

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

Attendees:

Darin Grant, Executive Committee Chair
David Spoelstra, Executive Committee Treasurer
Jenny Dana, Executive Committee Treasurer-Elect
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Director
Hugues Hoppe, Executive Committee Director
June Kim, Executive Committee Director
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director
Dena DeBry, Nominations Committee Chair
Courtney Starrett, 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
Kalina Borkiewicz, Executive Committee Director

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
Chair's Update • The EC will be using Slack more for communication. • Agenda and Meeting Rules - Chatham House Rule. The EC acknowledged lack of communication was a challenge with SA2026. Moving forward, EC members can discuss the meeting as long as it's not attributing the comments to anyone. As leaders, people come to the EC and leaders should be able to talk about these things with the community. ◦ If there are prereading materials, EC should read them ahead of time. ◦ Items should be added to the agenda ahead of time. • Public / Private Minutes - Delay for Discussion ◦ There will be differences in the way minutes are considered approved, rather than spending time reviewing them at meetings. ◦ Preparing the minutes in a way that provides details but does not attribute specifics to members of the EC. Then there won't be a reason to have separate public and private minutes. It helps ensure that just because some might know folks on the EC, there isn't a difference in level of communicating. • Transcribing Meetings ◦ The EC agreed to use transactions in the meeting and record to assist with generating minutes. Gemini is a potential option in the future.	Darin Grant

• EC Calendar Example: EC needs a year-round tracking document to try to make meetings more effective and to be clear about when items need to be added. • Virtual Voting Results ○ Jenny Dana as Treasurer-Elect: Motion passed with all in favor. ■ 8 yes, 0 no, 4 abstain ○ June Kim as Chair-Elect: Motion passed with all in favor ■ 10 votes, 0 no, 2 abstain ○ Scott Owen GAB Chair Extension: Motion passed with all in favor ○ 12 votes, 0 no, 0 abstain • EC Meeting Time Strategy Poll ○ Best times to meet are Tuesday at 5 PT or alternating Tuesday at 2 and 5 PT. Alternating times will probably work best so that the EC can be more inclusive of time zones. • EC November In Person Meeting Poll Reminder ○ Fill out the poll if you have not. The EC will plan to meet at the Smithbucklin office in Chicago or University of Chicago. ○ ACTION: Project Manager to follow up after the meeting about University of Chicago.	
SIGGRAPH Asia Townhall Update The EC received an update on planning for the Town Hall: it is a webinar style format with a number of individuals as panelists. It's designed to be a listening and feedback session, for both onsite and from what's been discussed thus far as mitigation options. Attendees will ask questions via Slido and can upvote them. When a question is being answered, the asker will have the option to be promoted to panelist. The EC discussed the importance of providing information while not being defensive. The EC was also requested to ensure they're registered and to attend, in case any one EC member needs to be elevated to be a panelist during the meeting. The EC reviewed the slides and site selection guideline feedback, with some suggestions being provided. The EC also discussed the differences between SIGGRAPH and SIGGRAPH Asia models, with SIGGRAPH Asia not being able to be hosted in the same location year after year because of governmental support. Additionally, the EC confirmed that there will be a moderator who is no longer serving ACM SIGGRAPH in a leadership capacity. Action: Project Manager to synthesize the information and comments provided between the two separate site selection documents.	Darin Grant
Deferred Papers Presentation The EC reviewed information on the deferred papers presentation, noting that the exact process details are underway but that there will be a process in place. Contributors should be able to present elsewhere as long as they can provide legitimate justification. Commitment to when the process can be resolved. Right now it's focused on safety and doesn't include other issues, such as visa challenges, etc. The EC can vote offline as necessary to finalize the document, but the EC should also have ample time to consider the proposal.	Alla Sheffer

There will be a cap for the number of extra papers that can be accommodated. If there are too many, they will roll to the next conference.	
CAFAB (Vote can be deferred) The EC discussed the need to identify the CAFAB Chair, because Mark Elendt's term ended August 31. The new policy change requires the incoming chair to be identified a year prior to the outgoing chair's term. Extending the term would ensure that the new policy is being adhered to and ensures that folks are aware ahead of time that they will be stepping into the role. • Motion: I move for Mark Elendt to be extended as CAFAB Chair until August 31, 2026. ○ Motion made by David Spoelstra. ○ Seconded by Jenny Dana. ○ 100% in favor: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining • Motion I move to approve the CAFAB recommendation of Dawn Fidrick as CAFAB Chair from Sep 1, 2026 until August 31, 2029. ○ Motion made by Jenny Dana. ○ Seconded by David Spoelstra. ○ 100% with all in favor: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining	Darin Grant
Project Manager Contract (Project Manager Exits) The EC discussed the Project Manager contract. Notes were captured by EC directors.	Darin Grant
EC Liaisons This item will be added to a future agenda due to time constraints.	Darin Grant
EC Meeting: SIGGRAPH Mailing List Proposal This item will be added to a future agenda due to time constraints.	Darin Grant
Other Terms Expired? This item will be added to a future agenda due to time constraints.	David Spoelstra
Meeting Adjourned	Darin Grant