

# ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (PUBLIC)

Tuesday, 24 September , 2024

2 - 3 PM PT/ 5 - 6 PM ET

## Attendees:

Eakta Jain, Executive Committee Chair  
Brad Lawrence, Executive Committee Treasurer  
Darin Grant, Executive Committee Chair - Elect  
David Spoelstra, Executive Committee Treasurer - Elect  
Elizabeth Baron, Executive Committee Director  
Tomasz Bednarz, SIGGRAPH Asia Conference Advisory Group (SACAG) Chair  
Marcia Daudelin, Conference Administration  
Dena DeBry, Nomination Committee Chair  
Hugues Hoppe, Executive Committee Director  
Scott Owen, Governance Advisory Board (GAB) Chair  
Mikki Rose, Conference Advisory Group, (CAG) Chair  
Alla Sheffer, Executive Committee Director  
Courtney Starrett, Executive Committee Director

<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENTER</u></b>
<b>10 September minutes approved by EC.</b>	All
<b>Chair's Update</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Conference revenue update: The updated projections are tracking a loss for SIGGRAPH 2024. All expenses are not received. SIGGRAPH as an organization has funds to protect the organizations in situations like this one. With many of the SIGGRAPH 2025 planning underway and expenses already earmarked, significant changes will be hard to make for 2025. The EC meeting in November will focus on SIGGRAPH 2026 and beyond. The EC will use the November meeting to reimagine the conference in the next five years. It is up to the EC to envision the future and provide that guidance to the CAG.</li><li>2. EC Fall In Person Meeting: November 8-10, 2024 in Atlanta. The travel authorization will be distributed in the next week.</li><li>3. The EC reviewed a document with data points and questions for the conference/CAG to provide answers prior to the in-person November meeting so that the EC can be fully informed during the November meeting. The EC was tasked with adding questions to the document.</li></ol>	Eakta Jain
<b>ACM Sanctions Database - Informational Topic</b> <p>The EC was reminded that ACM has a sanctions database in which individuals are flagged if found in violation of an EC policy. The current EC chair is provided access to the database. ACM SIGGRAPH is asked to check as many of the appointed positions as possible against that database before confirming an individual for a volunteer position. The conferences have processes in place to check volunteers, jurors and attendees against the sanctions database. The access is limited to a few key individuals. If someone is flagged, the ACM Advocacy group takes the next steps.</p>	Eakta Jain / Mona Kasra
<b>EC Standing Committee Liaisons &amp; OKR Groupings</b>	Eakta Jain/

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The list of active Standing Committees was reviewed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A breakdown of the Standing Committees, Strategy Groups, Ad-Hoc Committees, Advisory Groups, and Affinity Groups was reviewed by the EC here: <a href="#">link</a>.</li> <li>b. Each committee and group has an EC member serve as a liaison. Currently, there are committees and groups that do not have an EC liaison. Eakta asked for EC members to volunteer for the open liaison positions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The EC was reminded about the Objective &amp; Key Results (OKRs) which were developed in November 2023: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Details on the OKRs can be found here: <a href="#">linked</a>. The OKRs focus on membership, organization-wide communications, and processes.</li> <li>b. With new directors transitioning onto the EC in September, there is a request for those individuals to join one of the three OKR groups. OKR groups were encouraged to reach out to the new EC directors to explore joining their OKR group.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Mona Kasra</p>
<p><b>Awards Committee</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a current policy requiring a public call for nominations for the chair position of each ACM SIGGRAPH Award. Details on the various ACM SIGGRAPH Awards can be found: <a href="#">linked</a>. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The ACM SIGGRAPH Award Chair Jeff Jortner has asked the EC for an exception to the public call to ensure the next year's award process isn't delayed.</li> <li>b. Jeff was appointed late in the process and then had an injury that put him behind schedule.</li> <li>c. Jeff reached out to nominations for clarity on the public call in terms of where it would be posted.</li> <li>d. The EC discussed the merits of having a public call for the award chairs vs having the chair selected from members of the given award committees.</li> <li>e. There is value in rotating awards subcommittee chairs to allow for diverse perspectives and expertise to be incorporated into the selection process. It ensures that a broader range of individuals and achievements are recognized, and also helps to identify and cultivate new chairs, therefore expanding the pool of qualified leaders within the community.</li> <li>f. Scott Owen mentioned that the Governance Committee could discuss and bring forward a recommendation to the EC about whether or not the chairs for the individual awards should be selected from a public call.</li> <li>g. There is no timeline in the current policy regarding the timelines for calling for the award chairs. If the EC wants to keep the public call in future years, Scott Owen noted that the Governance Committee could develop a timeline for the process so that the ACM SIGGRAPH Awards chair knows when the public notification needs to happen.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>MOTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. David Spoelstra made a motion to grant a one-time exception for the ACM SIGGRAPH Awards Chair to forgo asking for public nominations and put forward to the EC a single candidate for each of the outgoing award chairs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Vote</li> <li>b. Motion PASSED</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Eakta Jain</p>

<p>2. Darin Grant motioned to confirm Copper Giloth as the Distinguished Art Award chair, Steve Marschner as the SIGGRAPH Academy Committee Chair, and Barbara Mones as the Distinguished Educator Award Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Vote</li> <li>b. Motion PASSED</li> </ul> <p><b>Action-</b> Eakta Jain and Darin Grant to share decisions of the EC regarding the Award Chair's request for exceptions and the nominated individuals.</p>	
<p><b>EC Project Manager Contract</b> (volunteers &amp; EC only)</p>	<p>Eakta Jain</p>