

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 05, 2021

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:

Adam Bargteil, Executive Committee Chair
Jesse Barker, Executive Committee Director
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Chair-elect
Jenna Feldman, Project Manager
Adam Finkelstein, Executive Committee Director
Mashhuda Glencross, Executive Committee Director
Mona Kasra, Executive Committee Director
Brad Lawrence, Treasurer
Hanspeter Pfister, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, Governance Committee Chair
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group Chair
David Spoelstra, Treasurer-elect
Cindy Stark, Conference Management
Paul Strauss, Executive Committee Director

Approve EC Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2021

- i) Vote: Approved by unanimous consent

Standing Chair and Conference updates, and Governance Items for review

1) Strategy Group Updates

- a) Nurturing (Adam F.)
 - i) The group has done presentations and work toward nurturing volunteers within the organization.
- b) New Communities (Mashhuda)
 - i) Thinking through topics to focus on for SIGGRAPH next year and how to engage more people in developing new ideas for workshops.
 - ii) Discussed how potential new conference papers program could work in terms of incorporating new communities into the venue.
 - (1) The EC expressed the importance of avoiding confusion from other papers programs and to achieve consensus from all stakeholders.
 - (a) The working group is developing a proposal that will satisfy everyone and then bring it to the stakeholders for review and discussion.

2) Updates from Standing Chair meetings

- a) Focused Communities [Guilds] (Mona)

- i) The Chairs are busy with prepping for the conference. They are planning to host two daily meet-and-greets via Zoom and Gather.Town.
- ii) The Art Papers PACMCGIT is published and online now.

3) Conference Updates

a) SA (David/Mashhuda)

- i) The conference chair and SV chair conducted an outreach program and got 90 new students who had never heard of SIGGRAPH in the graphics community from the greater Tokyo area.
- ii) They still plan face-to-face in Japan and they are sticking to minimum committed room space now until they have a better understanding on vaccination rates.
- iii) Pol and the SIGGRAPH Asia chair are setting up something from now on. At the end of the conference there will be a presentation of the next two conferences.

b) SNA (Mikki/Cindy)

- i) SIGGRAPH 2021 is open, things going well.
- ii) On the CAG, they are going to go ahead for the program review of Computer Animation Festival Electronic Theater regarding the name of the program.
- iii) Muunuu has been working with the committee to develop plans for the hybrid conference, with a couple of small changes from the presentation to the EC a few weeks ago. Those will be shared with the EC soon.
- iv) Budget: Cindy has not had a chance to do a registration report this week. After doing some quick numbers earlier, it looks like it will be a loss in the area of 700,000, when they were originally projected to lose 600,000.
 - (1) Biggest hurt is the exhibits, which didn't hit numbers well. Exhibitions are hard for any industry in a virtual context, most shows will say.
 - (a) Not likely to garner as many registrants as last year, looking to be down about 20%.
 - (b) Not hitting registration levels the way they originally budgeted. However, the comp registrations are down significantly from what was budgeted. Budgeted for 730 and only at 245 as of the day of this report. Ultimate is also down, noting these estimates are only their best guesses in a virtual year with Zoom fatigue, etc.

4) Governance Items (Scott)

a) Section 5.1

- i) The changes in policy is to the following: The term of the Chair of the Nominations Committee will run for **three years starting September 1, with a possible second three-year term**. The Past Chair will serve as a

non-voting member of the committee for one year after the end of their term to assist in the transition.

(1) David moved, Hanspeter seconded

(a) Vote: Elizabeth, Brad, Paul, David, Jesse, Mikki, Mona, Hanspeter, Mashhuda, Adam F. and Adam B. voted to approve.

(i) APPROVED

ii) Policy on making major changes to SNA or SA 7.9

(1) David moved, Mikki seconded

(2) Vote: Elizabeth, Brad, Paul, David, Jesse, Mikki, Mona, Hanspeter, Mashhuda, Adam F. and Adam B. voted to approve.

(a) APPROVED

b) Approve new version of Policy Guidelines

i) David moved, Elizabeth seconded

(1) Vote: Elizabeth, Brad, Paul, David, Jesse, Mikki, Mona, Hanspeter, Mashhuda, Adam F. and Adam B. voted to approve.

(a) APPROVED

Pioneers Chair and Post-Conference Debrief

5) Pioneers Steering Committee Chair (Paul)

a) The EC voted to approve Ed Kramer as the chair of the Pioneers Steering Committee

i) APPROVED

6) Post-Conference EC Meeting Debrief - Planning and Prep (Adam B./Jenna)

a) Survey to be sent-out by end of next week with general questions to capture feedback on conference to review on Aug 19