

ACM History Committee Meeting

Minutes, August 15, 2023

Welcome (Owens)

- Meeting began at 12:00pm EDT / 9:00am PDT via Zoom
- Welcome to all.

1. Attendees (Owens)

- Barbara Boucher Owens (chair)
- Vicki Almstrum
- Jonathan Grudin
- ac Loup
- Sachin Maheshwari
- Kim Tracy
- John Tucker
- Mary Whitton
- Jeffrey Yost
- Chuck House (guest)

Not in attendance

- Troy Astarte
- David Brock
- Carol Hutchins

2. Minutes status (Secretariat / Almstrum, Astarte)

- July 18, 2023 minutes: 7 votes to approve by the time of the meeting.
- Updates on website: Kim has added the June 2023 minutes

3. Annual report (Owens, Secretariat)

- During the first part of the meeting, we made several small updates to the report.
- We discussed the section that highlights SIGGRAPH project support from the HC and made some adjustments.

4. Committee membership and recruitment (Owens)

- We discussed Mary's request to rotate off of the HC in June 2023, which is the end of her most recent term.
- Subcommittee assignments are still pending.

5. Brief updates on committee work

a. Secretariat

- The main accomplishment for the Secretariat was to complete the annual report.

b. Fellowship (Tracy, Whitton)

- No new information to report.
- Vicki noted that the spreadsheet with information about fellowship recipients is not yet fully updated for the past two years.

c. Budget and Finance (Whitton, Rau)

- Troy and David will make up this subcommittee as both Mary and Erik leave the History Committee.
- Mary has consented to provide support to the new budget committee as they develop the budget for 2025.

d. Turing Awardee History Project (Brock)

- David was not present, so no updates about this project.

e. ACM Key Awards Video Series (House)

- Nothing new to report.
- Chuck attended SIGGRAPH, which was an excellent experience. While there, he was able to get a signed Deed of Gift for an interview completed in 2019.

f. Heritage Project (Almstrum, Loup, Grudin)

- Jonathan and Vicki had a productive meeting about follow-up to the Heritage seminar.
- First key need is to determine how to process the videos from the seminar to prepare them for the ACM Digital Library.
- Second key need is to launch the steps needed to launch the Heritage Insights series as well as how to make a good “splash”.

g. Global (Maheshwari, Hutchins)

- Sachin needs assistance with setting up the funding for the retrospective interviews. He explained the plans for recording these face-to-face video interviews, including travel. He will send his proposal to Barb, who will help him complete the process of getting the funds dispersed.
- Vicki requested that Sachin double-check the wikipedia links about the interviewees for the India interview project in the annual report.

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

- No discussion beyond the information added to the annual report.

i. DEIA follow-up

- No additional ideas added to this discussion. The summary in the annual report indicates some of the priorities for the Committee in this area.

j. Curriculum input

- John asked how the curriculum process works and whether it is still possible for additional updates. We discussed the overall process for the most recent curriculum project (combined committee, ACM + IEEE-Computer Society + AAAI). Barb explained what she knew about the process at this point.
- John asked about the target date for publication. Barb believes the goal was to publish the final curriculum during 2023.
- ACTION ITEM: John will develop a description of the process so we have a better idea of how it is working and where the HC can contribute.
- ac described work they are involved with for the State of Washington regarding curriculum issues. They expect to have more to share during the September HC meeting after a working meeting later in August.

k. Other?

- Question from Mary to Jeff: Is there a plan to revisit the arrangement between ACM and CBI? It is a process that Amanda Wick must lead, so Jeff will check with her on the status.

6. Pending issues

- Digital Preservation Strategy, History of ACM webpage(s), Timeline idea
 - Regarding the History of ACM web pages, we will leave it pending for now. Pat Ryan is likely to have a lot to say on this, so Barb suggested that we invite Pat to a meeting to talk about this and other issues related to our work with ACM HQ.
 - Question from John: Is there a routine of archiving for ACM's own websites and social media?

7. Additional business

- We discussed pros and cons of having HC meeting face-to-face.
 - A key concern is that individual travel results in a large carbon footprint.
 - A key advantage to meeting together is improved collaboration and stronger commitment to projects.
 - The decision was to explore options for a meeting during northern hemisphere spring.
 - Mary still invites us to meet in North Carolina.
 - Vicki has inquired about the possibility to meet in NYC at ACM HQ. The challenge is lodging, which would be relatively expensive. A bonus of meeting at ACM HQ is to easily set up meetings with individuals who work at ACM headquarters.

8. Next meeting Tuesday, September 19, 12:00 noon EDT via Zoom

9. Conclusion 1:00 pm EDT