

ACM History Committee Meeting

Minutes, May 17, 2024

Welcome (Owens)

- Meeting began at 12:00pm EDT / 9:00am PDT via Zoom
- We began with informal introductions and welcomed Mara Mills as a new committee member.

1. Attendees (Owens)

- Barbara Boucher Owens (chair)
- Vicki Almstrum (5 minutes late)
- Troy Astarte
- David Brock
- Jonathan Grudin
- Carol Hutchins
- Sachin Maheshwari
- Andrew Meade McGee
- Mara Mills
- Kim Tracy
- John Tucker
- Jeffrey Yost
- Chuck House (guest)

Not in attendance

- ac Loup

2. Minutes status (Secretariat / Almstrum, Astarte)

- February 16, 2024 & March 15, 2024 minutes are ready for review + approve /comment.
- February 28, 2024 & April 19, 2024 minutes still in process.
- The Zoom meeting summary for April has been added to the minutes work folder for that meeting.
- Vicki has used MacWhisper for transcribing the February 28 meeting. It does not indicate speakers, but does include all spoken discussion that it captured.

3. Committee membership and recruitment (Owens)

- We talked about the need for appointment letters.
 - Vicki will go through and double-check the starting dates for members so we have an updated record to use for the appointment letters required from the Chair.
 - We discussed the bylaw requirements regarding both term duration and number of terms, as well as the role that the HC's new advisory position will play.

- Barbara mentioned the voting process currently underway for ACM Officers and emphasized the importance of voting.
- Advisory position description is not yet ready for review, should be ready next week as a starting point for discussion (action item Vicki). Vicki will ask Mara to review and react. She requested that others should send any strong views about this description.

4. Brief updates on committee work

a. Turing Project

- David reported progress with the Pearl interview completed, Hanrahan and Lampson in transcript overview, and Thompson transcript in progress.

b. ACM Key Awards Video Series (House)

- Chuck had sent a message with five attachments about the Virtual Hall of Fame planning and progress.
- Wayne Graves wants to show a proposal for the showcase at this year's Awards Banquet, particularly as sponsors may be present. So Chuck pitches a tiered ramp-up from current awardee static web page provision through embedded extra content and ultimately ending at the VHoF.
- For now he wants validation for February's \$10k request to build the prototype. This is moved, with 10 approvals and 1 abstention.
- Chuck will develop the prototype, and move to the second instantiation of the project, which will attract an ACM Development Fund request.
- This move to the second phase (no funding required at present) is also moved and approved by the ACM HC.
- Kim volunteered to help with the project.
- Vicki raises the point that accessibility should be a key concern during development; one important aspect therewith is that material should not only be presented visually.
- Additional points: We also discussed the idea of a future index that provides broad access to oral histories across a variety of collections.

c. Fellowship (Tracy)

- Nothing new, though some concerns about paying fellowship holders outside the USA need to be resolved by ACM staff.

d. Budget and Finance (Brock, Astarte)

- Nothing to add.

e. Secretariat

- Annual review process coming up. Need to do more review and clean-up in the HC Operations folder.

f. Heritage Project (Almstrum, Loup, Grudin, Meade)

- Vicki reported that things have been on hold. Jonathan has gotten as far as he can with the follow-up.

g. Global (Maheshwari, Hutchins)

- Nothing to report.

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

- Barb noted that activity in this area will be important for both the Heritage project and the Virtual Hall of Fame project.

i. DEIA

- Nothing touched on.

j. Computing curriculum

- John wondered about on-going connections with the curriculum world. We will be formalizing the advisor role and ensuring it is set up.

k. Other?

- Jeff congratulates Troy on being appointed Editor-in-Chief of the *IEEE Annals of the History of Computing* journal.

5. Pending issues

- None discussed this meeting.

6. Next meetings

- On Zoom Friday, June 21, 2024, at 12:00 noon EDT
- Barb may miss this for personal reasons and if she does Vicki will chair in her absence.

7. Conclusion 1:03 pm EDT