ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:
Adam Bargteil, Past, Executive Committee Chair
Jesse Barker, Executive Committee Chair
Elizabeth Baron, Past, Executive Committee Chair
Brenda Dreier, Conference Administration
Shimin Hu, Executive Committee Director
Masa Inakage, Executive Committee Director
Eakta Jain, Executive Committee Director
Mona Kasra, Executive Committee Chair - Elect
Barbara Mones, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, Governance Chair
David Spoelstra, Executive Committee Treasurer - Elect
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group Chair

ACM SIGGRAPH organizational policies and procedures document - linked here

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Approve EC Meeting Minutes

1) 27 September Minutes - linked
    a) Vote - **Approved**

Agenda:

1. **Chair's Updates**   Jesse Barker
    a. Arts Advisory Group (AAG) Call
        1. Direct AAG call inquiries to Mona Kasra, former AAG Chair.

2. **SIGGRAPH 2023 Updates**   Erik Brunvand, SIGGRAPH 2023 Conference Chair
                (40 mins)

First, congratulations to the SIGGRAPH 2022 Technical Papers Program for the success of Conference Papers and Journal Papers. Two different formats - presentation and publications formats.

a. CAG approved SIGGRAPH 2023 changes based on feedback from SIGGRAPH 2022.

    1. Technical Papers Town hall - Feedback
        i. Roundtable Discussions - Feedback
            a. Producing a video version ahead of the conference before the start of the in-person conference was a lot of work.The preference would be to have the audience see the discussions in-person and review materials afterwards.
                i. It was recommended to make the presentation times longer for the two formats.
                ii. Add in-person questioning before moving to the one on one discussions with the authors.
            b. For SIGGRAPH 2023, we'll keep the Roundtable Discussions and will record onsite while they are occurring, give the virtual attendees an opportunity to stream it live, and allow questions via a chat Discord Channel .
        ii. Requests for more sessions.
        iii. Live in-person Papers Fast Forward (including Arts Papers).
            a. Will be adding Sunday to the Conference to accommodate the additional Technical Papers sessions.
            b. Live in-person Papers Fast Forward would occur on Sunday.
            c. Would occur before the Papers presentations on Monday.
            d. Recommendation to have a really "cool" talk on Sunday to draw the attendees to come in early for Sunday programming.
            e. Recommendation to talk to SIGGRAPH Asia regarding Technical Papers programming - get some feedback from SIGGRAPH Asia 2022 for planning SIGGRAPH 2023.

b. Opening registration Sunday, a day earlier to alleviate congestion on Monday.

c. Virtual platform would open the same day as in-person and will remain open after the in-person conference.
    1. Birds of a Feather (BOFs) will return to in-person instead of virtual.
        i. The community felt that the online BOFs were unsuccessful.
        ii. BOFs are hugely successful in drawing people into the organization.

d. How to make virtual attendees see the value in their experience?

1. The SIGGRAPH 2023 Chair would like the recordings from the Papers sessions up for one month after the conference and not immediately added to the ACM Digital Library (DL).
    i. In the future, the CAG will need the EC's support on this point because in the past there has been a rush to get conference content in the DL.
        a. This will only impact recordings from the conference. SIGGRAPH is asking ACM to consider allowing SIGGRAPH to have exclusive access to the conference recordings for one month after the conference.

2. The goal for the hybrid model is to give virtual attendees a real time presence at the conference…a real time interactive presence.
    i. How do we define the virtual experience for attendees?
        a. Recognizing that the virtual attendee experience is different.
            i. How do we integrate DEI into the conference?
                1. The virtual experience would allow people who can't travel to SIGGRAPH, who can't afford to travel to SIGGRAPH, or might have visa issues to have a rich virtual experience.

The EC supports the above changes and will continue to receive updates from the SIGGRAPH 2023 Chair.

3. **EC Standing Committee Groupings - Open Liaison Roles**   Jesse Barker (10 mins)
    a. The EC is continuing to fill vacant liaison roles within the committee.
        1. Eakta Jain has expressed interest in the following roles:
            i. Nurturing Communities - Strategy Committee
            ii. Career Development Grouping
        2. Eakta considers both committees are aligned in terms of deepening the professional growth of our members and looks forward to working with those groups.
    b. Shimin Hu has expressed interest in the following roles:
        1. EC Rep to the SACAG
            i. David Spolestra and Masa Inakage will follow up with the SACAG Chair regarding Shimin's interests.
        2. Focused Communities, specifically Education and Chapters committees are of interest to Shimin.
            i. Shimin is invited to attend the next meeting.
        3. Volunteer Development Committee (VDC)

       i.   Eakta Jain will be shadowing Adam Finkelstein in the search for a Chair for the new committee.

4. **EC Meetings - The Future of Multi-Day EC Meetings**   Jesse Barker
   (10 minutes)
     a. November EC Meeting - In-person is postponed.
        1. The results from the poll:
            i. Not enough members could attend in-person.
        2. The Finance Committee will meet in-person.
            i. A meeting of the EC will be held after this ad hoc meeting of the Finance Committee.
     b. EC feedback regarding longer formatted EC meetings
        1. The Chair is asking the EC to commit to traveling for a meeting in Jan/Feb. 2023.
        2. The plan for future in-person and virtual meetings
            i. Will attempt a mix of in-person and virtual meetings and see how this schedule goes.
                a. Jan/Feb - in-person meeting
                b. May/June - virtual meeting
                c. August (SIGGRAPH) - in-person meeting
                d. Oct/Nov - virtual meeting