MINUTES SIGCSE Business Meeting
October 6, 2020
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Pacific

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October 13, 2020
8:00 am – 9:30 am Pacific

Attendees: Board plus community
  Approximately 55 on 10/6
  Approximately 30 on 10/13

The 2019-2022 Board was introduced.

Board Highlights
- We have created a newly redesigned website thanks to Manuel Perez-Quinones
- SIGCSE Historian position created and presently filled by Briana Morrison
- Issued a call for creating a Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism
- Issued a call for a SIGCSE-wide Reviewing Task Force

SIGCSE 2020 Timeline
- We outlined the timeline related to SIGCSE 2020 and the financial implications of the cancellation.
- Financial losses were heavily mitigated after negotiations with venues. We were able to avoid a substantial deficit thanks to the negotiations by the ACM, our supporters, and participants revenues. Ultimately, we were fortunate to have the result be a $14k surplus, but this still represents a financial shortfall for our organization as the technical symposium typically brings in between $70-100k annually.

SIGCSE Conferences in 2020
- ITiCSE 2020 ran virtually in June 2020, where it honored its top 5 ITiCSE Papers and top 5 ITiCSE Working group papers from the first 25 years of ITiCSE. The conference had a surplus of ~$17k.
- ICER 2020 ran virtually in August 2020, held a doctoral consortium, and expects a small surplus.

ICER Steering Committee is Announced

Treasurer Report
- FY2020 reports on conferences held in 2019.
- FY2018 reports a higher revenue because it included TS 2018 and 2019. As such, FY2019 reports a lower revenue.

- Conferences bring in the bulk of our income, but that income has declined considerably due to conferences moving virtually. The board and ACM will continue to monitor this situation as this year progresses.
- May 2020 round of Special Projects was cancelled due to unknown residual financial liabilities from the Technical Symposium 2020.
- Speaker Funds requests are down due to the move to virtual conferences.
- Managing Travel Grants for attending the symposium is being discussed
- Membership numbers have grown steadily over time, however we've seen a 15% decline for 2020. This is likely due to many members paying their dues in conjunction with their attendance of the Technical Symposium.

Upcoming Conferences
- The Technical Symposium 2021 and ITiCSE 2021 will both be held online.
- ICER 2021's format has not yet been finalized.
- CompEd 2021 has been postponed until the conference can run in person.

Challenges Presently Faced by SIG
- How to manage hybrid/virtual conferences.
- Addressing inclusivity and calls for justice within our community.
- Maintaining a growing and changing SIGCSE community

Update from SIGCSE Committees
- Henry Walker (10/6) and Amanda Holland-Minkley (10/13) presented for the SIGCSE committee on Computing Education in Liberal Arts Colleges.
    - Outlined the common perspective of liberal arts institutions, how liberal arts community education may face unique challenges, and how this subcommittee is catered to this perspective.

Comments and Questions from Attendees at the first meeting (10/6)
- How many people were present for this meeting?
    - 34 attendees as of 3:18pm
- Regarding the new logo: I like the G in the logo being a power sign. Is the dotted spiral in the logo of SIGCSE new?
    - Yes, this is a new logo.
- Are there no travel grants for 2021 or for 2022?
    - 2020 attendees travel grants were extended for 2021. We're looking into travel grant possibilities for virtual conferences.
- The financial report showed that contributions from the ACM have dropped considerably. Do you know why? Is the ACM reducing such funding to other SIGs as well? What is known about the ACM's financial well-being?
    - Our line item is actually our contribution to the ACM which has gone down because of lower revenues from conferences. We can't speak to the state of the ACM more broadly.

- One member wanted to say that Haris Skiadis is doing a great job as Information Director this year.
- Can travel grants cover registration costs?
    - There's a challenge financially for doing this as it is not a reimbursement. We could provide grants for registration only, but we have not yet discussed this as a board yet.
- Thank you to the SIGCSE Board.
    - Thank you to the community - we are heartened by the discussions in the community right now.
- Thank you to the conference organizers.
- From Samuel Rebelsky: We need a new moderator for the listserv soon.

Comments and Questions from Attendees at the first meeting (10/13)
- The organization has a very healthy financial balance in the bank. Does the current board intend to keep the balance above a million or try to spend it down? And if the answer is to spend it down, how will that be accomplished?
    - Given our potential liability for the cancelled symposium was $1 million, we believe this balance may be an appropriate surplus.
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