ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Saturday, 6 June 2026

9-1 PM PT/12-4 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
Courtney Starrett, Executive Committee Director
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director
Chris Bregler, Executive Committee Director
Scott Owen, GAB Chair
Erik Bruvand, Conference Advisory Group Chair
Tomasz Bednarz, SIGGRAPH Asia Conference Advisory Group Chair
Dena DeBry, Nominations Committee Chair
Katherine Ruff-Piccirilli, ACM SIGGRAPH Project Manager
Ashley Cozzi, Associate Director of SIG Services

AGENDA ITEM	**PRESENTER**
Welcome and Overview The EC Chair welcomed the EC to today's meeting. He reminded the EC of the Meeting Guiding Principles, including being inclusive and allowing all EC members to speak. He also reviewed the agenda with the EC for both days and the EC engaged in brief introductions.	Darin Grant
Treasurer Update ACM SIGGRAPH Treasurer shared an update with the EC on financials. He reminded the EC of the existing budget timeline, noting that conference books for SIGGRAPH N-1 typically close in May-June. He also updated the EC on the current year financials, noting that the information being shared is actuals to date. SIGGRAPH Asia 2025 contributions have not yet been received and thus are not included in the current financials. The Treasurer and Treasurer-elect also noted that the SIGGRAPH 2026 weekly forecasted registrations are low which would impact the FY27 budget, though the CAG Chair will present more on this tomorrow. The low registrations may also account for lower membership numbers. The Treasurer also reminded the EC about the updated expense report process required by ACM. Actions: 1. CAG Chair to present an update on SIGGRAPH 2026 financials tomorrow. 2. SACAG Chair to confirm the revenue that SIGGRAPH will receive from SIGGRAPH Asia 2025. 3. Treasurer will update EC with updated registration numbers week of 6/15/26	David Spoelstra

Nominations Timeline and Process The Nominations Committee Chair raised the election timeline with the EC and shared potential changes for SIGGRAPH to save money by adjusting the elections timeline. SIGGRAPH has been paying for the full cost of running the election because it's being run at a different time than the other SIGs. The EC discussed how a timeline adjustment would change term length, noting that shifting the voting timeline would require adhering to the July 1 through June 30 timeline. The EC discussed potential pros, cons, and challenges associated with shifting the terms for EC members. Some EC members felt that this was not worth the financial benefit, while others suggested that having some overlap between outgoing and incoming EC members would be beneficial. The EC debated how to handle TRB for SIGGRAPH, noting that a July 1 shift would mean that EC members are onboarding shortly before SIGGRAPH. The suggestions were either that everyone (incoming and outgoing) receive full TRB or the outgoing receive partial TRB. It was suggested that paying for TRB for both groups would result in some of the savings for changing the election timeline being reallocated to different expenses. Many EC members felt that reallocating funds from paying an election company to supporting leadership transitions would be a better use of funds. Actions: 1. Nominations Committee Chair to confirm with ACM that this would require a bylaw change if the timeline was adjusted. 2. Nominations Committee Chair to confirm total cost savings with ACM. 3. Nominations Committee Chair to come to SIGGRAPH 2026 meeting with answers to nominations questions to finalize next steps.	Dena DeBry
Member Benefits The EC Chair shared an overview of what other organizations are providing, narrowing the benefits into key categories: 1. Content (publications and communications) 2. Community (collaboration platforms, meetups, voting) 3. Development (mentorships, scholarships) 4. Identity (email addresses, member directory) The EC discussed membership benefits that currently exist (such as conference programs and member profiles) and considered benefits that could be beneficial, such as a unified calendar, education, or certificate programs. There was some discussion about how other organizations host education or certificate programs, noting that the difference between the two is that educational offerings are often one-off events (such as webinars) whereas certificates are unified training programs that often include a myriad of educational products. Some members of the EC also raised concerns about pursuing benefits that the membership does not find beneficial or would not be used. The EC agreed to conduct an analysis that reviews existing benefits as well as the feasibility for other benefit types discussed in the presentation. Actions: 1. EC Chair to inform and engage Membership & Communications Chair with this discussion.	Darin Grant

2. Treasurer-elect to continue work on the unified calendar initiative with Project Manager. 3. Dena and Kalina to review member benefits to confirm what currently exists and to confirm feasibility of the suggested/brainstormed benefits that were top rated during the meeting. Barb should be engaged, along with other EC members who may be interested.	
Mission Statement & Vision Next Steps/Update The EC reacted to the previously reviewed mission statement vision. The EC agreed on the vision and mission statement; however, there were some concerns raised with using visual computing. The EC also attempted to review the values for the EC, though there were some disagreements surrounding language and how to accurately reflect the various groups that exist within the broader SIGGRAPH community. There were concerns with ensuring that academic and industry perspectives/groups are reflected, noting that ACM SIGGRAPH is interdisciplinary and that continues to be a core value of the organization. Actions: 1. June to synthesize the list of values to share with EC for them to confirm by 16 June. 2. Communication plan to share updated vision and mission to be created. 3. Mission and Vision need to be updated on the website.	June Kim
Volunteer Information Form The treasurer-elect shared the outcome of the volunteer responsibilities form that she filled out. The form provided an overview of some SC and EC activities and responsibilities through the year. She also shared a chart that illustrated what percent of activities the organization is involved with. Leadership & Governance and Event Planning are the highest percentages. This data will help inform the organization to better distribute funding across the different committees. Feedback was shared that some SC Chairs were not sure why the information was being collected, and that it would be beneficial to inform them in conjunction with the ask. Any next steps with this information?	Jenny Dana
Industry Relations - IRAB Chair and Next Steps The EC Chair presented on the IRAB next steps, noting that the EC needs to identify the composition who will be on the team and the chair today. The EC first confirmed that the chair will serve a 3 year term, typically starting 1 September; however, the first chair will start as soon as they have been identified and confirmed. The EC discussed the benefits of certain groups being engaged with the board. There was discussion over whether to involve industry partners and contractors. Having a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest is very important, and some EC members were concerned about representatives from competing companies being on the board. There were some concerns that a volunteer committee is not the right place to maintain or get the multi-year deals, and the IRAB serving as a barrier to the conference's ability to obtain sponsorships.	Darin Grant

The EC discussed potential models where the major groups or companies are off limits for individual groups, but that individual committees would still be able to solicit support for their activities outside of the IRAB. The EC agreed that these details should be reviewed and finalized by the IRAB once the chair and board volunteers have been established. The EC Chair requested input from the EC on potential IRAB Chair nominations. The EC also shared board member suggestions including conference chairs, various contractors (including exhibits management, conference management, and marketing), industry representatives and the ERC Chair. It may not be feasible to get feedback by July, but the EC agreed that the request will be for the IRAB to target September to have finalized their information and next steps with the acknowledgement that it may take longer than that. Actions: 1. Darin to share list of IRAB nominees for the EC to vote/rank. 2. FULL EC: review the list of IRAB nominees and vote for top nominees. 3. After selection is made, Darin to reach out to nominees to gauge interest in chair position starting with #1.	
Meeting Adjourned.	Darin Grant

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Welcome Back, Recap of Day 1 Action Items The EC Chair welcomed everyone back and the EC engaged in a brief icebreaker.	Darin Grant
Conference Updates *SIGGRAPH 2026 Conference* The CAG Chair shared an update on the 2026 conference. He highlighted keynotes, noting three sponsored keynotes have been sold. He also shared highlights for the technical papers program (noting about a record number of submissions), noting a change to papers fast forward. He also shared that student volunteer activities, technical workshops, and production sessions are on track. There were a record number of general session submissions and the CAF. The games summit (new for 2026) boasts exciting updates. He also reminded the EC that the LACC is under construction this year and will be mostly hidden from the general public. Exhibits and sponsorships are at 96% to the total revenue goal, which is tracking ahead compared to previous metrics. He also shared an update on registration numbers, noting that SIGGRAPH is about 45% to goal six weeks out from the conference, which is tracking lower than S2025 and S2024, but in line with S2023. It's possible that LA will receive more last minute surges, but it's not clear if that's a true trend at this point. Registration numbers are tracking lower than previous years. He shared three potential budget scenarios depending on potential revenue shortcomings, noting that the best case scenario does not result in much loss, but there will be challenges if registration does not improve. There were discussions about "2 site conference activities" and the pros/cons associated with that, though those EC members who've attended conferences set up that way did not feel like it was a good experience. *SIGGRAPH Asia 2025 and 2026* The EC Liaisons to the SACAG shared an update on the planning for SA2026. He noted record breaking submissions this year with an 18% increase. Other submission deadlines are on track and upcoming. There are two confirmed keynote speakers. There have been numerous promotional activities including activities in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore to promote the event. There are several new initiatives including a workshop on AI film and junior programs targeting secondary/high school students. The EC Treasurer also clarified the revenue sharing information to clarify how SIGGRAPH Asia is managed with profit sharing. Action: 1. SA CAG Chair to confirm the revenue that SIGGRAPH will receive from SIGGRAPH Asia 2025.	Tomasz Bednarz and Erik Brunvand
Conference Program Evaluation The CAG Chair reviewed the EC of the conversations that were had in November, noting that the EC had asked questions around programs because it's easy to create programs but much harder to get rid of them. The question the EC is considering is how to determine when programs should be sunset. In November 2025, contractors shared information based on the estimated cost of programs.	Erik and Darin

The CAG Chair walked through survey data that showed rough cost of each program and attendee valuation. It was noted that this data does not include attendee information based on registration level; however, data that breaks this out was shared during the meeting. Based on the data that he reviewed, he suggested that one of the metrics for considerations be $100 per attendee that asks the CAG to justify *why* it's worth that amount per attendee to trigger review of the program. There are some programs that are easy to identify to ramp down: Appy hour has seen a declining number of submissions and spatial storytelling and immersive programs have large expenses. The EC discussed that sometimes programs are merged rather than cutting a program, which doesn't necessarily address the root challenges. There should be some kind of quantitative trigger that asks the CAG to review program areas and justify why they continue to exist. The goal is to create guardrails to trigger a review of the program by the CAG, noting that the ask will be to justify the cost or challenges with the program rather than using the metrics to cut a program without discussion. Some EC members raised concerns about not considering the variety of programming as part of the review, noting that some costly programs may be beneficial to the conference and to attendees. The EC also considered charging submission fees for art papers, which is not uncommon, as a way to help subsidize an expensive but still important program. The EC reviewed a list of data that is currently available to help create a scorecard to evaluate programs. It was noted that some data will be imperfect, but that it should still provide a high level overview of how the organization considers programs. The EC also discussed data that they would like to have but currently do not. To collect this data, the EC discussed having questions during the conference that ask questions such as "what's the best thing about SIGGRAPH?" or why employers decide to send attendees to the conference. The team discussed the feasibility of implementing budget caps on programs instead of sunsetting them, though caps can produce incremental savings, they don't generate significant cost reductions due to fixed infrastructure costs. The EC decided that the existing data can be used for an initial scorecard with the goal to discuss this during the July meeting at SIGGRAPH. Following the initial review, additional data collected during SIGGRAPH 2026 can be integrated into the rubric to evaluate programs and have a better understanding of performance and value for each program/experience. There was debate over whether these will take effect for the 2027 vs 2028 conference. The EC budget for 2027 has already been approved, so the expectation is that any changes will likely take effect in 2028. Actions: 1. Kalina, Alla and Dena to discuss and finalize logistics to conduct qualitative research at the booth during SIGGRAPH 2026. Meeting suggestions include a dot map onsite with the suggested question "what's the best thing about SIGGRAPH" in order for attendees to pick up their pins. 2. CAG Chair to review the conference program evaluation rubric with the CAG for feedback. 3. By the July in person meeting utilize the program evaluation rubric to review all programs/experiences to finalize areas to review/target for the 2028 conference. 4. CAG Chair to review cost per attendee for SIGGRAPH program/experiences	

against the registration level of attendees (based on the documents that Alla shared). 5. Include post-conference outreach that asks why employers are willing to send attendees to SIGGRAPH.	
ERC Discussion The EC Chair provided a summary of the concerns associated with the ERC, noting concerns with limited level of effort and volunteer compensation may not be worth the amount of spend. He reviewed achievements that the committee shared including collaboration activities, coordinated partner meetings and award exchanges. The EC Chair-elect also shared some additional information, including meetings that resulted in organizations exhibiting at SIGGRAPH Asia. Potential changes/solutions to the challenges that the EC has discussed are: 1. Moving the EC under the IRAB 2. Dissolve and decentralize the ERC, moving financial work to the treasurer, MOU to GAB and EC for pre-planned attendance 3. Expand ERC to address needs The EC debated which of the three options would be the best option for the ERC. Some EC members flagged that there are similarities between ERC and IRAB work, though others expressed concerns that the IRAB primarily is focused on industry/company relations and ERC focuses on conferences or not-for-profit groups. The EC conducted a straw poll to determine which option they prefer, and the vote was split. Ultimately, the EC decided that a combination of all three options would be beneficial: to ultimately expand ERC work and have it housed under the IRAB, but to dissolve it in the meantime. In the interest of time, the EC decided to take a vote and finalize the language for the motion offline. Actions: 1. Determine the language to vote to dissolve the ERC while ultimately moving it under the IRAB. 2. Conduct an offline vote to finalize next steps for ERC.	Darin Grant
Review and Assign Action Items The EC Chair invited EC members to raise any additional items. SIGGRAPH Cares was raised as something that should meet briefly on the day of the EC meeting in July. Registration codes have been sent to the EC. Actions: 1. Project Manager to set time aside for CARES to meet in person on July 18. 2. FULL EC check to make sure they've received registration code for SIGGRAPH 2026 and inform treasurers if not.	Darin Grant and Katherine Ruff-Piccirilli
Meeting Adjourned.	Darin Grant