

ACM SIGCSE Board 2022-2025

Meeting Date: 2025-02-26 @ 8am-5pm ET

Meeting Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Attendees:

Alison Clear, Chair
Rodrigo Duran, Vice Chair
Jill Denner, Treasurer
Dan Garcia, Secretary
Yolanda A. Rankin, At Large Member
Judy Sheard, At Large Member
Adrienne Decker, Past Chair
Barbara Owens, Seconded, At Large Member
Ariel Silkett, ACM HQ

Welcome

- Welcome Ariel from ACM HQ

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes 2025-01-23 approved

Activity since the last meeting

- Western Canadian Conference on Computing Education (WCCCE) in cooperation (Chair approved)
- [New ACM Distinguished Members were announced](#)
 - Alison sent a message to SIGCSE-MEMBERS about it, since some were members of SIGCSE
- We will hold “office hours” at the TS, several hours each day
- Brazil EduComp in co-operation (Board decision via email)
 - They will need to submit a TMRF (Technical Meeting Request Form) to ACM
 - **Action:** Rodrigo to work with Ariel to create a “how to” document for future conferences needing to complete a TMRF
- United Kingdom and Ireland Computing Education Research (UKICER) in co-operation

Information Directors

- **Motion:** to approve Bob Edmison (Virginia Tech) and Yesenia Velasco (Duke University) as additional information co-directors (term ending Summer 2028) passes.
- **Action:** Alison will talk with the current Information Directors about adding a 4th

DEIA Update

- ACM statement from [their website](#):

- *ACM Reaffirms Its Commitment to Our Mission and Core Values*
- *ACM is aware that many in our community are concerned about potential negative effects of recent Executive Orders by the new US Administration on our work in both the US and globally. This includes concerns about possible consequences for ACM publishing, conferences, education, and practitioner efforts, as well as concerns about possible harms to our work on inclusion for a strong and diverse technology workforce.*
- *ACM reaffirms its commitment to our mission and core values in all our scientific and educational activities. This includes global scientific and educational efforts dedicated to advancing the art, science, engineering, and application of computing. We will continue to serve both professional and public interests by fostering the open exchange of information and by promoting the highest professional and ethical standards.*
- *ACM's commitment to its mission, guided by its core values, is unchanged. We will work with members of the community to understand how new Executive Orders may affect their work as it relates to scientific, educational, and community development efforts.*
- **Action:** Alison to say we will endorse what ACM wrote in the Chair's address during the Plenary
- **Action:** Yolanda taking the lead on a SIGCSE Bulletin writeup of our DEIA efforts during our term

Conference Rankings

- CORE (Computing Research and Education) is an Australasian group that has managed a conference rankings assessment process in the computing disciplines for over 20 years. Periodically, the group puts out a call for submissions for inclusion or reranking of conferences. Decisions are made by academic committees. The CORE Conference Rankings has recently become an international collaboration with Italian and Spanish groups and is called ICORE.
- From the CORE website: "The primary intended purpose of the CORE rankings is to provide guidance to early career researchers, or those entering a new field, regarding likely sources of quality conference papers to become familiar with, and venues to aim to publish in and attend. "
- Here [is a description of the different CORE rankings](#): A*, A, B, C
- Reports and assessments of the three main SIGCSE conferences from the 2023 assessment:
 - SIGCSE TS maintained a ranking of A
 - ICER was promoted to a ranking of A
 - ITICSE moved down to a ranking of B
- It is in SIGCSE's interest to have these rankings be as high as possible
- **Action:** Judy to write recommendations in the letter to the next board
- The Board thanks Judy and Margaret Hamilton for their work

CARES committee

- **Action:** Alison to take the lead on adding information about SIGCSE CARES committee to the SIGCSE Volunteers page (including the level of time commitment and expected expertise or experience), then hold an open call

Special Projects

- The Board agrees to fund the top 5 projects recommended by reviewers:
 - \$3,750 awarded to Lijun Ni - AI-Driven Computational Thinking Integration in K-12 Science Classrooms: Insights from Science Teachers
 - \$5,000 awarded to Devorah Kletenik & Rachel F. Adler - Building an Inclusive Future: Teaching Accessibility to K-12 Teachers
 - \$5,000 awarded to Sylvia Amélia Bim - Learning Computer Science through Inspirational Biographies
 - \$4,960 awarded to Swaroop Joshi - Serious games for teaching accessibility
 - \$5,000 awarded to Angela Zavaleta Bernuy - Industry and Academia Expectations from Entry-Level Computing Professionals
- The Board thanks the Special Projects team for their reviews

Meeting with the Technical Symposium (TS) Conference Chairs

- Introductions
 - Jeffrey A. Stone, Symposium Co-Chair (symposium@sigcse2025.sigcse.org), Penn State University, United States
 - Timothy Yuen, Symposium Co-Chair (symposium@sigcse2025.sigcse.org), University of Texas at San Antonio, United States
 - Samuel A. Rebelsky, Program Co-Chair (program@sigcse2025.sigcse.org), Grinnell College, United States
 - Libby Shoop, Program Co-Chair (program@sigcse2025.sigcse.org), Macalester College, United States
 - James Prather, Program Co-Chair (program@sigcse2025.sigcse.org), Abilene Christian University, United States
- Updates
 - A “Community Discussion and Responses to Emerging Threats to CS Education” session will happen on Saturday
 - Program Chairs should be listed as Editors of the Proceedings
 - Hybrid discussion
 - This year, there were 57 online attendees, 24 online papers, at a cost of \$25k
 - The funding situation in the US and US travel restrictions will influence TS 2026 hybrid decisions
 - The TS steering committee will take up these concerns
- The Board thanks them all for their work

Structure of the SIGCSE Board

- Discussion of SIGCSE Board expansion (i.e., more than 8 people) to handle the workload, which would require SIG Governing Board approval
 - **Action:** Dan and Alison to add summary of board expansion discussion to “note for the next board”
- Discussion of handoff meetings with the next SIGCSE Board
 - **Action:** Invite the new Board to join us for the June virtual meeting, and see if they are interested in having us join them for their July virtual meeting

Membership Updates (as of January 2025)

SIGCSE Members Total	2372	
ACM Professional Member, SIG Member	1619	68%
SIG-Only Member	592	25%
ACM Student Member, SIG Member	88	4%
SIG-Only Student Member	73	3%

Meeting with dLPlan (Event Planners) (2:00pm)

- [Introductions](#)
 - Larry Huttinger, Director
 - Stacey Ogren, Meeting Manager
- Updates
 - Changes in Washington will probably impact some organizations and exhibitors, they'll share what they learn
 - Higher expenses
 - AV costs continue to rise
 - Food and beverage costs also continue to rise, they're working to stretch the food budget (e.g., eliminating the Saturday boxed lunch)
 - Child care number of participants is down (8 children); total cost \$13k
 - Sponsors
 - They need help from the community to find new sponsors and provide introductions
 - They are willing to continue to help pick future SIGCSE sites, with an eye to cost. Smaller cities typically have lower costs but might not have convenient transportation options
 - The SIGCSE Board and TS steering committee will take up these concerns
- The Board thanks them for their work

Task Forces

- Dan created working draft Task Force Q&A document
- **Action:** Dan to create Task Force proposal form
- **Action:** Dan to update SIGCSE Business Meeting slide deck with Task Force vs Committee vs Special Projects differences

Awards

- Dan and Judy presenting candidate awards on Friday (followed by a “Future of CS Ed” panel with the winners)
- Dan and Judy are taking the winners out to dinner Friday evening
- Test of Time (ToT) awards committee discussion – would it be better to have a dedicated ToT committee to identify and select a winner each year (vs. the current model where the *community* selects candidates and the committee *chooses* from among them)
 - **Action:** Dan to add to the March agenda
 - **Action:** Ariel to find the Test of Time award proposal document

Conference & DC Business

ITiCSE (Judy)

- 9 Working Groups accepted
- There was a survey sent to the community about the ITiCSE conference format choices; they are still accepting input so please provide suggestions if you have not yet

ICER (Judy)

- The DC Co-chair is Mats Daniels

Virtual (Dan & Rodrigo)

- Need two members of the Steering Committee
 - 6-year general chair
 - 4-year regular member
- Looking at Early-Mid November 2026 for SIGCSE Virtual 2026

RESPECT (Yolanda)

- RESPECT 2025 moved to Newark, New Jersey

DC (Rodrigo)

- DC chairs approved for ICER and RESPECT
 - RESPECT: Colleen Lewis, Raja Kushalnagar, and Briana Bettin
 - ICER: Mats Daniels
 - CompEd is still looking for names and has requested our support

CompEd (Dan)

- Introductions
 - Michelle Craig, Program co-Chair 2025 (with Samuel Mann)
- We created CompEd to support the global computing education community
- Innovations we introduced in the CompEd 2025 program to grow the local community:
 - [Phased Papers Track](#) with three stages of formal peer review
 - [Panel](#) submissions now don't list participants (other than the submitter, who can be a participant or moderator); after acceptance, we will solicit panelists and encourage local involvement
 - [Partnership Projects Initiative](#) (PPI) to "support the development of research expertise along with global and regional communities of practice by establishing global collaborations in computing education research."
 - Overall, strive to have local representation within keynotes, panels, working groups, and doctoral consortium participants
- The Board thanks Michelle and Sam for their initiative and creativity!

Website Update

- Rodrigo created a draft for a new structure. Philosophy for the restructuring:
 - Removed redundant information in different places
 - Everything someone needs to know about an event is on its own page
 - Things that are hardly updated will be removed or directed to conference pages
- **Action:** Rodrigo will tag Board members to check pages they are responsible for
- **Action:** Rodrigo to add full restructure to the "to do" for the next board, perhaps a task force will address

Minuted approved 2025-03-26