp will not be in the budget for SIGCSE 2013. Susan shared the evaluation questions about the kids camp from SIGCSE 2012. The majority of survey respondents are in favor of supporting the camp, but don't know the cost of it. Should there be another question about this on the SIGCSE 2013 evaluation? Tiffany suggested as an alternative we offer scholarships to help defray costs instead of running the Kids camp. It was clear from the discussion that more information is needed. Susan will write up a report of the cost and the attendance from the last several camps.

ACTION: Susan

The meeting was called to an end at 2:25pm.

End of minutes, September 18, 2012, SIGCSE Board Phone Meeting.

Susan Rodger, Secretary