

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 23 September 2025

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:

Darin Grant, Executive Committee Chair
June Kim, Executive Committee Chair-Elect
David Spoelstra, Executive Committee Treasurer
Jenny Dana, Executive Committee Treasurer-Elect
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Director
Hugues Hoppe, Executive Committee Director
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director
Dena DeBry, Nominations Committee Chair
Kalina Borkiewicz, Executive Committee Director
Baoquen Chen, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, Governance Advisory Board (GAB) Chair
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group, (CAG) Chair
Tomasz Bednarz, SIGGRAPH Asia Conference Advisory Group (SACAG) Chair
Katherine Ruff, Executive Committee Project Manager
Marcia Daudelin, SIGGRAPH Conference Event Director

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
Chair's Update • November Hotel: there were two options for the November in-person EC meeting hotel. The EC will contract with the hotel that costs less and has complimentary breakfast, despite some EC members having a preference for Marriott hotels. • Offline Minutes Approvals - the Project Manager shared an update on how minutes will be approved offline. EC members will have 3 days to review and comment on the Google Doc of the minutes and the Project Manager will then update any requested changes. From there, the EC will have one day to review changes, and if no additional comments are made, the minutes will be considered approved. ◦ If there is discussion requested about the minutes, they will be added to the next EC meeting agenda. ◦ The EC was reminded that the goal is to prepare minutes that provide detail without attributing specifics to any single EC member. • Offline Voting: For inclusivity reasons, votes will be finalized offline to allow all EC members the opportunity to vote. Votes will remain open for 48 hours and will not close early even if the required majority is received. The results of votes will be shared in the Chair's Update at each meeting to ensure inclusion in the minutes. • The Chair is unavailable for the October 7 meeting. The Chair-elect will serve as Acting Chair for that meeting.	Darin Grant

2025-2026 Action Items Tracker The Project Manager presented the Action Items tracker to the EC, noting how it will be used to design meeting agendas and help the EC be aware of upcoming decisions and deadlines. EC members were asked to share any timelines or upcoming decisions and actions that should be added to the timeline. The EC discussed altering the “Owner” column to include the role rather than name of individual so that it can be utilized for future years. Action: Project Manager to update the owner column to state the role instead of names. Action: EC members to share any decision timelines or action items that should be added to the tracker.	Katherine Ruff
Deferred Papers Presentation The EC reviewed the deferred papers presentation proposal, reviewing the terms and requirements for authors. The high level idea is that if a paper is accepted to S2026 or SA2026, but no authors can travel to that location, they can defer the presentation to the next conference. The EC discussed options if authors are unable to travel to the next 2 conferences and was reminded that a virtual option for SIGGRAPH already exists. The EC discussed the importance of authors presenting in person because it is more engaging. There were concerns raised with the requirement to pay 2 registrations, even if one is discounted. The EC asked clarifying questions around an exchange of funds between conferences, not penalizing conferences due to attendees not paying full price, and there being additional costs for deferrals (presentation vs publication schedules). The EC also discussed the lottery system in the event that there are more deferral requests than allowed. There were Visa concerns raised if the deferral lottery is not finalized until a few months prior. Motion: A motion was made to accept the Deferred Papers Policy Proposal. • Motion made by Jenny Dana. • Seconded by June Kim. • Per the new voting process, the Project Manager will share an offline voting link and the results will be shared in the next meeting minutes.	Alla Sheffer
EC Liaisons The EC discussed the need to identify EC liaisons to each of the committee groupings. The EC reviewed the existing tracker with assignments and walked through the need for each grouping to have at least two liaisons. The EC clarified that signing up for a grouping means serving as a liaison to all committees in that grouping. Action: The EC was asked to review and indicate where they would like to serve.	Darin Grant

2027 Papers Chair The EC reviewed the information presented about the selection for the 2027 Papers Chair, and no concerns were raised. Motion: A motion was made to approve Tamy Boubekur as SIGGRAPH 2027 Papers Chair. Per the new voting process, the Project Manager will share an offline voting link and the results will be shared in the next meeting minutes.	
Town Hall Follow Up The EC Chair is working on a Chair's Corner and will use Chatham House rules to discuss conversations that occurred during EC meetings surrounding SIGGRAPH 2026. That document sharing the conversations will be shared with the existing and former EC members to ensure identifying information has been removed from the minutes while being more transparent. Site selection guidelines are still in progress, though a vote for a site selection will not occur until those guidelines are finalized. SIGGRAPH locations are set through 2029.	Darin Grant
Formally Dissolve Research, Practitioner, and DEI Standing Committees There are committees that were suspended but still exist in the policies. The EC needs a supermajority vote to remove them. Discussion on this topic will continue at the next EC meeting. It was clarified that the intention for the DEI Committee was never to entirely remove it, but to make its focus less on the SIGGRAPH conference and more on the organization as a whole.	David Spoelstra
Additional Business The EC asked when a travel authorization will be sent out for November. It is in progress and under review. The SIGGRAPH 2028 Conference Chair application deadline passed and there were fewer applicants than typical. The deadline may be extended.	
Meeting Adjourned	Darin Grant