

ACM History Committee Meeting

Minutes, April 18, 2023

Welcome (Owens)

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

1. Attendees (Owens)

- Barbara Boucher Owens (chair)
- Vicki Almstrum [late arrival]
- Troy Astarte
- David Brock
- Jonathan Grudin
- Carol Hutchins
- Sachin Maheshwari
- Erik Rau (joined shortly before the meeting ended)
- Kim Tracy
- Mary Whitton
- Jeffrey Yost
- Chuck House (guest) [late arrival]

Not in attendance

- ac Loup

2. Minutes (Secretariat / Almstrum, Astarte)

- March 21, 2023 minutes: available, but not yet fully reviewed by Secretariat for various reasons including overwork and ill health.

3. Committee membership and recruitment (Owens)

- Welcome to our new HC member, Jonathan Grudin. Vicki offered to give him a tour of the HC Operations drive. Jonathan has worked for a long time in HCI and is retired from Microsoft but retains an affiliation at UWash. His interest now is the history of HCI.
- Troy has had a conversation with a person who could be a good addition to the committee and is willing to be invited to join the committee. We voted to invite. Approved by eight.
- We discussed criteria for committee members, including the quest for a more global and diverse set of members. ACTION ITEM: Barb to draft criteria for consideration.

4. Brief updates on committee work

a. Secretariat

- Accessibility standards: No progress at this point.

- ACTION ITEM: Barb will contact Vicki Hanson, the CEO of ACM, for her advice regarding the appropriate standards.
- ACTION ITEM: The Secretariat will continue its work with the HC Operations organization.

b. Fellowship (Tracy, Whitton)

- Barb discussed the notification procedure for the 2023 fellowship winners.
- Notification letters went out as planned by April 1, 2023. An unfortunate mistake led to several projects not selected receiving accepts, but that was corrected.
- Kim clarifies that our policy is to not provide feedback to projects not selected in order to avoid the expectation that a revised submission would be accepted.
- Carol asked about the transfer of funds to international fellowship holders. It is handled by Pat; Kim mentioned that the only difficulty is embargoed countries, where it is still possible, but a lengthy process.

c. Budget and Finances (Whitton, Rau)

- Barb has not yet submitted a claim for funds to cover her trip to SIGCSE but will this FY. ACTION: Barb to ensure submission before end of FY.
- David requested HC support to fund travel for SIGGRAPH, where he will represent the HC and perform various history-related tasks. He explained the plans for what will be presented during the conference. We discussed the general issue of support for conferences and considered the difference between support from a conference budget and support from other sources. We brought it to a vote; six approved, three abstained. Request approved.

d. ACM Key Awards Video Series (House)

- Deferred due to Chuck's absence.

e. Turing Awardee History Project (Brock)

- Email from David about moving the project ahead. A short presentation of awardees we have not interviewed, including those for whom there is already a good CHM interview (low priority), those which must be done by the ACM operation (more expensive), and those which can be done in tandem with CHM.
- David consequently proposes interviewing Allman, Lampson, and Thompson. HC approves.
- Jeff queried interviewing Rivest or Adleman in the absence of Shamir and suggested he could get in touch with Adleman through his network. He also proposed an interviewer: Rebecca Slayton at Carmel.

f. Heritage Project (Almstrum, Loup)

- Vicki explained Heritage Insights for Jonathan. Plan for making progress in the coming months.

- Troy asks whether a TMRF will be needed. Vicki explains we hope the DL people will clarify. We will use EasyChair or similar to coordinate submissions and reviews.

g. Global (Maheshwari, Hutchins)

- Sachin outlined plans for interviewees in introduction (no change). Still need to do the follow-up on funding transfer. ACTION: Sachin to send draft budget to Barb for approval and funding via Pat.

h. Outreach, Marketing, Web presence (Hutchins, Tracy)

- David attendance at SIGGRAPH as an outreach.

i. DEI follow-up

- Still working to determine what the HC needs to do.
- Jeff report on Utah event with diversity information is published in *Interfaces*
 - *Interfaces* is the CBI publication of short essay articles and essay reviews that connects the history of computing/IT studies with contemporary social, cultural, political, economic, or environmental issues).
 - Mary felt the Utah article was well written and appropriate.
 - <https://cse.umn.edu/cbi/interfaces#Utah>
 - Carol comment: *Interfaces* is a highly recommended read!

j. Other?

- ACM Curriculum review (CC2023 SEP follow-up)
 - Barb tells us that the history presence is very vague, appearing in some places in professional, social, and ethical implications but there is only an hour recommended.
 - Vicki notes this only covers history of computer systems and we want to broaden this.
 - Barb adds that as a committee it would be good for us to have a position piece on it.

5. Pending issues

- Digital Preservation Strategy + History of ACM webpage(s) + Timeline idea
 - We will defer this work until new members have joined the committee.

6. Additional business

- Nothing else.

7. Upcoming meeting Tues., May 16, 12:00 noon EDT via Zoom

8. Conclusion 1:00 pm EDT