

SIGCSE Board 2022-2025
Meeting Date: May 31, June 1, 2023
Meeting Time: various
Meeting Location: online

Attendees:

Alison Clear, Chair
Brett A. Becker, Vice Chair
Jill Denner, Treasurer
Dan Garcia, Secretary
Rodrigo Duran, At Large Member
Yolanda A. Rankin, At Large Member
Judy Sheard, At Large Member
Adrienne Decker, Past Chair

Minutes

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of 2023-04-18 approved

Activity since the last meeting

- Approval of CompEd TMRF (Technical Meeting Request Form)
- SIG Governing Board election ... Congratulations to Adrienne!
- In cooperation granted to CCSC-NE
- ACM EAC (Education Advisory Committee) meeting coming up in August
- Open letter to SIGCSE community about what's happening in Florida and Texas
 - “At the SIGCSE conference in Toronto this March, a few of us were concerned by the lack of acknowledgement of the wave of legislative attacks on LGBTQ+, nonbinary, and transgender people, with many of those proposed laws directly impacting the classroom. In hopes of sparking more conversation and action on the topic, we have drafted an open letter and invite the SIGCSE community to read and engage with it here: <https://bit.ly/sigcse-lgbtq-letter>. At that link, you can also read some of the background material we have compiled and add your signature. Warmly, Andy Rasmussen (he / him) Dale Reed (he / him) Max Skorodinsky (he / him)”
 - Decision: no action will be taken as a board, board members can sign letter if we wish

DEIA Updates

- CompEd 2023 has appointed DEIA chair

- Alison reached out to members of the community to solicit feedback on what SIGCSE could do to improve DEIA efforts
- Yolanda attended the May 2023 ACM DEI Council Meeting and learned that a DEIA survey (i.e., demographics) the survey is almost ready to disseminate to the community
- Created a Google form to collect information from conference steering committees about DEIA activities they are engaged in, will send to SCs soon
- SIGCSE BPC award announcement going out with award announcements

Conferences Updates

Steering Committee Search

- Received several applicants for different conferences, will consider and notify if chosen or not
- Leen-Kiat Soh approved for SIGCSE Technical Symposium Steering Committee

Technical Symposium (Adrienne)

- Approval of new reviewing mechanism for panels/special sessions/workshops
- Delayed switching to TAPS for TS until at least 2025
- Poster submissions will now be 2 pages (previously 1 page)
- Approved in principle a plan for hybrid, will announce to community when finalized
- Will encourage authors concurrently submitting de-anonymized paper to ArXiv to use different title and abstract to preserve anonymity as much as possible

ITiCSE (Brett) Turku, Finland; 8th July - 12th July 2023

- Everything is looking good for Turku
 - ~180 registrations (in-person only)
 - Program up: <https://iticse.acm.org/2023/conference-program/>
 - Excursion/Banquet info up: <https://iticse.acm.org/2023/excursion-and-banquet/>
 - Reception info up: <https://iticse.acm.org/2023/reception/>
- Milan 2024 (Mattia Monga) proceeding with PAF
- ITiCSE SC has decided to mandate awards be put on the “history” page so that people (particularly students) have something to point to as evidence. Discussion of what to do with other conferences so there is one place for their conference-level awards as well.
- Liaisons will meet to discuss moving everything about conferences (on webpages) to be managed by the conferences themselves.

ICER (Judy); Chicago, IL; 6th - 9th August 2023

- Submissions and acceptances
 - 214 abstracts submitted.
 - 169 submissions to review. There were four desk rejects.
 - 35 acceptances (ICER 2022 had 25) - 21% acceptance rate
 - Posters and lightning talks had around 60 submissions - still being finalized
- Schedule
 - 3 full days (ICER 2022 finished at 3pm on the third day)
 - 25 minute paper slots

- No keynote
- Clarifying round
 - At least one paper benefited. More analysis to follow.
- Awards chair
 - The test of time award will be included as part of the Awards Chair responsibilities
- New Steering Committee member needed to replace Mark Guzdial stepping down at the end of June.

ACM CompEd (Dan), Hyderabad, India, 5th - 9th December 2023

- Posters not due yet (Sunday, 9 July 2023: Poster Proposals due)
- Monday, 26 June 2023: Notification to Authors of Papers, Panels, Working Groups
- Registration opening ASAP
- 2 Keynote speakers not yet confirmed, but will be put on website as soon as confirmed
- Submitted:
 - 3 panels, 2 WGs, 58 papers sent to review (65 submissions)
 - Looking like ~20 papers (papers not accepted can be submitted to COMPUTE by July 31)
 - Single track decision made, in 230-person lecture theater
- SC is looking for 2025 Junior Program Chair to Join Michelle Craig. Hopefully person chosen before Dec so they can attend 2023.
- DEIA chair appointed **Nazia Akhtar**
- Considering how to fit a local tour at the conference, perhaps a Bazaar before the banquet.
- Working groups then CompEd then COMPUTE
 - Recall CompEd and COMPUTE overlaps on the last day

Virtual Conference (Rodrigo) September to December, 2024

- We have shortlisted names for SC members from applicants, will decide offline

Conference Rankings (CORE) (Judy)

- Computing Research and Education Association of Australasia, CORE Inc., is an association of university departments of computer science in Australia and New Zealand. CORE maintains lists of conference and journal rankings.
- The current rankings of SIGCSE conferences are:
 - Technical Symposium ranked A
 - ITiCSE ranked A
 - ICER ranked B
 - CompEd unranked (as it is new)
- Submissions have been made to upgrade rankings of SIGCSE TS, ICER, and ITiCSE all three conferences

Treasurer's Report (Jill)

- Treasurer presented an update and discussed with board

Awards (Brett)

- Award call going out in June, deadlines moving back to Sept 1
- Forms ready, committee discussed updates in wording, and conflict of interest rules
- Motion to have 3 separate committees (Lifetime/Outstanding, BPC, ToT) approved

Special Projects (Yolanda)

- Created a Google form to help streamline submissions and guarantee word count limit
- We received fewer than normal submissions, could be the time of year
- The committee will meet on June 2, 2023 to discuss submissions and select the most competitive applications. The team is hoping to turn the decision process around in 6 weeks time to ensure notification by the end of June 2023.

Next Meeting

- Mid-July 2023
- 4 Board members going to ICER
- 3 Board members going to ITICSE

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