

ACM History Committee Meeting

Minutes, April 15, 2019 (v. 3)

1. Welcome (Owens)

- Meeting began at 8:00am PDT via Zoom

2. Attendees (House)

- Barbara Boucher Owens (chair)
- Vicki Almstrum (minutes)
- Carol Hutchins
- Roy Levin (Turing oversight)
- Bernadette Longo
- Sachin Maheshwari
- Ursula Martin
- Erik Rau
- Len Shustek
- Kim Tracy
- Mary Whitton
- Jeffrey Yost

Committee members not attending:

- Tao Xie (SGB rep)

Guest

- Chuck House (Key People project)

3. Minutes from March meeting (Almstrum)

- Accepted after three small corrections to the minutes. An addition was to clarify the time to schedule return trips from the face-to-face meeting.

4. Workshop and face-to-face meeting

- Jeff gave an overview of the planned schedule, which is based on the responses to the survey that went out to all of the attendees. The schedule is on the website for the workshop, <https://acmsigheritage.dash.umn.edu/logistics/>
- Can invite workshop attendees to attend the Tuesday afternoon tour of the Bakken Museum (thebakken.org/). Committee dinner will be only the committee and guests.
- Hotel: Carol has passed along most recent adjustments regarding who should be booked for which days and will send out the spreadsheet for all to confirm.
- Meeting room is a good one for us, but it is not a conference room. The conference room is smaller and was already booked for part of the meeting. To have non-attending participants able to call in will require planning a scheduled time so we can have the room. Alternatively, if we can set up a Zoom meeting, we could stay in the larger room.

5. Web HC-operations (Tao, Tracy, Almstrum)

- Vicki reported on the plan for progress with the SIG Heritage website
- Kim suggested that we meet as subcommittee to discuss status.
- There will be a spot on workshop schedule to talk about the Heritage website.
- Mary mentioned that Bonnie's tool is in WordPress. Mary will connect Vicki and Bonnie.

6. Fellowships (Tao, Yost)

- The bulk of the meeting was devoted to reviewing the fellowship applications and making decisions. We used the Google spreadsheet Barb had created as a tool to record findings in advance.
- The three categories of decisions: Fund, reject but resubmit, reject (see spreadsheet)
- After evaluating the 15 proposals, we voted to fund two:
 - Frances Corry and Anna Loup, University of Southern California, "Capture It While You Can": Revisiting SIGCOMM '99's Technical History of the Internet, Continued Support Application. Awarded \$6K.
 - Kira Lussier, University of Toronto Mississauga, Computing Psychology: Personality Testing in Human/Computer Interaction. Awarded \$4K.
- Bernadette will be in charge of composing the letters to each of the applicants.
- We discussed ideas for how to improve the call based on the current set of applications.
 - Emphasize the requirement for a connection to ACM history.
 - Specify that the application must include a clear budget.
 - Introduce a naming convention for files to simplify handling them.
 - Idea: Fund library access for some of the applicants
- Idea: Set up a way to track the history of these applications so we know what we have gotten in the past.
- We discussed briefly whether the blog entry piece should be more connected to the Committee or to the Heritage project.

7. New topics

- Start investigating ideas for next year's f2f meeting location

8. Next meeting the face-to-face meeting at CBI on May 22, 2019.

9. Conclusion 10:03 am PDT