

Minutes of the ACM SIGSIM Annual Meeting
Conducted at the Winter Simulation Conference
Baltimore, MD on 7 December 2010

List of Attendees:

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| Ernie Page | Osman Balci |
| John Tufarolo | Richard E. Nance |
| Margaret Loper (Vice Chair) | Andreas Tolk (Treasurer) |
| Adrian Ramirez | Drew Hamilton (Chair) |
| David Mutschler | Robert G. Sargent |
| Michael North | Gionca Altuger |
| Chick Macal | James R. Wilson |
| Ann Dunkin | Pierre L'Ecuyer |
| Navonil Mustafee | Ray J. Paul |
| Ed Williams | |
| Jairo R. Montoya-Torres | |

Record of Presentations and Discussions

The Meeting was opened by the Chair Drew Hamilton at 5:40 pm

Bob Sargent: State of the Simulation Archive at NC State

- Implemented at NC State University Library System
- Accessible via Internet (URL on the ACM website:
<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/simulation/>)
- Funding of the archive supported by donation (ASA, INFORMS, ...)
- Advisory committee established (Jim Wilson, Dick Nance (chair), Bob Sargent)
- All WSC proceedings will be digitized (starting 1968) as high-resolution
- Goal: continue to grow, collect more materials
- Access will be free
- Starting 2011, Titans talks will be digitally archived

PhD Colloquium Report

- 32 PhD students participated in the poster session
- Approximately 120 people attended the keynote
- Standing room presentations
- Good visits at the Poster session
- 18 final year students made oral presentations in four tracks
- 8 final year students submitted a paper to the conference and were best student paper candidates; Adrian Ramirez Nafarrate of Arizona State won best paper for SIGSIM
- Next year the PhD Colloquium committee will be composed of 2 SIGSIM and 2 I-SIM members; SIGSIM needs a member to participate next year

Ernie Page WSC Update

- 58% acceptance rate
- About 600 attendees (above breakpoint)

Treasurer Report

- Budget not yet established
- Access to FRM shows that we are financially healthy
- Greatest revenue: digital library (more than 4/5 of the income)
- About 550 paying members

Presidents Report

- Do no harm, good foundation has been done
- We are financially healthy, but few activities
- LinkedIn is a good way to reach members
- WSC is the only activity
- In-cooperation agreements with ACM SIGSIM needs to be cleaned up
 - Prerequisites membership rates
 - Proceedings included in ACM Digital Library
- SIGSIM conference on its own is a possibility
 - Modest conference on our own
 - Conference in cooperation with another ACM SIG
 - Joint conference with DS-RT or an SCS conference

Discussion

- Travel budgets for conferences are limited, how to enable participation
- ACM SIGSIM is sufficiently served by WSC
- Committee be formed to develop a proposal with
 - Time of the conference
 - Collocation possibility
 - Topics and how we distinguish the conference from other M&S conference
 - Suggestion: Conference in Croatia in parallel to another conference
- Communication within ACM SIGSIM needs improvement
 - Annual meeting to be announced
 - Updates of the ACM SIGSIM website
 - John Tufarolo volunteered to continue to serve as the SIGSIM Listserv (SIGSIM email list) moderator.
 - Osman Balci will create a timeline and send reminders.

TOMACS Update by Editor-in-Chief Pierre L'Ecuyer

- Last year 92 submissions with 21% acceptance rate
- None of the last half year accepted so far, trend of about 90 papers with 20-25% seems to remain accurate
- Backlog until end of 2011, as soon as accepted, volume and issue number with abstract are posted. Earlier availability of the electronic publication is under discussion.
- TOMACS website shall link to ACM SIGSIM.

The Meeting was adjourned by the Chair Drew Hamilton at 6:15 pm