

# ACM History Committee Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2019 (v. 1)

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## 1. Welcome (Rau)

- Meeting began at 11:04am EDT / 8:04am PDT via Zoom

## 2. Attendees (Rau)

- Erik Rau (meeting chair)
- Roy Levin (Turing oversight)
- Bernadette Longo
- Ursula Martin
- Kim Tracy (meeting notes)
- Mary Whitton (meeting notes)

### Guests:

- Chuck House (ACM Awards Interview Project)

### Committee members not attending:

- Barbara Boucher Owens (chair)
- Vicki Almstrum (minutes)
- David Brock
- Carol Hutchins
- Sachin Maheshwari
- Len Shustek
- Amanda Wick
- Jeffrey Yost

## 3. Minutes from October meeting (Almstrum)

- Agreed that Zoom recording should not be a part of the public version of the minutes.
- October minutes approved.

## 4. Turing Project update (Levin)

- Phase I is complete. Those who were unresponsive earlier are still unresponsive.
- Now in Phase II start-up.
- The main difference now will be managing the year-to-year budget. The budget must consider new work and that some interviews may not come through. Len had advised Roy that the committee will manage year to year issues of overages and underages.
- After quite some time, all of the video files for Phase I are now at ACM in “dark” storage, BackBlaze (<https://www.backblaze.com/>), managed by Adam Greenburg at ACM HQ.
- Roy expects that there will be no cost to us for this storage, that it is simply part of the services the ACM provides.

- Unclear whether this is the same storage as for ACM's digital library. Roy expects a set of guidelines and procedures from ACM for groups such as the History Committee. Wayne may ask the committee to share input based on our committee's experiences..
- Erik asked whether the storage will include all types of digital files or just video. This depends on what a project needs in terms of retrieval. The compressed videos will still be uploaded to YouTube.
- Roy will circulate drafts to the committee before he returns anything to HQ. Hagley, CHM, and CBI should all be able to advise regarding these procedures.

## 5. Heritage Project update (Almstrum, Wick)

- Not much progress. No updates because both Vicki and Amanda were absent.

## 6. India Oral History update (Maheshwari)

- No updates because Sachin was not present.

## 7. Planning for F2F meeting (Whitton)

- Mary reported that the face-to-face meeting for the History Committee will take place in North Carolina, March 16-17.
- Members should plan to arrive in time for dinner on the 16th. The meeting will take place all day the 17th. (Monday and Tuesday). The airport is Raleigh-Durham.
- Amanda arrive earlier in order to work with Mary on Monday morning regarding archival at CBI.
- Mary will look for something interesting group members who arrive earlier can do on Monday afternoon.

## 8. Fellowship (Tracy)

- Mary will revise the fellowship call with dates, etc. and share with the rest of the Committee before it is distributed in November.
- The call will be made available during November, with a February 15, 2020 due date. The call will be sent to the ACM SGB and to SHOT's SIGCIS mailing lists.
- Decisions to be announced by the committee by April 1st, 2020.

## 9. Website update (Tracy)

- No substantial progress since the last meeting.
- Kim plans to create a demonstration site with materials from the current site.

## 10. Additional business (Rau)

- Kim reported that he had attended SGB a week or so earlier. The new digital library looks very good and will be a big leap forward: [dlnext.acm.org/](http://dlnext.acm.org/)
- Roy reported that one side-effect of the Turing project was a project with edited books from ACM Press about Turing award winners. The series editor seems to have changed; Roy contributed the biography. The Leslie Lamport one is now out ([books.acm.org/titles#tab312](http://books.acm.org/titles#tab312), [dl.acm.org/doi/book/10.1145/3335772](http://dl.acm.org/doi/book/10.1145/3335772)). In general, the oral histories from the Turing project will be an important source. The original intention

was for there to be five books. Chuck explained that the original idea was for them to be written as Festschrifts but Roy said that's not what they did in the Lamport book.

- Mary requested that everyone begin to think about budget needs.
- Mary asked whether anyone has experience using the online copyright permissions regarding something that is not author-written. She is shepherding a piece that includes images published elsewhere (IEEE). She will report back about what she learns along the way.

#### 11. Next meeting Monday, December 16 at 11am EDT / 8am PDT

- Discussed whether December 16 is a good date for the December meeting, agreed to keep that date.
- We will use the ACM Zoom account as soon as it is set up.

#### 12. Conclusion 11:35 am EDT / 8:35 am PDT

#### 13. Zoom link for November meeting:

[zoom.us/recording/share/\\_Fk4b0p-R2joSFFUZCvCv4g\\_sQEL80N7pH4ljUJK-\\_mwlumekTziMw](https://zoom.us/recording/share/_Fk4b0p-R2joSFFUZCvCv4g_sQEL80N7pH4ljUJK-_mwlumekTziMw)