

SIGCSE Board 2025-2028

Meeting Time: 8am-5:00pm

Meeting Location: St Louis Convention Center room 371 and
<https://acm-org.zoom.us/j/97607585676>

Attendees:

Brian Dorn, Chair
Claudia Szabo, Vice Chair
Michelle Friend, Treasurer
Mark Sherriff, Secretary
Kemi Ola, At Large Member
Ethel Tshukudu, At Large Member
Chris Gregg, At Large Member
Alison Clear, Past Chair
Ariel Silket, SIG Services Liaison

Overall Conference Financial Trends

The board reviewed historical closing figures for SIGCSE conferences and discussed broader conference financial trends. The board agreed that future budgets should continue to use conservative attendance projections given current travel and funding uncertainties.

The board also introduced a broader discussion about conference cost structures, including travel grants, doctoral consortium support, childcare, and site visit practices.

ICER (Claudia)

ICER 2028 Site Approval

The ICER Steering Committee recommended **Adelaide, Australia** for ICER 2028.

Proposed leadership:

- Conference Chair: Nick Falkner
- Program Chair: Andrew Luxton-Reilly

Claudia Szabo recused herself due to institutional conflict of interest.

Motion: Approve Adelaide as ICER 2028 site

Moved: Alison Clear

Seconded: Michelle Friend

Result: Approved unanimously, with Szabo abstaining.

ICER Awards Chair

The Steering Committee proposed **Yasmin Kafai** as ICER Awards Chair.

Motion: Approve Yasmin Kafai as ICER Awards Chair

Moved: Alison Clear

Seconded: Chris Gregg

Result: Approved unanimously.

Submission Deadline Concerns

The board discussed concerns regarding increasingly early submission deadlines and their impact on researchers. Possible alternatives to current publication workflows were noted, and steering committees were encouraged to continue evaluating options.

RESPECT (Michelle)

Governance and Organization

The RESPECT Steering Committee indicated that additional steering committee members may be needed and asked about the possibility of elections.

The board clarified that SIGCSE conference steering committees are generally formed through recommendations to the board rather than independent elections.

Operational Updates

The board discussed ongoing planning needs for RESPECT 2026 and agreed to continue working with RESPECT leadership to support conference organization and planning processes.

The board also reflected on the historical context of RESPECT joining SIGCSE as part of SIGCSE's commitment to diversity and inclusion in computing education.

SIGCSE Virtual (Chris)

The SIGCSE Virtual Steering Committee discussed reduced registration fees for participants from low- and middle-income countries. The idea was broadly supported.

CompEd (Ethel)

No new updates were reported.

ITiCSE (Alison)

Updates included:

- 441 submissions received for ITiCSE 2026 (Madrid)
- 372 papers currently out for review

Additional updates:

- A proposal for **ITiCSE 2028 in Trondheim, Norway** has been received.
- The ITiCSE Steering Committee declined a proposal to increase the number of conference chairs for ITiCSE 2027 (Glasgow).

The board also discussed several policy topics, including working group participation, AI-related submissions, and possible alignment of conference policies across SIGCSE events.

Doctoral Consortium (Kemi)

No updates were reported. The steering committee planned to meet the following week to revisit previously discussed issues.

SIGCSE Technical Symposium (Mark)

The board discussed concerns from the 2026 program chairs regarding the addition of a fourth program chair.

The board reaffirmed its support for the steering committee and program leadership and indicated openness to further discussion if requested.

Additional structural discussions about the future organization of the Technical Symposium are ongoing.

SIG Supporter Task Force

The task force established to explore new models for SIGCSE supporters and sponsors had not yet met.

The task force originated after concerns were raised about declining corporate supporters. Claudia Szabo will assist with scheduling the initial meeting.

ACM DEI Council

Kemi Ola reported that the ACM DEI Council is currently working on two initiatives:

- ACM Demographic Reporting
- Development of DEI Best Practices

These efforts are also informing the ACM Globalization Task Force's work on culturally responsive conference practices.

Special Projects

Chris Gregg reported that:

- Current cycle awardees have been notified
- Website updates have been made

The board also noted that some earlier 2025 projects still need to be added to the website.

Community Development

Kemi Ola reported ongoing exploration of how other SIGs support community engagement and leadership development.

Topics under consideration include:

- Mentoring programs across SIGCSE roles

- Improving engagement mechanisms beyond the current listserv and Slack infrastructure
 - Identifying clearer pathways for leadership development
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Treasurer Report

Michelle Friend presented financial reports for FY2025 and FY2026.

Major discussion points included:

- expected declines in Digital Library revenue due to changes in ACM's publishing model
- SIGCSE reserve levels and ACM reserve requirements
- documentation of current practice related to conference site visits

The board agreed that these financial trends should continue to inform budget planning going forward.

DLPlan Discussion

Representatives from DLPlan, **Stacey Ogren** and **Larry Huttinger**, joined the meeting.

Discussion topics included:

- conference venue negotiations and logistics
- challenges related to supporter recruitment
- exploration of a SIG-wide supporter structure rather than conference-by-conference sponsor outreach
- possible opportunities to rethink long-standing conference structures and supporter models

The board welcomed continued discussion in these areas.

Kids Camp

The board discussed the value and cost of the conference childcare program.

Questions raised included:

- program utilization

- participant needs
- possible alternative models for family support

The board agreed that better utilization data is needed before making policy decisions.

Travel Grants

The board reviewed travel grant spending across SIGCSE conferences and discussed possible approaches to future travel support models.

Ideas considered included:

- a centralized SIGCSE travel grant program
- separating travel reimbursement from complimentary registration
- evaluating how travel support aligns with other SIGCSE funding priorities

No decisions were made.

Doctoral Consortium Funding

The board discussed the growth in doctoral consortium funding across conferences and the need to evaluate long-term sustainability, program scope, and alignment with other SIGCSE priorities.

No decisions were made.

Meeting with Steering Committee Chairs

Steering committee representatives joined the meeting:

- Sarah Heckman (SIGCSE TS)
- Andrew Peterson (ICER)
- Judith Gal-Ezer and Mohsen Dorodchi (SIGCSE Virtual)
- Jamie Payton (RESPECT)

Discussion topics included:

- travel grants and conference accessibility

- ACM Open and conference publication models
- governance infrastructure for steering committees
- possible policies related to generative AI use in submissions
- declining conference attendance and broader participation trends

The board emphasized continued coordination and information sharing across conferences.

Business Meeting Preparation

The board reviewed the agenda and slides for the upcoming SIGCSE Business Meeting.

Office Hours

Board members scheduled office hours during the Technical Symposium to meet with community members.

Next Meeting

March 18, 2026