

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:

Adam Bargteil, Executive Committee Director
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Chair
Jenna Feldman, Project Manager
Adam Finkelstein, Executive Committee Director
Masa Inakage, Executive Committee Director
Brad Lawrence, Executive Committee Treasurer-elect
Barbara Mones, Executive Committee Director
Hanspeter Pfister, Executive Committee Director
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group Chair
David Spoelstra, Treasurer
Cindy Stark, Conference Management

Approve EC Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2021

a) Vote: Approved by unanimous consent

Agenda:

1) Feedback to consider regarding valid reasons to not go to Vancouver (Muunuu/Mikki)

- a) The CAG will be working over the next month or so and discussing the final decision on whether to hold the SIGGRAPH 2022 conference in Vancouver. In preparation for the discussion, the CAG would like to understand general 'deal breakers' or any big situations that would make holding SIGGRAPH 2022 impossible at this point in time.
- b) The EC discussed some possibilities including the borders closing again and the organizing team and many attendees not being able to get into the country.
 - i) Currently, Vancouver is open and doing business, with some requirements to get into the country regarding vaccination status and testing. If the conference decides to cancel SIGGRAPH 2022 in Vancouver, they will still face the same penalties for breaking the contracts. Then the only way that wouldn't happen is if Canada closed the borders which wouldn't allow many attendees or the organizing team to get into the country.
- c) As for SIGGRAPH Asia – the conference has released all of the space except for two presentation rooms and the experience hall/exhibit hall and have determined that only people from Japan can attend. More people in Japan are getting

vaccinated daily so the conference plans to see how it will unfold before December.

2) Holiday schedule of meetings (Elizabeth)

- a) Elizabeth updated the EC on the upcoming schedule of meetings around the holidays. Meetings that will be cancelled in the upcoming months are listed below.
- b) Nov 23 - NO MEETING
- c) Dec 21 - NO MEETING

3) Debrief on SBG Meeting (Elizabeth)

- a) Elizabeth provided a debrief on the latest SBG meeting.
- b) A few general updates include:
 - i) ACM membership is up from 90,000 to 110,000 over last year
 - ii) They are looking to elevate the visibility of the Digital Library
 - iii) There was discussion on DEI and the different organizations shared what they are doing to promote DEI. Elizabeth plans to give more in-depth notes to Tony, the DEI Committee Chair.
 - iv) There was discussion on reviewers for publications and how some submitters attend to skirt rules and attempt to elevate the reviewers for their own papers. Discussion ensued on these situations and how to avoid them.
 - v) Finally, the meeting discussed the letter on Texas. Overall, there was unanimous support not to sign the letter around restrictions on working with people in Texas. Overall, there was good discussion and dialogue.

4) Fall Strategy Meeting - Invite list (Elizabeth)

- a) The EC discussed the ideal number of attendees at the next Nov 4, 5 and 18, 2021 EC Fall strategy meeting. Overall, the EC agreed that 30-40 attendees is the ideal amount of attendees. The EC would like to invite the Standing Chairs and then select specific attendees to invite as well.

5) Review of Strategic Priorities progress (Elizabeth/Jenna)

- a) Elizabeth and Jenna shared an overview of the progress of the objectives from the Fall 2020 EC Strategy meeting.