

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 01, 2021

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:

Rhea Adur, Student Rep to the EC
Adam Bargteil, Executive Committee Director
Jesse Barker, Executive Committee Chair-elect
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Chair
Ashley Cozzi, ACM Program Director
Marcia Daudelin, Conference Administration
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 Chair
Hanspeter Pfister, Executive Committee Director
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group Chair
David Spoelstra, Treasurer

Approve EC Meeting Minutes - January 18, 2022

a) Vote: **APPROVED by unanimous consent**

Agenda:

1) SIGGRAPH Asia 2022 Final Report (David)

- a) David presented on the SIGGRAPH Asia 2021 conference to the EC
 - i) SIGGRAPH Asia 2021 had over 3,000 attendees from 41 countries, 30 exhibitors, and 11 sponsors.
 - ii) Other stats include:
 - (1) 1472 submissions across program
 - (2) 6330 user log-ins, 345 on-demand pieces of content, 101 live virtual sessions, 19 of which were hybrid.
- b) Key challenges:
 - i) Japan historically has the largest attendance, but COVID-19 restrictions hurt the conference in significant ways.

2) SIGGRAPH Conference/CAG Updates (Mikki/Marcia)

- a) Mikki Rose shared several items and updates for SIGGRAPH 2022:
 - i) Still planning for hybrid experience for SIGGRAPH 2022 and they are now working hard on the budget with help of the conference management team.

- ii) Programs:
 - (1) Technical papers and art papers have closed – 608 technical papers, up quite a bit. Mikki and Marcia will follow-up with a final update on final numbers for the EC.
 - (2) Art papers – 72 submissions
 - (3) Outreach for other programs are in full swing and preparations for Art Papers and Technical papers meetings are underway, and recruiting for the unified jury is almost done.
 - (4) Muunuu is pushing her team in building jury/committees to include a very inclusive and diverse group of people.
 - (5) Lead program – re-imagination of former business symposium be planned at the 2022 conference.
- iii) Conference:
 - (1) Preliminary floor plans for the VCC and other contracts are still underway and contract negotiations underway with Hubb – if it goes well, use their version of mobile app for the conference. The app is different but similar to the conference platform interface so use between the two will be easy. It is a simplified experience than prior years with conference apps.
 - (2) Tentatively planning to use discord again.
- iv) The group is looking to organize the ACM Turing award talk and are currently in conversations with the speakers and the conference to determine how it will look at the conference.
- b) Miscellaneous:
 - i) The 2023 conference committee announced and shared with the EC
 - ii) Andres Burbano was officially announced as the 2024 Conference Chair
 - iii) The group also discussed the typically in person meeting for the EC before the conference.
 - (1) Elizabeth will send out an email and poll with more details and to understand everyone's comfort level with meeting in-person.

3) SIGGRAPH Conference USB Discussion (Brad/Stephen)

- a) See supporting documentation [here](#)
 - i) Stephen shared that since SIGGRAPH had a decreased number of customers and have increased the ubiquity and and made several improvements of the Digital Library, he would like to propose that they discontinue the Conference USB. Overall, the production of the USB's are budget neutral, but it's offset by the continuing obligation to produce two TOG special issue USB's.
 - (1) The EC agreed that the USB is an older way to deliver content that is already available in the DL, but were also concerned about how SIGGRAPH can provide access and even a physical takeaway of the conference proceedings to attendees once they leave the conference.
 - ii) Ashley Cozzi noted that the EC is welcome to send her a request to look into the zip files but ACM has not supported this in the past. If it was

supported in the future, the EC should consider its impact on the DL downloads which represents a significant revenue stream to the organization.

(1) Further, historically, ACM has not supported this – but Ashley can inquire again. As the organization is looking at revenue streams, it was noted that huge portions of the revenue are DL downloads. If provided an option to do single file download, this could significantly impact downloads in future and compromise revenue stream.

b) Motion: Move to discontinue the manufacturing of the conference USB, including the production, postage and delivering of the USB according to the proposal.

i) Brad moved. Adam F Seconded.

(1) Hanspeter, David, Elizabeth, Brad, Adam F., Mona, Mikki, voted to approve. Barbara and Adam B. voted no. Masa abstained.

(2) APPROVED

4) **Nominations Committee Term (Elizabeth)**

a) Thierry needs three committee members to fulfill obligations for the committee, however they are looking to step-down from their roles according to the current policy.

i) Considering that Thierry is in his first year as chair and they are looking at a Nominations process for many Chairs/EC in the near future, the EC agrees that they should make an exception for two of the members, and ask Thierry to recruit a third. The EC also urged that this policy be discussed so this doesn't happen again in the future. Also want to make sure this doesn't happen in the future. Idea to have 2 new people every year.

ii) The Governance Chair suggested looking at a two year term to better deter this situation in the future. For now, the EC will Defer to Thierry to determine who the extensions are provided to..

b) Motion: To approve 1 year extension for two people to extend their committee member terms on the Nominations Committee.

i) Moved: David. Seconded: Adam B.

(1) Hanspeter, David, Elizabeth, Brad, Adam F., Mona, Mikki, Barbara, Adam B., and Masa voted to approve.

(a) **APPROVED.**