ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 02 December 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
Kalina Borkiewicz, Executive Committee Director
Hugues Hoppe, Executive Committee Director
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, Governance Advisory Board Representative to the EC
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group, (CAG) Chair
Courtney Starrett, Executive Committee Director
Marcia Daudelin, SIGGRAPH Conference Event Director
Katherine Ruff-Piccirilli, ACM SIGGRAPH Project Manager

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
 Chair's Update Results of February/March Meeting Poll There were some challenges with finding a weekend that everyone is available. February 6-8 is the best weekend for the majority of EC members, but quite a few EC members can only be available virtually. Additionally, It will be important to ensure the future CAG Chair can attend as well. Once the new CAG Chair's availability is determined, the EC will prioritize meeting in person on the weekend that the majority of EC members are available. Results of Poll for EC meeting time: The best time for the recurring virtual meetings is Tuesdays at 3pm PST/6pm ET beginning December 16. Straw Poll:One Position Policy for Affinity Groups	Darin Grant
 Action: The Project Manager will send out an updated calendar invite for recurring EC meetings. GAB Chair to adjust the policy so that it accurately reflects that the CAG and SACAG Chairs can vote. 	

Assign Action Items from November in Person Meeting/Meeting Follow Up The EC Chair noted that the most important component of these meeting minutes is to ensure that all the action items are assigned and that all members of the EC agree to what they're assigned to. Previous feedback on in person meetings was that action items were not followed through on. The EC reviewed the action items from the meeting, assigning EC members as necessary and discussing action items that have already been completed. Updates were made directly in the document to update assignments or add in action items. In the interest of time, the EC Chair noted that he will continue to read through the meeting minutes and assign action items via Slack. The rest of the EC should also read through the minutes.	Darin Grant
Action: 1. EC Chair to assign unassigned action items from the November in person meeting. 2. EC members finish reading through the minutes, adding comments or	
suggestions where necessary. 3. EC to review the questions posted in Slack by Alla. These questions are proposed additions to the post-conference survey.	
CAG Chair Motion and Second Needed Link to Vote	Darin Grant
The EC was sent the CAG Chair recommendation earlier in the week and some members shared their feedback on the chair selection. Not all EC members were on the call, so the EC Chair will inform EC members not on the call that they should vote.	
 Motion: A motion was made to approve the CAG Chair recommendation. 1. Motion made by David Spoelsta. 2. Motion seconded by Jenny Dana. 3. Motion passed with 100% in favor. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain 	
Bylaws Changes The GAB Chair reminded the EC of the process for bylaw changes: 1. The EC agrees on a model for the bylaws change 2. The GAB creates specific details changes for the EC to approve 3. The changes are submitted to ACM and reviewed by various groups within ACM 4. The membership votes on the bylaws The EC has two decisions to make on the bylaws: the first change is to undate the	Scott Owen
The EC has two decisions to make on the bylaws: the first change is to update the bylaws to ensure they're consistent with last year's policy change, stating that a treasurer-elect is elected every two years. The second change for the EC to consider is updating the Chair and Chair-elect model to, rather than having an EC-appointed Chair and Chair-elect, move to a member-elected, possibly multi-year model. The EC could also consider changing the name of the Chair and Chair-Elect to President and President-elect, which could help reduce confusion with the SIGGRAPH Conference Chair. The EC needs to consider both changes to approve.	

The most common model for electing a chair is to elect a Chair/Vice-Chair every N years: N could be 2 or 3 years. A potential variation on this is that the Chair and Vice-Chair run as a slate during the election.

The EC discussed that chairs typically have had previous experience with SIGGRAPH leadership, though it's not a policy. Requiring chairs to have previous leadership experience, either with the conference or on the EC, would require a policy change. It was noted that this change would not be a bylaws change, as typically, specific details or requirements are included in policies.

The EC discussed the history, noting that prior to 2020, there was a president role that was elected for three-year terms. The reason the EC is reconsidering the length of the role again is that numerous EC Chairs have expressed challenges with the role only being one year. Three years felt too long; however, one year doesn't allow chairs much time to learn and make a difference. Some EC members felt like three years would be too long for a chair/president. They agreed that having time to shadow the chair-elect is important, especially because being on the EC doesn't expose EC members to all the responsibilities that a chair has. Ultimately, the EC held different opinions on whether 2 or 3 years is better. Some on the EC expressed a preference for the treasurer and treasurer-elect term syncing up with the EC chair term.

There was also debate over using president or chair for the position title. The EC disagreed, with some on the EC feeling that "president" is too hierarchical, but "chair" doesn't recognize the amount of work required for the position. There were discussions on whether the EC should use the term Vice Chair or Chair-Elect, with some EC members preferring Vice Chair

The EC also discussed how elections would be held to select a chair and chair-elect/vice chair. Some on the EC believed that whoever serves as vice chair should automatically move into the chair position, while others preferred having a vote. A suggestion was made to include information on whether or not an EC candidate agreed to serve as Chair with their biography and other information provided for the election.

The EC was unable to align on the best course of action to update the bylaws. The discussion will continue over Slack between now and the first January meeting, when this topic will be discussed.

Action:

- 1. EC to continue to discuss bylaw changes over Slack.
- 2. EC to discuss the bylaws changes at the first meeting in January.

SCF Specialized Conference

- Symposium on Computational Fabrication (SCF) conference wants to change from being 100% SIGGRAPH to 50% CHI
- Recent SCF financial/attendance data available here
- They request an EC response by EOY

This item was not discussed in the interest of time.

Kalina Borkiewicz

Underrepresented Travel Grant	Courtney Starret
This item was not discussed in the interest of time.	
Meeting Adjourned	Darin Grant