

SIGDOC 2004 Meeting Notes

Memphis, TN October 10, 2004

Attendees:

Scott Tilley
Shihong Huang
Rob Pierce
Michael Priestly
Michael Albers
Kenny Wong
Bob Newman
David Novick

Absent:

Kathy Haramundanis
Brad Mehlenbacher
Stephanie Rosenbaum
Susan Jones

News items (Scott)

Passed viability vote with ACM. Good until 2008.
Membership: 350 current
Long discussion of how to increase attendance at conference and membership.
To increase conference submissions, we should work from SIGCHI list to get a group of people who might be interested in submitting in a less demanding environment.
suggestion: Put a PDF of completed membership for on the web site to make it easier for people to join SIGDOC and not get confused with having to join ACM also.

funds: \$57,000 fund balance

Lower expenses this year than expected
Money from digital library has been a great help, otherwise we would have lost money
We should expect a plateau in DL money within a few years.

Website

New website launched this summer
Redo by Scott
Scott has archive of old one if any information from it is needed.
We discussed putting best articles from the conference onto website and have interaction component to discuss the paper. Maybe having a new paper each month or quarter.

Newsletter (Rob)

finally online

Back issues will be going online. Waiting for Scot to do it.

Need contributions. Currently Rob is the only person contributing content.

action: get past award winners to give a short summary of what they are doing now for the news letter

JCD

Dead

Needs a new editor and editorial board to restart the journal. Would have to go through the ACM new journal startup process.

Not a high priority

Idea of taking best papers into journal

Board and leadership issues

elections:

Michael Albers is heading the nominating committee.

Current list of nominees. Working on trying to get 2 people for each position.

Chair: Scott Tilley

Vice chair: John Stamey, Rob Pierce

Secretary-Treasurer: Ashley Williams

Members at large

2 people invited to be at large position for the board

David Novick accepted one position

Scott will appoint the other position

Awards

Diana 2005: British Computer Society -- Wendy Hall (BCS president) (1)

Rigo 2005: Boltman & Hartman, (2)

Scott suggested offering awards in alternate years, rather than both each year.

Reasons: cost of covering travel, hard to find Diana company, next year is 2 day conference with less time to schedule award presentation and talk.

No real reason to alternate if have strong candidates during the year. In other words, a Rigo could be given 2 years in a row.

vote: Unanimous to change on change of award presentation time

Scholarship and Graduate Student

Michael Albers suggested ending undergraduate scholarship because of low response and lack of longer term involvement of winners.

Discussion on expanding undergraduate scholarship to include computer science since half of our membership is computer science.

No decision was made.

2003 conference

San Francisco conference

Michael Priestly: Susan Mills (IBM Director who accepted the Diana award) was impressed by the conference and sent an email to all IBM information developers about it.

2004 conference

Memphis conference

57 abstracts and 33 accepted for paper development

2 withdrew, 3 full papers were rejected, 6 didn't appear

21 papers into proceedings + grad student award

3 workshops

for future planning: expect to about 20% of accepted abstracts to not be presented, either not being submitted or rejected after review.

2005 conference

theme: persuasive computing

2005 review process

Scott wants to go to full paper only review

Michael Priestly wants to stay with current method

Abstracts will have an optional quick review by Bob and any program committee he thinks can give good advice.

Using CyberChair for submission process. Only final paper is required. If someone wants to submit a proposal, it will be reviewed.

future conferences

potential chairs: Clay, Ken Wong, Bill Hart-Davidson, Steve Murphy, Vanadis Crawford

Related activities

DocEng: co-sponsored activity by a bunch of ACM SIGs

AIRS 2004 (Asian Info Retrieval Society): no cost sponsorship. Takes place in Beijing

WWW 2006: approached to co-sponsor. Unknown location.

INTECOM

Has proposal for ambassador for TC in developing world. No further details.

SIG marketing

Need to create list of people to groom for future of the SIG. Such as getting onto program committees and such so they will be in a good position to become a board member.

Post on Tech-wrl list for new content on web site and call for papers (this costs money, but would reach a large practitioner audience)

Talking to peers

Pushing on email lists