

ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 16 June 2026

3 - 4 PM PT/6 - 7 PM ET

Attendees:

Darin Grant, Executive Committee Chair
June Kim, Executive Committee Incoming Chair
David Spoelstra, Executive Committee Treasurer
Jenny Dana, Executive Committee Treasurer-Elect
Kalina Borkiewicz, Executive Committee Director
Courtney Starrett, Executive Committee Director
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Director
Erik Brunvand, Conference Advisory Group Chair
Dena DeBry, Nominations Chair
Scott Owen, Governance Advisory Chair
Marcia Daudelin, SIGGRAPH Conference Event Director
Katherine Ruff-Piccirilli, ACM SIGGRAPH Project Manager
Papers Advisory Group Chair, Denis Zorin
Chapters Committee Chair, Amira Malcom
Early Career Development Committee Chair, Michael Collins
Digital Arts Committee Chair, Rebecca Xu
Sheldon Andrews, Executive Committee Nominee
Victoria Szabo, Executive Committee Nominee
Derek Ham, Executive Committee Nominee
Ruth West, Executive Committee Nominee

	<u>PRESENTER</u>
Chair's Update ● Annual Report Update ○ The EC Chair gave an update on annual report responses. The groups still missing are: SCC, WOSC, WiGRAPH, Pioneers ● The EC Chair reminded the EC to review the 6-7 June minutes and action items so that the minutes can be posted. ● The EC Chair reminded the EC to cast their vote on the ERC vote. Only 4 EC members have voted so far. ● The EC Chair noted that we will be starting a poll shortly for the IRAB Chair preferences as a follow up from the 6-7 June meeting.	Darin Grant
Digital Arts Committee The DAC Chair shared updates on committee activities over the past year. She noted that the committee has 8 members and facilitates year-round activities and information. This year, the DAC has continued SPARKS sessions (9 sessions planned/completed), collaborating with conferences, and more. There are 2 digital art exhibitions, one	Rebecca Xu

planned for July 2026 as part of engaging with the local SIGGRAPH conference city, and the other is planned for September 2026 in Shanghai. The student art competition was held solely by DAC and received 59 submissions with 14 artworks selected. DAC participated in SIGGRAPH 2025, hosting numerous events and sessions and plans to continue those activities at SIGGRAPH 2026. She shared existing challenges that DAC is facing, noting that current funding levels are too low to support conference-based community initiatives as in previous years. DAC is soliciting funds from external sponsorships and hopes to discuss additional funding opportunities through the organization in the future. Goals for 2026-2027 include continuing the SPARKS series, continuing the student digital art competition, and continued conference activities. Requested support from the EC for future year activities includes financial support for community building at conference, supporting outreach to East Asian communities and facilitating participation in SIGGRAPH Asia. Additional areas of support include streamlining admin processes such as permission forms, maintaining regular Guild meetings, continuing AAG representation to DAC and facilitating cross-committee collaborations. There were questions around the attendance numbers at events and who is invited to attend events (members vs non-members). Attendance numbers and participation requirements vary depending on the event.	
Early Career Development Committee The ECDC Chair presented highlights from committee activities, noting the resume program has served 264 participants across onsite and online review sessions and SIGGRAPH 2025 had highly attended career-focused sessions. They also began webinar activities this year and expanded outreach. The webinars are designed to provide early career content to showcase what pathways exist for those early in their careers. The hope is for these webinars to be hosted for members only, though currently they do not have a great mechanism to allow for members-only attendance. They have also engaged with direct educational outreach to academic institutions and organizations to give talks. He also highlighted the Committee Apprentice Program which has helped support volunteers for SIGGRAPH 2025 and expanded volunteer pathways into SIGGRAPH Conference work. Additional highlights include infrastructure improvements, including updating the website and developing a new scheduling software for R3. The committee also brought in a marketing-focused member because no one on the committee was marketing oriented. Challenges and opportunities for improvement include funding for CAP being cut and needed infrastructure improvements. He also highlighted the importance and maintaining funding for R3. There were questions around webinar attendance. Webinars tend to attract around 30 people, though they are still determining how to have the best impact as they're relatively new. The EC also commended the chair on the number of new activities and work that has been done since last year.	Michael Collins
Chapters Committee The Chapters Committee Chair provided information on the make up of the committee, noting there is global representation. The committee's mission is to group SIGGRAPH's community by providing events and networking opportunities globally. There are 52 active chapters with 5 pending. The majority of chapters are in North America and Asia, but the committee hopes to expand communities around the world.	Amira Malcom

The PSCC has been involved in numerous activities globally including grant applications for chapter events, activities at conferences, workshops, virtual hangouts, and recognition. She noted they frequently receive questions about funding for travel to SIGGRAPH conferences, though there is no budget for that. In addition to year round activities, Chapters hosts conference events such as chapter leaders happy hour, an in person chapter leaders' workshop, collaboration with SV orientation for a student session, Monday Night Chapters Party, how to start a chapter informational session and regional meetups. The main goals for the future include building chapters in new areas, updating chapter resources, and piloting annual themes for volunteer development programs. The EC clarified whether there are virtual chapter leader workshops, and those are currently happening. They can be challenging to host due to time differences, but virtual opportunities currently exist. It was clarified that the volunteer development program is specific to chapters and does not come from the VDC or another group.	
Papers Advisory Group The Papers Advisory Group Chair presented an update on PAG activities, noting that the PAG's goal is to represent the institution's memory of the papers. This year, PAG compiled a list of candidates for S'27 and SA'27 paper chairs and supported Papers Chairs on policies and decisions in complex cases and other support work. The structure of the group includes an appointed PAG chair as well as previous and incoming PAG Chairs. Opportunities for improvement include closer communication with the EC and navigating challenges with technical paper submissions growing each year for both conferences. The PAG needs to balance high quality papers while ensuring that the competitiveness doesn't drive submitters away. Additionally, reviewers are becoming harder to recruit. Some of the changes to help navigate the number of submissions and number of reviewers include reducing reviews from 5 to 4, having primary and secondary committee members and facilitating other possible changes based on other conferences experiences are under discussion. Goals for the incoming chair include figuring out how to adapt to growth, having EC and CAG liaisons, and continued support for in person meetings.	Denis Zorin
Nominations Committee Members The Nominations Committee Chair is in the process of selecting committee members for the committee. The only requirement is for there to be an odd number of members, though she prefers to have 5. She currently has 3 members and would like the EC to consider having her move forward with 3 to select the two SC Chairs that need to be selected prior to selecting two additional members. In the interest of time, she'll send candidates over Slack and conversation will happen over Slack. Action: Nominations Committee Chair to share candidates over Slack.	Dena DeBry
Meeting Adjourned.	Darin Grant