

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 04 November 2025

5 - 6 PM PT/8 - 9 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
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Director
Baoquan Chen, Executive Committee Director
Hugues Hoppe, Executive Committee Director
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, Governance Advisory Board Representative to the EC
Dena DeBry, Nominations Committee Representative to the EC
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group, (CAG) Chair
Tomasz Bednarz, SIGGRAPH Asia Conference Advisory Group Chair (SACAG Chair)
Courtney Starrett, Executive Committee Director
Marcia Daudelin, SIGGRAPH Conference Event Director
Katherine Ruff-Piccirilli, ACM SIGGRAPH Project Manager

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
Chair's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Proxy Voting Vote<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Passed with 10 votes, 8 yes, 2 no○ Yes: Alla Sheffer, Mikki Rose, Jenny Dana, Courtney Starrett, Darin Grant, David Spoelstra, Hugues Hoppe, Baoquan Chen○ No: Tomasz Bednarz and Kalina Borkiewicz● WOSC Chair Vote<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Passed with 10 votes 8 yes, 2 abstain● Review Affinity Group MOU template ahead of Nov. In Person Meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The EC has been discussing a template for affinity groups to make sure that a template is easily available. The EC was requested to review the draft ahead of time so that there's some thought ahead of the meeting. The EC was informed that the GAB has not had a chance to review yet, so it should be viewed as a first draft.	Darin Grant
Bylaws Discussion <p>The GAB Chair reminded the EC what the process for updating bylaws are: generally, SIGGRAPH tries to include as much as possible in the policies that the EC can change and keep very little in the bylaws. He reminded the EC that bylaw changes require multiple levels of approval prior to being voted upon by membership.</p>	Scott Owen

He shared that there are some proposed bylaws changes that the GAB is discussing. Last year, the selection of the treasurer position was changed in the policies to elect them instead of them being appointed by OSAG. The bylaws currently do not allow Director C to be labeled as the treasurer position. One of the proposed changes updated the bylaws so that the Director C position can be labeled as treasurer during elections. This proposed change would reflect that the OSAC no longer appoints the treasurer.

Additionally, when reviewing bylaws, a question was raised on the length of terms for chair and chair-elect (1 year versus 3 years), the selection process (elected versus appointed), and the title of chair-elect versus vice-chair. There have been challenges because chair-elects have sometimes been selected, or dragooned into the position, prior to the chair-elect before fully understanding the organization. EC members shared perspectives on these changes which include challenges around only having a year to accomplish anything, which feels too short, considering it takes time to become familiar with the position. The EC also discussed the changes between the title of chair versus president, with some sharing that the idea of changing the title to chair was to reduce some of the workload; however, that has not occurred. The EC discussed other alternatives, including a two year term and raised concerns over the number of members who vote in elections. Other challenges include challenges finding a chair-elect among the EC, training up the new EC Chair yearly to understand other advisory groups, and the turnaround time for the OSAG to select the chair-elect after elections.

The GAB noted that having 3 year terms would align with other SIGs. He also flagged the position around President/Chair differences. It's good to have people who are making a choice to serve as chair. The conversation will be continued at the November in person meeting. The GAB Chair highlighted two deadlines by which decisions need to be made: November 30 and February 28.

Review November 14-15 Agenda

The EC reviewed the agenda for the upcoming in person meeting and finalized owners for a few of the agenda items. The EC confirmed that materials will be sent in advance early next week for review.

Darin Grant

VDC + Nurturing Communities update > future plans

The EC discussed how the Early Career Development Committee has discussed a members-only section of the website. The EC would need to consider managing the content and who should own that: the Membership & Communications Committee should help with designing this page. It would serve to streamline information from committees to members. The EC agreed that it's a good idea and discussed how it can help promote SIGGRAPH membership beyond conference registration discounts. A formal vote is not needed, though no dissent was provided during the meeting.

Courtney Starrett

Action: Courtney Starrett to reach out to Barb Helfer and Aaron Hosier to begin work on a members-only section of the website.

<p>ACM SIGGRAPH 365</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EC discussed the proposal to change the name for "ACM SIGGRAPH 365 Community Showcase" to "ACM SIGGRAPH 365." The EC agreed that the name change is good. • The EC discussed that there is a section of the ACM SIGGRAPH Site called "SIGGRAPH 365" which needs to be updated. <p>Action: June Kim to confirm with Diana about ACM SIGGRAPH 365. Action: June Kim to start a thread in Slack to discuss the site updates.</p>	June Kiim
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