

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

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
Tomasz Bednarz, SIGGRAPH Asia CAG Chair
Marcia Daudelin, Conference Administration
Mona Kasra, Executive Committee Director
Hanspeter Pfister, Executive Committee Director
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group Chair
David Spoelstra, Treasurer
Bonnie Mitchell, ACM SIGGRAPH History Archivist & SIGGRAPH 2023 - 50th Celebration Chair

Approve EC Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2022 - **approved**

Agenda:

1. SIGGRAPH Archives - (Bonnie Mitchell - SIGGRAPH 2023 - 50th Celebration Chair)

40 minutes

a. Status of the Archives

i. Background

1. Bonnie Mitchell started out on the EC back in the 1990s and during that time she started developing small websites for each year's art show that included basic show information. Each website would be in different formats and design, i.e. Flash. In 2006 Bonnie stopped making websites because the SIGGRAPH websites were doing a good job of documenting.
2. In 2016 after receiving feedback about how great those websites were and being used by academics. There were issues 1) different design formats and 2) going to different locations for the sites and the sites being outdated. At this time, Bonnie, devised a content management system plan; making the data all related to each other. Jan Searlman joined the team.
3. Around 2018 they were "done" archiving the art shows and decided to expand to all things SIGGRAPH.
4. They have received four ACM Heritage awards (\$4,000) and a grant from Bonnie's University (\$10,000) which funds students to help.
5. Archives operations - Content Management & Programming

ii. Goals

1. Finding out the content that SIGGRAPH has from 1974 -present

2. Work in Progress - Proof of concept [ACM SIGGRAPH HISTORY ARCHIVES](#)

- Updated every other week
- Big focus has been on the Conferences (SIGGRAPH and SIGGRAPH Asia), Experiences, and Courses
- Being used by other conference chairs for research
- The goal is to have a system of interrelated/interconnected web of information.
- Exhibitors - have not started but are looking for sponsors to fund the work for collecting data on exhibitors.
- What does the organization want to have in the archives? Bonnie has been meeting with different committees (i.e., Pioneers, Chapters, Education, etc.) and has started updating information.
- Highlighting the student volunteers who have helped with the archives (this really benefits their careers). Need more students!!

b. Help from the EC

i. Funding

1. Has been a problem but if they had a funding stream that Bonnie did not have to write grants or take time away from work. Need funding options/suggestions from the EC.

- ii. We had a problem with the SIGGRAPH virtual machine and it has been months of trying but Ken Bauer (a meeting was held today) might have a solution.
- iii. Bonnie is asking the EC to think about the longevity of the archives program. We need an ongoing team to keep this going because Bonnie will not be here forever.
- iv. We need a pipeline to get the information from the conference to the archive...the process has to be well thought out.
- v. Really in need of content from the 1980s and 1990s

2. EC August 7 Meeting - (Elizabeth/All)

10 minutes

a. Feedback

- i. Propose that the EC meet to continue the discussion regarding Standing Committees impact on the Strategic pillars and vice versa.
- ii. In the past, communication to the membership has been an issue that we have been unable to find a solution to.
 1. This came under the membership pillar
- iii. The 50th might be a good opportunity to present our (EC) new vision.
- iv. How to communicate to the membership the difference between EC Chair and Conference Chair?
- v. EC Chair-Elect hopes to find a balance between all voices being heard and the work the EC needs to do.
 1. Jesse is open to hearing others suggestions on how to better facilitate/format meetings.
- vi. We had a good discussion and received fierce & good feedback regarding the communication discussion. Devising a plan/process for sustained communication (looking at models of sustained communication).

- vii. The most engaging part of the meeting was when we were partaking in discussion vs. reporting out. For future meetings we should try to skew the meeting into more discussion (breakout groups) vs. reporting out.

3. SIGGRAPH 2022 Conference - (Elizabeth/Mikki/All) 10 minutes

- a. Feedback
 - i. Great time/Fantastic overall experience
 - 1. The CAG is still information gathering but overall a great experience!
 - ii. Technical Papers Program
 - 1. The SIGGRAPH 2022 Technical Papers program is being evaluated. Because there were a number of new initiatives related to the program as the conference hosted the first hybrid event, the CAG is reviewing all feedback and discussing refinements for the 2023 Technical Papers program.
- b. Reporting COVID cases
 - i. The counts provided are based on the official reporting channel of conferencestaff@acm.org The official numbers will continue to be collected for 10 days post-conference. Attendees are receiving the confirmed case count through dedicated emails that will continue until August 22.