ACM SIGCSE Board 2022-2025
Meeting Date: 2024-03-20 @ 8am-5pm PT
Meeting Location: Portland Convention Center, Portland, OR, USA

Attendees:
Alison Clear, Chair
Brett A. Becker, Vice Chair (regrets)
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
Donna Cappo, ACM HQ
Ariel Silkett, ACM HQ

Welcome
- Welcome everyone and also Donna and Ariel from ACM HQ
- Welcome (via Zoom) from Yannis Ioannidis, ACM President

Approval of Minutes
- Minutes 2024-02-28 approved

Policies
- Discussion of update to SIGCSE policies

Meeting with the Technical Symposium (TS) Conference Chairs
- Introductions
  - Ben Stephenson, Symposium Co-Chair (symposium@sigcse2024.sigcse.org), University of Calgary, Canada
  - Jeffrey A. Stone, Symposium Co-Chair (symposium@sigcse2024.sigcse.org), Penn State University, United States
- Updates
  - Record number of submissions and attendance
  - Long-term financial concerns: attendance has recovered, but sponsorship has not (this is not unique to the TS). Have modified the post-symposium survey to ask attendees what companies they would like to see in the Exhibit Hall
  - Heavy workload for the leadership team (program and symposium chairs)
  - The TS steering committee will take up these concerns
- The Board thanks them for their work

Meeting with the TS Program Chairs

- Introductions
  - Lina Battestilli, Program Sr Co-Chair (program@sigcse2024.sigcse.org), North Carolina State University, United States
  - Samuel A. Rebelsky, Program Jr Co-Chair (program@sigcse2024.sigcse.org), Grinnell College, United States
  - Libby Shoop, Program Jr Co-Chair (program@sigcse2024.sigcse.org), Macalester College
- Updates
  - Submissions have doubled from 10 years ago
  - 30% increase from last year in pretty much every track
  - Added an extra session on Saturday
  - Worked hard to get more reviewers (~1k reviewers), had at least 3 (mostly 4) on every submission
  - PCs went through every review (~3300 reviews) to scan for reviews of concern
  - Workload concerns to keep the quality of reviewing high at this scale
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Membership Updates (as of January 2024)

- By category:
  - Professional   1649
  - SIG only   597
  - Student SIG only   226
  - ACM student   87
- By country
  - USA   1979
  - Canada   125
  - United Kingdom 68
  - Australia   41
  - Germany   38
  - Ireland   23
  - China   23
  - New Zealand   19
  - Netherlands   17
  - Switzerland   16
  - Brazil   11
  - Sweden   10
  - Finland   13
  - Italy   10
  - Denmark   1
  - France   1
  - The rest   164

Business meeting and preparation

- Discussed and planned our upcoming business meeting slide deck

Meeting with dLPlan (Event Planners)

- Introductions
  - Stacey Ogren, Meeting Manager
  - Larry Huttinger, Director
- Updates
  - Post-COVID costs have changed
    - AV costs have skyrocketed
    - Food and beverages costs also high
    - Internet costs stable (a substantial need for this group)
  - Across other conferences, they've seen a decline in participation from technology companies as everyone tightens their belt
  - Questions of what hybrid will look like going forward
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Committees, Sub-Committees, and Task Forces

- After a lengthy discussion, the following proposal emerged around two formal methods for the SIGCSE community to gather around a topic / concern / initiative:
- **Committee**
  - **Timeline**: no end date (although a committee can end)
  - **Who initiates**: community
  - **Why**: gathering around topic or concern
  - **Funding**: Though not typical, funding request may be considered
- **Task Force**
  - **Timeline**: clear sunset date (although an extension may be requested)
  - **Who initiates**: community or board
  - **Why**: goal-directed toward an initiative
  - **Funding**: May have funding from Board or elsewhere
- **For both**
  - Board will need to approve proposal for any new committee or task force
  - Annual reports required (more often if appropriate for short-term task force)
- Motion to create this structure approved
- Current committees
  - Computing Education in Liberal Arts Colleges
  - Expanding the Women-in-Computing Community
- Possible task forces
  - Reviewing
  - Membership
  - Website Redesign

- ○ ACM Open Access
- ○ Cultivating Future Sponsors

Conference Business

Information and Action Items

- There will be a call for volunteers for expiring (on June 30th) positions on current Steering Committees

Conferences

Technical Symposium (Adrienne)

- Nothing to add. Met with several TS representatives today and received updates

ITiCSE (Judy)

- Paper accept & rejects have gone out
- Working Groups have gone out, 150 replied, in the process of sending invitations
- Registration costs kept similar to previous years
- Added K-12 registration, removed retirees
- High number of submissions
- Still looking for keynotes

ICER (Judy)

- Travel grants in place
- Neena Thota as Jr Doctoral Consortium chair was approved

Comp Ed (Dan)

- The Conference and Program Chairs have proposed dates October 21 - 25 2025
- Early planning started for Botswana

Virtual (Dan & Rodrigo)

- Call for participation is out
- Still looking for WG co-chairs and a supporter chair
- Lightning Talks and Posters merged
- Everyone spread the word about this exciting new conference!

RESPECT (Yolanda)

- RESPECT will be held May 16-17, 2024 at the Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center.
- The ECEP BPC Alliance will be hosting a pre-conference workshop called "ECEP Datapalooza", which will focus on collecting, analyzing, and sharing data to inform state-level efforts for broadening participation in computing for K20.

- RESPECT received 119 submissions across the research paper, experience report, perspectives on equity, and perspectives on policy tracks.
- The RESPECT reviewing process has been completed. Each paper received a minimum of 3 reviews.
- 45 submissions were accepted for presentation. Notifications were sent out to authors on March 11.
- RESPECT 2024 is in search of sponsors, and would like to prioritize providing registration and travel scholarships for K12 educators, graduate students, and early career researchers. A sponsorship guide is provided: https://www.respect2024.starscomputingcorps.org/sponsors
- The RESPECT steering committee will meet in April.
  - Agenda includes discussion of next steps in working with ACM SIGCSE for 2025 conference planning, including identifying location and venue.
  - Steering committee will be identifying conference leadership for RESPECT 2025

DC (Rodrigo)
- Almost done with the details of infrastructure, requirements, and activities for all DCs.
- We will draft the call for DC SC soon

Meeting with SIGCSE Bulletin co-editor
- Introductions
  - Julie Smith, Senior Education Researcher, IACE (formerly csedresearch.org)
- Updates
  - Want feedback from SIGCSE community
  - Publishing quarterly, mostly calls for papers or reviews
  - Distribution is more or less SIGCSE-MEMBERS and website, how else to publicize it?
  - Could it go all-digital a la CACM, perhaps using ACM's technology?
  - Board will continue to work closely with co-editors to make sure things that are appropriate for Bulletin are shared with them
- The Board thanks them for their work

Information-Only Items for this meeting

Special Projects
- Notifications provided to 3 Special Project grant recipients

Minutes approved 2024-04-24