

Minutes

SIGCSE Board Phone Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2018

5:03 – 7:08 pm Central Daylight Time

Attending

- M. Craig, At Large
- K. Davis, SIGCSE Bulletin Editor
- A. Decker, Treasurer
- S. Fitzgerald, Secretary
- B. Morrison, At Large
- L. Porter, Bulletin Editor
- S. Rodger, Immediate Past Chair
- A. Settle, Chair
- J. Sheard, Vice Chair
- M. Weiss, At Large

Activity since the last meeting

- Three conferences were approved for in-cooperation with SIGCSE status
 - Workshop in Primary and Secondary Computing Education (WiPSCE '18)
 - Koli Calling '18
 - Australian Computing Education Conference (ACE '19)

Minutes

- The minutes from the April 26, 2018 phone meeting were approved with minor corrections

Symposium leadership reorganization

- The Board approved a proposal to separate the Symposium Chair and Program Chair roles. Program chairs will now serve for two years and will not automatically become Symposium Chairs. Symposium Chairs will serve for two years and need not serve as Program Chairs.
- The approved changes will be posted to the SIGCSE website.

SIGCSE historian update

- B. Morrison will identify volunteer candidates for the SIGCSE historian role before the Board's August meeting

"Test of Time" award proposal

- The Board discussed the addition of an award to recognize historically influential refereed papers. J. Sheard, A. Decker and M. Weiss will craft a proposal for Board review.

Treasurer's report

- The fiscal year closes at the end of June. A. Decker will present the FY18 summary at the August Board meeting.

Harassment policy and diversity and inclusion

- A. Settle has written an article for ACM Inroads in which she analyzes the gender distribution of awards and conference organizers.

- The Board discussed SIGCSE's objections to recent ACM changes to EasyChair by which they collect private data
 - Members have expressed concerns about perceptions of tying private data to the decision process for accepting papers
 - Members object to the arbitrary actions taken by ACM without consultation with their own diversity and inclusion committee, the SIGs and the ACM membership
 - Members express doubts about compliance with European data privacy laws
 - The SIGCSE Board asks what actions ACM plans to take based on the collected data
 - A. Settle will pass SIGCSE's concerns to ACM

SIGCSE Global update

- The Board discussed the new SIGCSE Global Conference. Feedback from the SIGCSE community has been largely positive. Members expressed a preference for including "global" in the name of the conference.
- The Board approved a proposal to offer the first SIGCSE Global conference in China in 2019. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Turing Celebration Conference (TURC) in May 2019.
 - S. Rodger will write an article for the SIGCSE Bulletin to promote the first SIGCSE Global Conference as well as promoting it at ITiCSE.
 - July is the target date for putting out a call for papers
 - A co-conference host will be identified
 - A potential program chair has been identified and will be invited
 - S. Rodger will work with the Chinese hosts on refining the budget
 - S. Rodger will submit the Preliminary Approval Form (PAF) for the conference to the ACM
 - J. Sheard will add this conference to the SIGCSE website after the PAF has been approved
- S. Rodger has begun to discuss a 2021 offering with people from India (I-SIGCSE)
- The Board discussed the SIGCSE Global steering committee and agreed to invite two of those who volunteered to serve on the steering committee

Reviewing

- SIG-CHI is encouraging its reviewers to consider broader impacts when reviewing conference submissions. SIGCSE has the option of doing so as well.

Making our conferences more inclusive

- The Board conference liaisons will share the NCWIT tips on making conferences more inclusive with the conference chairs.

Nominations for SIGCSE Awards

- The Board discussed ideas for making the nomination process easier and for increasing the number of nominations for SIGCSE awards. J. Sheard and M. Weiss will write a proposal for the Board to consider.

CSforALL

- A. Settle will ask M. Perez Quinones to provide a proposal for Board consideration.

CSTA organization in Ireland (CSTAI)

- The Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) has opened a chapter in Ireland.

Collaborations with the Section on Statistical Education for the American Statistical Association

- The Section on Statistical Education for the American Statistical Association has expressed an interest in developing a connection with SIGCSE. A. Settle will invite them to participate with the Symposium in a number of ways, possibly suggesting a Best papers session at the Technical Symposium

March 22, 2018 ACM SIG Governing Body (SGB) meeting summary

- A. Settle reported on the March 22, 2018, SGB meeting
 - ACM has formed a Diversity and Inclusion Task Force chaired by Valerie Barr
 - Nominations and reviewers for the second cohort of the ACM Future of Computing Academy will be sought in the near future: <https://www.acm.org/fca>
 - ACM is in the process of enabling certificates of attendance for SIG conferences
 - All Board members will read the FAQ about the ACM Discrimination Policy
 - <https://www.acm.org/special-interest-groups/volunteer-resources/officers-manual/faqs-policy-discrimination-and-harassment>
 - The ACM Publications Board has asked for feedback about the publications process. Members of the SGB indicated that Sheridan is too expensive, other options should be publicized and the new ACM Word template is deeply flawed
 - There is a Computing4Change contest that can be added to SIG-affiliated conferences. Undergraduate participants apply analytics to address a societal problem (immigration issues, climate change, pandemics, cyberterrorism, sustainable food/water/energy, etc.) and are judged on originality, quality, clarity and potential impact. This is not a programming contest and is likely to appeal to a more diverse set of participants.

Update on May Special Projects

- The Special Projects review team recommends funding for three out of the fourteen submissions.
 - Devorah Kletenik, CUNY, Developing a Serious Game to Reinforce Introductory Programming Concepts, \$5,000
 - David Touretzky, CMU, Developing and Testing Activities Introducing Elementary School Students to Artificial Intelligence, \$4,440 (subject to removal of “gift tax” budget item)
 - Amanpreet Kapoor, University of Florida, CS Identity Development Interview Project, \$3,078
 - Total: \$12,518
- S. Fitzgerald will write an article on Special Projects for the Bulletin as well as announcing the awards to the listservs

SIGCSE conference acceptance rates

- The Board discussed the historically recent acceptance rates for the SIGCSE conferences.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ICER	31	26	26	25	27	22
ITiCSE	32	35	44	38	32	29
SIGCSE	38	39	36	35	30	35

- The Board conference liaisons will discuss the numbers with the conference steering committees to get feedback

Next phone meeting: Thursday, August 23rd, 5 - 7 pm Central time

Next in-person meeting will be in Chicago on Saturday, October 27th, 8 am - 5 pm Central time

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Fitzgerald
SIGCSE Board Secretary