

## ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 14 July 2026

3 - 4 PM PT/6 - 7 PM ET

### Attendees:

Darin Grant, Executive Committee Chair  
June Kim, Executive Committee Chair-Elect  
Jenny Dana, Executive Committee Treasurer-Elect  
Kalina Borkiewicz, Executive Committee Director  
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director  
Chris Bregler, Executive Committee Director  
Courtney Starrett, Executive Committee Director  
Erik Brunvand, Conference Advisory Group Chair  
Scott Owen, Governance Advisory Chair  
Dena DeBry, Nominations Committee Chair  
Katherine Ruff-Piccirilli, ACM SIGGRAPH Project Manager  
Sheldon Andrews, Executive Committee Nominee  
Victoria Szabo, Executive Committee Nominee and Art Advisory Group Chair  
Deepali Aneja, WiGRAPH Chair

| Agenda Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | PRESENTER      |
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| <b>Chair's Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>18 July Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Most of this agenda is closing out things that have been in process for the past year.</li><li>The GAB Chair requested 5 minutes during the in person meeting to discuss using Notebook LM for the EC.</li></ul></li><li>Annual Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair noted that he would like all EC members to review the annual report prior to it being sent to ACM on 15 August. EC members will receive confirmation when the draft report is available, and the EC will plan to review it together during their 11 August meeting.</li></ul></li><li>Chair's Corner<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair drafted a new chair's corner and invited the EC to review and share comments prior to it being posted online.</li></ul></li></ul> | Darin Grant    |
| <b>Art Advisory Group Presentation</b> <p>The Art Advisory Group chair presented on the mission and work of the art advisory group. Much of the work includes conversation with the conferences related to art papers and the art gallery and work with DAC. One of the suggestions was for DAC to be officially added to the mission of the AAG to reflect how closely the groups work together. SIGGRAPH Asia has some questions on efforts and benefits for the Proceedings of the ACM on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques (PACMGIT).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Victoria Szabo |

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| <p>Some of the themes that have come up are virtual, hybrid and co-branded activities and concerns with AI. Additional challenges include an increase in submissions and frustration with reviewers who are looking at things that feel like AI. She suggested a need for a specific policy on how AI can be used. She noted that there have been concerns raised during EC meetings related to the cost of art gallery, and notes that she has additional suggestions for addressing some of these challenges.</p> <p>There were questions about whether the art community still feels strongly that SIGGRAPH is the place to be the way they did in the '90s. Art has become more academic, but one of the challenges is that SIGGRAPH has been expensive and artists may not be able to afford going. Record breaking submissions do indicate that people still feel that SIGGRAPH is a place for them.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
| <p><b>WiGRAPH Affinity Group Presentation</b></p> <p>The WiGRAPH Chair shared the activities and work that the affinity group has been engaged in. Key program areas include Rising Stars, SIGGRAPH Research Lunch &amp; External events (SIGGRAPH Asia Women in Research Coffee in Dec. 2025), community engagement with informal and semi-randomized small group coffee meet ups during conference, online outreach such as social media and resources, and fundraising. Challenges include a heavy reliance on a small number of sponsors, volunteer bandwidth, high event costs (like A/V costs), and understanding ACM policies. Plans for the future include expanding current options, new poster options and rising starlings, and expanding impact through an alumni network and having an annual impact report. Strategic priorities include diversifying sponsor base, understanding ACM policies and volunteer succession planning. The EC expressed appreciation for her coming to present and noted a need for increased communications between the EC and the affinity group.</p>      | Deepali Aneja |
| <p><b>GAB Items</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awards Chair Timeline <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The GAB Chair shared that there is a request for the award chair nominations timeline to be updated. The updated timeline will require the awards chair timeline to follow the Advisory Group/Board timeline.</li> <li>b. A motion was made to approve the awards chair nomination timeline as proposed by the GAB. Motion made by Courtney Starrett. Seconded by Erik Brunvand.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Remove Strategy Groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The GAB Chair shared a proposal to modify 6.10 and 6.11 to remove strategy groups as a category and slightly modify the language around ad hoc groups to include strategy groups explicitly. The language change more accurately represents how ad hoc and strategy groups are used and simplifies the policies.</li> <li>b. A motion was made to remove 6.10 and slightly 6.11 as presented by the GAB. Motion made by Jenny Dana. Seconded by Kalina Borkiewicz.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | Scott Owen    |
| <p><b>Nominations Committee Vote</b></p> <p>The Nominations Committee Chair requested approval for new Nominations Committee members to proceed with open positions. She reminded the EC that the requirements are that she has at least 3 committee members and that she must have an odd number of members.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Dena DeBry    |

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| <p>A motion was made to confirm the following as three members of this year's nominations committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• José Aguerre, Universidad de la República, Uruguay</li> <li>• Ronen Barzel, Drawbridge Labs</li> <li>• Beibei Wang, Nanjing University, Suzhou</li> </ul> <p>Motion made by Jenny Dana. Seconded by Darin Grant.</p>                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| <p><b>IRAB Chair Vote</b></p> <p>There were five candidates who the Nominations Committee Chair reached out to. Two of three who responded indicated they were interested, but two others have not responded. The Nominations Committee Chair noted that the list was received based on the previous conversations and potential candidates shared by the EC. The EC engaged in a closed door discussion about the two finalists. In the interest of time, the EC decided to continue discussion over Slack in a locked Slack channel.</p> | Dena DeBry   |
| <p><b>Additional Business</b></p> <p>There is a need to identify the Technical Papers Chair for SIGGRAPH Asia. A list was shared with SACAG that will need a vote from the EC. The EC has not yet seen the list of potential chairs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Alla Sheffer |
| <p><b>Meeting Adjourned.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Darin Grant  |