ACM History Committee Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2022

Welcome (Owens)

- Meeting began at 12:00pm EDT /9:00am PDT via Zoom

1. Attendees (Owens)

- Barbara Boucher Owens (chair)
- Vicki Almstrum
- Troy Astarte
- Carol Hutchins
- Anna Loup
- Kim Tracy
- Mary Whitton
- Amanda Wick
- Jeffrey Yost
- Chuck House (guest)

Not in attendance

- David Brock
- Roy Levin
- Sachin Maheshwari
- Erik Rau

2. Minutes (Almstrum)

- Vicki reported that the minutes document naming will no longer incorporate version numbering. The version control mechanism built into Google documents allows access to earlier comments and versions.
- Vicki pointed out that the chat from our meetings can be viewed in parallel with the Zoom video recording. The chat can also be downloaded as a file (along with the recording files).
- We discussed the new voting process and that several members had not yet voted. We discussed whether the chair should add her vote; the conclusion was yes.
- Anna, Troy, and Mary volunteered to take back-up notes during the meeting. Anna will experiment with a transcription service they have to explore whether this can support our work with the minutes.
- March 21, 2022 minutes: Still pending. Insufficient votes to approve.
- April 18, 2022 minutes: Meeting canceled, no minutes.
- May 20, 2022 minutes: Still pending. Insufficient votes to approve.

3. Report on the 75th anniversary celebration

- Barb shared information from ACM's 75th Anniversary Celebration, held in San Francisco on June 10, 2022. Three History Committee members, Barb, Roy, and Chuck. participated in the event.
- Barb reported that she had spoken to several people about the History Committee, its projects, and its priorities, including the new ACM president. Chuck had talked to several editorial folks, who were very interested in what the History Committee has been doing.
- Barbara and Carol both recommended the video from the celebration. The video of the entire celebration (7 hours, 49 minutes): ACM's 75th Anniversary Celebration Livestream, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eX9YglGKm44. Barb especially recommended Wendy Hall's keynote, which focused on interventions.
- Chuck talked about the organizer's challenge to present three years of awards after pause due to the pandemic. The schedule was different than in earlier years. The evening started with the awards from 2020 and 2021, including brief talks by the Turing Award winners, then broke for the traditional cocktail hour. The 2022 awards were presented later. The entire event was handled very gracefully.

4. Brief updates on committee work

a. Budget and Finances (Whitton, Rau)

- Nothing new related to budget.

b. Outreach (Hutchins)

- No new information related to outreach.

c. Web work, including ACM page update (Tracy, Owens)

- The announcement of the 2022 fellowships has been added to the website, both on the summary page and as a blog post.
- ACTION: Update the committee membership page.

d. Global (Maheshwari, Hutchins)

- Sachin reported progress on the India Oral History Project via email. There has been some progress on the recording of the Dutta Majumder retrospective interviews. The interview assessing his post 1970 professional and other contributions will quite likely be recorded face to face during the second half of July. Interviewee will be Prof. Sankar Pal (Prof. Majumder's most distinguished PhD student) and the interviewer Prof. P.J. Narayanan, Director IIIT Hyderabad. The interview with the daughter and possibly a cousin about his early life and education will quite likely be conducted by Prof. Mathai Joseph possibly sometime in October.

e. ACM Award Video Series (House)

- Good progress on collecting interviews for Phase II. Chuck had collected 13 interviews in April and May.
- Barb reported receiving good feedback on the experience of the interviews during the 75th anniversary celebration.

f. Heritage Project + Preservation Outreach (Almstrum, Wick)

- Barb confirmed with Vicki Hanson that she can participate on September 30 as the opening keynote speaker. ACTION:. Vicki A. will confirm times with Vicki H.
- Barb recommended inviting Yannis Loannidis, the president-elect of ACM, to provide a welcome on the first or second day; Chuck suggested day two.
- Vicki, Amanda, and Anna went through the updated planning; detailed information is in the Heritage folder on the HC Operations drive.
- Vicki will serve as coordinator and is responsible for web updates; Amanda will have primary responsibility for speaker management, and Anna will guide our work with the infrastructure (before, during, and after).
- The goal is to discuss and approve the Call via the HC mailing list. The target date for distributing the Call is June 30.
- We discussed the support that is needed from Committee members, including serving as moderators and discussion leaders; helping with publicity, including coordination with ACM's Twitter presence; and advice regarding budgeting, as well as sources for the services and skills we will need.
- Kim agreed to set up a dedicated email address for the heritage project.

g. Turing update (Levin)

- Nothing to report this time.

h. Fellowship (Tracy, Whitton)

- Kim has followed up with the 2021 awardees and received one more report (so we now have reports from three of the five winners). Two of the recipients have not yet completed the proposed work. Kim recommends that these two recipients submit a revised schedule.

5. Annual report

- The annual report is due at the end of July.
- Each member should develop a report on their own area of work.
- Vicki has created a skeleton for this year's report based on earlier years. She volunteered to stitch together the final report.

6. Committee membership

- No recommendations yet for new members.
- Troy has contacted several people involved with museum work as well as others to check interest in being considered as committee members.

7. Additional business
    - No additional business.

8. Upcoming meetings
    Monday, July 18, 2022, 12:00 noon EDT via Zoom

9. Conclusion 1:00 pm EDT