

ACM History Committee Meeting

Minutes, June 11, 2019 (v. 2)

1. Welcome (Owens)

- Meeting began at 8:00am PDT via Zoom

2. Attendees

- Barbara Boucher Owens (chair)
- Vicki Almstrum (minutes; late arrival)
- Chuck House (guest, ACM Awards Project)
- Carol Hutchins
- Roy Levin (Turing oversight)
- Bernadette Longo
- Sachin Maheshwari
- Erik Rau
- Len Shustek
- Mary Whitton
- Jeffrey Yost

Committee members not attending:

- Ursula Martin
- Kim Tracy
- Amanda Wick

3. Minutes from May meeting (Almstrum)

- The notes in the current document are fairly detailed, so for the final minutes must reduce discussion. Vicki will modify and then circulate.
- Key points: Action items from Turing, Heritage project, Membership, and F2F 2020
- Defer approval until next meeting

4. Status of Turing update (Levin)

- Roy emphasized the importance of separating the original special project from the ongoing steady state project
 - Original project began 2015. Scope was oral histories through 2015 for Turing award winners who had either no previous oral history or an inadequate oral history. Mike Williams and David Jefferson have worked through that list. As of 6/11/2019, two of those interviews have not yet been completed: one is scheduled and the other person is unresponsive.
 - Funds budgeted in the 2015 plan will be exhausted after the interview scheduled for 9/2019. The project has collected two interviews not part of the original scope.

- Additional work to be budgeted
 - People in the original 2015 list for whom there are interviews that are not adequate for the Turing project. Must determine for whom there should be a new interview and the budget for those interviews.
 - Status of interviews with awardees since 2015: Some were done by Mike. A few have not yet been completed, including Tim B-L, Hennesy and Patterson, and the three winners for 2019.
 - A plan for keeping the project up-to-date, including adding all Turing winners since 2015. The committee originally budgeted \$25K/year for adding 2 interviews per year.
 - Adding snippets to existing and future interviews. This work was not included in any existing plan or budget. Issues to consider include these:
 - Whether to use YouTube as home for videos or whether ACM has another option for hosting video content.
 - Identifying a contact person at ACM to work with on technical issues.
 - Developing a plan for the project to present to ACM.
 - Determining budget for the work and getting additional funds approved from ACM.

5. Committee membership update (Owens, Hutchins)

- Barb will contact Ursula to discuss whether she would like to continue as a full-fledged member or if it is better for her to be in an advisory role.
- Tau's slot filled by Amanda, with Kim taking over Tau's responsibilities.
- Nomination from Len of David Brock, director of CHM, seconded by Jeff and Ursula, as well as Tom Haigh. Barb will send a message inviting/welcoming David to the committee.

6. Discussion of 2020 face to face meeting

- Ideas for time and location
 - April works better with respect to f2f discussion of fellowships, but it worked well to discuss by phone
 - Roy: April better because less travel than in May
 - Jeff: Also prefers April, have a major meeting at CBI in May
 - Mary: Better for those with commencement in May
- History Museum or North Carolina? Len and Mary will discuss which works better and get back to us. All day on a weekday.
- Suggest end of the week of April 13th (Easter is April 12) or the week of the 27th.

7. Workshop action plan (Almstrum, all)

- Action items
 - Set up listserv
 - Create a relatively short blog post about the event, including quotes from attendees

- Provide Barb and others with something brief ASAP (the blog post can serve for this)
- Discussed the issue of social responsibility v. history of SIGCAS
- ACTION: Barb will contact Joe Konstan (Pubs) and Jeff Jortner (SGB) before the banquet.

8. New topics

- Fellowship follow-up underway (Vicki, Erik, Len)
- Roy assuming co-chair position for the ACM Awards committee (with John White)

9. Next meeting Monday, August 12 at 8am PDT

- Len will be in Scotland for the Fringe Festival.

10. Conclusion 9:14 am PDT