

SIGCSE Board 2025-2028 - Open Business Meeting - Feb 20, 2026

Meeting Time: 5:10pm-6:00pm

Meeting Location: St Louis Convention Center

Attendees:

Brian Dorn, Chair

Claudia Szabo, Vice Chair

Michelle Friend, Treasurer

Mark Sherriff, Secretary

Kemi Ola, At Large Member (virtual)

Ethel Tshukudu, At Large Member

Chris Gregg, At Large Member

Alison Clear, Past Chair

The SIGCSE Board hosted the annual open business meeting during the SIGCSE Technical Symposium. All members of the community were invited to attend both in person and online.

Opening and Announcements

SIGCSE Chair **Brian Dorn** opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He noted that the current SIGCSE Board began its term on **July 1, 2025** and introduced the board members.

Two community announcements were shared:

- **Memorial for Vicki Hanson:** A virtual memorial for the former ACM CEO, who passed away on January 20, would be held the following day, with space available at the conference venue for community members to attend together.
- **ACM Education Advisory Committee Nominations:** Community members were encouraged to submit nominations (including self-nominations) by **March 26**.

ACM Open Transition

The board provided an update on the transition to the **ACM Open** publishing model.

Key points included:

- Article Processing Charges (APCs) apply primarily to **papers and working group reports**, but not to abstracts, posters, or similar submissions.
- Authors affiliated with **ACM Open partner institutions** can have APC charges waived if that author is listed as the corresponding author.
- Geographic waivers and hardship waivers are available for eligible authors.

- SIGCSE allocated **\$25,000** in the current budget to support hardship waivers if needed.
- No hardship waiver requests were received for **SIGCSE TS 2026**.

Discussion

Community questions addressed:

- **ACM Digital Library access:** Some advanced features require institutional login; ACM staff are addressing usability concerns raised by the community.
 - **APC waivers for multi-author papers:** If one author qualifies for a geographic or ACM Open waiver and is designated corresponding author, the waiver applies to the entire paper.
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SIGCSE Awards

Vice Chair **Claudia Szabo** presented the SIGCSE annual awards and encouraged community members to submit nominations.

SIGCSE offers five awards recognizing:

- The **2026 SIGCSE Award for Outstanding Contribution to Computer Science Education** is awarded to [Richard E. Ladner](#), Professor Emeritus, Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering, University of Washington, USA.
- The **2026 SIGCSE Award for Distinguished Service to the Computer Science Education Community** is awarded to [Paul Tymann](#), Professor Emeritus, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA.
- The **2026 SIGCSE Award for Broadening Participation in Computing Education** is awarded to [Bethany Edmunds](#), Associate Dean of Computing Programs and Teaching Professor at Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Northeastern University, USA.
- The **2026 ACM SIGCSE Test of Time Award** is awarded to the paper Online Python Tutor: Embeddable Web-Based Program Visualization for CS Education by Philip J. Guo, In Proceedings of the 44th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 579-584. [DOI Link](#)
- Early Career Research (new award)

Nominations typically open in **July**, with review panels meeting in the fall and awards presented the following year.

Special Projects Grants

Chris Gregg reported on the SIGCSE **Special Projects Grants** program, which has supported community initiatives since 2003.

Highlights:

- Two annual submission cycles (**May 15 and November 15**).
- Four grants were awarded in the most recent cycle due to additional funding from the **Consortium for Generative AI and CS Education**.
- Each award provides **\$5,000** to support projects that benefit the computing education community.

Travel Grants

Ethel Tshukudu discussed SIGCSE travel grant programs intended to support participation from community members who might otherwise be unable to attend conferences.

For the past year:

- **15 individuals** received travel funding across multiple SIGCSE conferences.
- The **Henry Walker Travel Grant** supported attendees at the Technical Symposium.

Demand continues to exceed available funding. The board is evaluating how to evolve the program to ensure long-term sustainability and equity.

Community Programs

New Educators Workshop

The **New Educators Workshop**, held during the symposium in even years, supported new and aspiring computing educators. The 2026 workshop included:

- 41 participants
- 16 presenters from the community

In odd years, SIGCSE hosts a **Department Chairs Roundtable**.

GenAI Consortium

SIGCSE continues collaboration with the **GenAI Consortium**. Activities included:

- Workshops at CompEd and SIGCSE TS
 - Additional Special Projects Grants supported by consortium funding
 - Continued community programming related to generative AI in computing education.
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Conference Updates

The board provided highlights from the SIGCSE conference portfolio.

SIGCSE Technical Symposium

- Attendance in St. Louis was lower than projected (approximately **1,475 participants**).
- This decline mirrors broader trends across U.S.-based ACM conferences.

The board is working with conference organizers and ACM to adjust future planning assumptions and contractual commitments.

ITiCSE

- **Record in-person attendance:** 373 participants from **52 countries**.
- 105 participants joined working groups.

ICER

- Attendance was lower than previous U.S. events.
- Costs increased due to a **last-minute venue change** after the originally planned building was demolished.

RESPECT

- Continued growth following its recent integration into the SIGCSE conference family.
- Notable achievement: **fully accessible conference proceedings**.

CompEd

- Successfully hosted in **Botswana**, marking the first SIGCSE conference in Africa.
- Strong participation, including authors from **11 African countries**.

SIGCSE Virtual

- The 2024 conference demonstrated strong participation.
 - Organizers aim to expand attendance to **400 participants** in the next iteration.
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Doctoral Consortium Expansion

SIGCSE expanded its **Doctoral Consortium (DC)** program.

Historically:

- One DC per year
- Originally held at SIGCSE TS
- Later moved to ICER

Under the current model:

- DCs may be hosted at **multiple SIGCSE conferences**.
- Travel and registration support is provided to participating students.

The board emphasized the DC's importance in cultivating future community leaders.

Financial Report

Treasurer **Michelle Friend** presented a financial overview.

Revenue Sources

Primary income streams include:

- Membership dues
- Digital Library revenue
- Interest on reserves
- Conference surpluses (largest source)

Expenses

Major expenditures include:

- Doctoral Consortium support
- Awards
- Community programs (e.g., Kids Camp, workshops)
- Special projects grants

- APC hardship waiver fund

ACM requires SIGs to maintain a reserve equal to at least 50% of annual expenses to ensure financial stability. Attendance fluctuations and hotel contract obligations were noted as factors affecting conference budgets.

Membership Trends

Membership data indicates:

- **Professional memberships declined**, consistent with ACM-wide trends.
 - **Student membership increased**, suggesting strong engagement among emerging researchers and educators.
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Questions and Discussion

Inroads Processing Fees

A question was raised regarding a drop in reported **Inroads processing fees**. The board indicated the fees likely had **not yet been processed** for the current fiscal year.

Conference Attendance and Budgeting

A question addressed whether lower attendance created a financial problem. The board clarified that the primary issue is **budget projections and contractual obligations** (e.g., hotel room blocks), which are negotiated several years in advance.

Availability of Information

Attendees asked whether meeting information would be shared publicly.

The board confirmed that:

- **Board meeting minutes are publicly posted**, and
- Slides and related materials can also be made available.

SIGCSE Virtual Frequency

A suggestion was raised to consider hosting **SIGCSE Virtual annually**. The board noted the conference was originally an experiment and the steering committee will continue evaluating demand.

Digital Library Revenue

Under the new ACM Open model, SIGCSE will continue receiving Digital Library revenue, though **future income is expected to be lower** than under the previous model.

Closing

The board thanked the community for its volunteer contributions and encouraged members to:

- Volunteer for **conference steering committees**
- Participate in **review and awards committees**
- Continue supporting SIGCSE initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at approximately **6:10 PM**.