

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2021

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:

Adam Bargteil, Executive Committee Director
Jesse Barker, Executive Committee Chair-elect
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Chair
Jenna Feldman, Project Manager
Adam Finkelstein, Executive Committee Director
Masa Inakage, Executive Committee Director
Mona Kasra, Executive Committee Director
Brad Lawrence, Executive Committee Treasurer-elect
Barbara Mones, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, Governance Committee Chair
Hanspeter Pfister, Executive Committee Director
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group Chair
David Sploelstra, Treasurer
Cindy Stark, Conference Management

Approve EC Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2021

a) Vote: **APPROVED**

Agenda:

- 1) **Fall EC Strategy Meeting - Doodle reminder (Elizabeth)**
- 2) **Meeting Attendance - EC meeting availability and absence notifications (Elizabeth)**
 - a) If you are planning to be unavailable for a day or more, please send a calendar invitation for when you plan to be absent, inviting the ACM SIGGRAPH EC calendar through doc-org@acmsiggraph.org and send an email to Jenna at project-manager@siggraph.org to confirm at least week before a meeting (as soon as you can).
- 3) **EC Rep to SA and SNA CAG (Mikki, Dave, Elizabeth)**
 - a) The CAG discussed and decided to invite Jesse Barker and Brad Lawrence as EC reps to the CAG. They discussed the roles Jesse and Brad and they both agreed to the roles.
 - i) VOTE: The EX votes to approve Brad Lawrence and Jesse Baker as EC representatives to the CAG.
(1) APPROVED
 - b) The SACAG has decided to invite Masa Inakage as the EC representative to the SACAG. Masa has agreed to the role.

- i) VOTE: The EX votes to approve Masa Inakage as EC representative to the SACAG.

(1) APPROVED

4) 2023 Technical Paper Chair (Erik, Elizabeth)

- a) Proposed 2023 SIGGRAPH Technical Papers Chair – Alla Shaffer
 - i) The EC voted to approve Alla Sheffer as the 2023 SIGGRAPH Technical Papers Chair.

(1) APPROVED

5) SIGGRAPH Asia 2022 Conference Papers Chair (Adam B./Elizabeth)

- a) Proposal for Adam Bargteil to serve as SA 22 Conference Papers Chair
 - i) Adam thinks he would be best for this role, and shares that he's in last year on the EC and will not be able to run for another term on the EC, citing he will have bandwidth to take on both roles.

- (1) VOTE: The EC voted to make an exception to the policy to allow Adam to serve as SA 2022 Conference Papers chair

(a) APPROVE

6) SGB Letter & Response (Elizabeth)

- a) At the upcoming SBG meeting, each SIG will be asked their general stance regarding the letter. The EC discussed the issue and the potential impact of business and the needs and status of the chapters currently in Texas. The EC expressed some concern about the implications of how the letter was specifically written, while still strongly opposing the circumstances that have unfolded in Texas.
 - i) For this, the EC agreed it would be important to reach out to the Chapters members in Texas and ask their opinions and understand what support they would need. They agreed this is a complex issue and they would like to see ACM to come up with a comprehensive solution.
- b) Overall, the EC is hesitant to impose sanctions but are troubled by the recent Texas law. The EC is interested in looking to listen to their Texas constituents and support their community in whatever way they need.

7) EC Standing Committee Groupings - Motion/Draft review (Elizabeth/Brad)

- a) The EC discussed removing the Standing Chair Groupings in the Policy document. In favor, it was noted that some of the groupings were disproportionately balanced, with more Committees in some groupings than others, which could impact the workload. However, it was discussed that the system of groupings has been successful in that it's spread the workload of liaison responsibilities from solely being on the President/Chair, to being spread across EC directors. There was additional discussion that the groupings as is have developed good synergy, especially for the Focused Communities grouping.

- i) The EC also agreed that some of the groupings are rigid and could make more sense. Governance is discussing this and plans to reexamine the groupings and potentially make them more flexible, giving the EC the ability to make adjustments as needed.
- b) Overall, the EC encourages the Governance Committee to continue these conversations and would like to see them come back to the EC with new language and suggestions for how to move forward on the Standing Committee grouping structure.