

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes (PUBLIC)

Tuesday, 25 February 2025

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:

Eakta Jain, Executive Committee Chair
Darin Grant, Executive Committee Chair- Elect
Brad Lawrence, Executive Committee Treasurer
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Director
Tomasz Bednarz, SIGGRAPH Asia CAG Chair
Marcia Daudelin, Conference Administration
Dena Debry, Nominations Committee Chair
Hugues Hoppe, Executive Committee Director
Shimin Hu, Executive Committee Director
June Kim, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, Governance Advisory Board (GAB) Chair
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group, (CAG) Chair
Katherine Ruff, Executive Committee Project Manager
Courtney Starrett, Executive Committee Director

AGENDA ITEM

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

The EC reviewed the 7-8 February and 11 February meeting minutes.

- The EC was asked to confirm the accuracy of the 7-8 February minutes pertaining to the “Budget Setting for Standing Committee Chairs.”
- The EC was also asked to confirm whether or not the withdrawn motion on 8 February should be included.
- There was a discussion on public facing versus private facing minutes and how detailed the minutes need to be. The EC agreed that the public facing minutes should be voted on.

The 7-8 February and 11 February private minutes were approved.

EC Chair Updates

1. SIGGRAPH 2026 Budget Timeline - An update was shared with the EC that the CAG is working to move the timeline of SIGGRAPH 2026 budget up. The EC was advised that they will be asked to look at the budget sooner than has been typical in the last few years.
2. SIGGRAPH contracts up for (re)negotiation - There are some contractor contracts up for renewal, and the EC is invited to provide guidance and be involved in that process.

EC Liaison Updates

1. The Significant New Researcher Award conversation was started via email to discuss options for splitting the award between two people. The EC agreed to add it to the agenda for today.
2. The Underrepresented Travel Grant application process is open with applications due 15 March. The EC was asked to share the application and spread the word.

Governance Advisory Board Updates

1. History Committee
 - a. The GAB chair agreed to defer any decisions on the History Committee until after a conversation can be had with volunteers involved with the standing committee.
2. DEI Update
 - a. The GAB chair shared that the GAB has discussed adding an ex-officio DEI EC member, and ultimately agreed that it would be best to hire a consultant for six months to a year to guide the EC.
 - b. Hiring a consultant is not in the 2026 budget so an exception would need to be brought to the Finance Committee.
 - c. A voting EC member also needs to head up this effort. The EC Chair-elect volunteered and requested that the EC provide any connections or suggestions for potential consultants.
 - d. The GAB also discussed contacting ACM for their assistance.

Significant New Researcher Award

The EC was reminded that this was previously discussed via email. The awards committee has made a request to split one of the awards. The EC discussed potential pros and cons of splitting the award. Concerns were shared via email that it would dilute the award and would set a precedent to consistently split the award. Costs would need to be split among two people. The GAB chair reminded the EC that a supermajority is needed for this vote. The EC chair noted that there is precedent in other scientific awards to give two people the award.

- **MOTION:** Courtney Starrett made a motion to approve the Technical Awards Committee to give the Sig New Researcher award to two people this year based on our confidence in the award committee's determination that the researchers collaborated closely subject to the award budget staying the same.

- Seconded by Brad Lawrence.
- Motion passed. (10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) Yes votes from Mikki Rose, Courtney Starrett, Eakta Jain, Darin Grant, Brad Lawrence, Hugues Hoppe, Shimin Hu, June Kim, Elizabeth Baron and Tomasz Bendarz.

May In-Person Meeting

The EC chair shared potential agenda items for the May in-person meeting and invited the EC to share any additional agenda items for consideration. The EC chair also invited the EC to share thoughts on the meeting timing and asked the EC to consider budgetary considerations.

There was discussion on the SIGGRAPH Asia 2025 budget presentation, specifically if there will be a comparison of the two conferences. The intent of the presentation is to give a high level overview of the business structure but not to actively compare the two. The business models for the first three years of SIGGRAPH Asia were the same as SIGGRAPH, so those would provide some context.

Meeting Adjourned