

ACM History Committee Meeting Minutes, September 19, 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
- David Brock
- Anna Loup
- Sachin Maheshwari (from Oakland)
- Erik Rau
- Kim Tracy
- Amanda Wick
- Jeffrey Yost
- Chuck House (guest) — early part of meeting only

Not in attendance

- Carol Hutchins
- Roy Levin
- Mary Whitton

2. Minutes (Secretariat / Almstrum, Astarte)

- August 15, 2022 minutes: 8 voted to approve.
- NOTE: Even individuals absent from a meeting should read through the minutes, offer suggestions, and vote.

3. Discussion of new projects or programs from annual report

a. Recruitment

- The seminar can provide a good chance to meet candidates for future committee members.
- Members should continue to contribute suggestions to Barb.

b. Outreach/Marketing

- Carol's contact with Bruce Shriver has given the History Committee a good foundation for improved interactions with ACM for publicizing HC activities.
- We will continue to build on this.

c. History of ACM webpage(s)

- The Committee must establish a plan for this, including determining who at ACM HQ will be involved.

d. ACM's overall digital preservation strategy

- We need to understand work that is in place or underway with respect to digital preservation. As an example, transferring material from the Turing Awardee project does not work well at this point. We need an effective process for working with ACM to preserve these important materials.
- The overall planning must consider the needs of ACM organizational units. SIGs have materials that must be preserved and, for many SIGs, the will to carry this through.
- We discussed the role of the institutional repositories where ACM materials will eventually be housed (probably CBI).
- SUGGESTION: Create a white paper to help us frame what we need to know and the needs for History Committee projects, as well as for other ACM organizational units. This can include templates, guidelines for the process, etc.

4. Heritage seminar planning (Almstrum, Wick, Loup)

- Anna reported that 35 people had registered to date.
- Carol contacted Bruce Shriver to set up the publicity steps. This was the plan:
 - They added a tile or card to the ACM homepage encouraging registrations (in the third row from the top)
 - They will promote the seminar via ACM's social media accounts.
 - Donna Cappo, director of SIG Services, will send an announcement to the SIG Chairs.
 - They will run a story about the seminar in the September MemberNet, which will be distributed on Sept 29. Even though it is the day before the event, the story might generate additional registrants.
- We discussed how best to spread information about the event in our personal networks.
 - NOTE: This important information should be formalized and saved for use by the HC in the future.
- The seminar subcommittee reported on the status.
 - Keynote speakers on track (Hanson, Misa, Mendenhall). Misa's talk will be recorded with a separate Q&A recording between Tom and Vicki.
 - We discussed Barb's welcome (given as chair of the HC) and her invitation to the new ACM president, Yannis Ioannidis, to speak during the welcome. We discussed what coordination was needed between Barb's part, what Yannis would say, and what Vicki Hanson will present during the 75 years of ACM keynote.
 - Day 1 session presenters set. One presenter had to withdraw due to health issues, so we have adapted the timing in that session.
 - Day 2 exemplar sessions are in order. Corry's presentation about SIGCOMM 99 will be recorded; Vicki is collecting and processing the recording. Vicki is also responsible for the oral history exemplar presentation (CEOHP).

- Committee members serving as session chairs and presenters seem ready.
- Amanda will organize a rehearsal session a few days before the event.
- Amanda is coordinating with the technical contractor who will manage the work. This is the same service Jeff used for the Just Code seminar and our seminar will build on the lessons learned there, including the event script. Jeff has made his assistant, Melissa, available to support the preparations.
- The proceedings (or companion volume) will be handled directly through Wayne Graves now. Vicki will work directly with Wayne to plan this.

5. Brief updates on committee work

- Because the scheduled time had run out, we deferred discussion of Finances, the Turing Awardee History Project, the Fellowships, and Web Presence until the next meeting.

a. ACM Award Video Series (House)

- During the first part of the meeting, Chuck shared his plan for his presentation. at the seminar.
- Chuck plans to include a YouTube demo with a vision for how the interviews of this project can be published and made available to the public.

b. Global (Maheshwari, Hutchins)

- Sachin spoke briefly about the India Technology Leaders Oral History Series. He reported that the work so far (transcribing and recording) has not incurred any expenses, but that the two forthcoming interviews may involve travel, as Zoom will not be good enough. These costs would be about \$500. The consensus was that these expenses are covered in the current budget.

6. Committee membership

- Further discussion deferred until the next meeting.

7. Additional business

- Additional business deferred until the next meeting.

8. Upcoming meetings

Monday, October 17, 2022, 12:00 noon EDT via Zoom

9. Conclusion 1:00 pm EDT