

SIGCSE Board 2025-2028

Meeting Time: March 18, 2026 3-5pm Central, 4-6pm Eastern, 1-3pm Pacific,
March 19, 2026 9-11am Auckland, 6:30-8:30am Adelaide

Meeting Location: <https://acm-org.zoom.us/j/96955718667>

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

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the February 18, 2026 Technical Symposium meeting minutes (public and internal) and the February 20, 2026 Open Business Meeting minutes.

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Public minutes have been posted to the SIGCSE website.

Steering Committee Renewals

The board reviewed renewal requests for Andrew Petersen (ICER) and Leen-Kiat Soh (Technical Symposium). Mohsen Dorodchi's case was clarified as not requiring renewal due to the nature of the role.

Discussion noted that renewals are typically routine unless concerns are raised, while also balancing the need for continuity with opportunities to introduce new members.

The board approved the renewals of Andrew Petersen and Leen-Kiat Soh by unanimous consent.

Steering Committee Self-Nominations

The board reviewed the results of the March 2026 steering committee self-nomination process:

DC: 0

CompEd: 3

Virtual: 5

ITiCSE: 12

TS: 11

ICER: 5

RESPECT: 2

The board expressed enthusiasm about the strong response and noted that several applicants will need to ensure their SIGCSE/ACM memberships are current.

Steering committees will be asked to evaluate candidates, including assessing viability, strengths, and potential concerns. The board also discussed structural considerations for conferences such as Virtual and CompEd, where committee composition may require additional attention.

Conference Business

CompEd

The board received an update on the CompEd steering committee meeting held in early March. Discussion focused on proposed revisions to the steering committee structure, including reducing reliance on future conference chairs and incorporating an elected member.

Questions were raised regarding language that appeared to exclude Australia and New Zealand from hosting considerations. The board recommended reframing this language to emphasize encouraging representation from underrepresented regions rather than specifying exclusions.

Additional discussion addressed term lengths and the role of board members. The board emphasized that board members should serve in ex officio, non-voting roles on steering committees to maintain appropriate governance boundaries.

The CompEd steering committee will revise the proposal to reflect these points and return it to the board for further consideration.

RESPECT

The board discussed the current status of RESPECT 2026 planning. A venue has not yet been secured, and progress remains limited.

The board will continue to monitor progress and support RESPECT leadership as needed.

ITiCSE

The board discussed ongoing planning for ITiCSE 2027 in Glasgow, including identification of leadership roles.

There was also discussion of potential use of remaining GenAI Consortium funds to support programming at ITiCSE 2026.

The board noted that financial closing for ITiCSE 2025 is still pending.

A request was made for a site visit to Trondheim for ITiCSE 2028 due to the shift from a hotel-based venue to a university-based setting.

The board approved the Trondheim site visit.

The discussion also raised a broader question about the role and necessity of site visits across SIGCSE conferences. The board agreed that a more comprehensive conversation about site visit policies is needed.

SIGCSE Technical Symposium

The board discussed ongoing evaluation of the Kids Camp program, including cost and utilization. A survey of participants is underway, and further discussion is expected once results are available.

SIGCSE Virtual

The board clarified that minor volunteer roles do not require board approval. However, all volunteers must be reviewed through the ACM violations database.

FY 2027 Budget Review

Michelle Friend presented the FY2027 budget, which includes a planned deficit. The board agreed that this is acceptable given SIGCSE's current financial reserves, which remain well above ACM requirements.

The board does not anticipate issues with ACM approval of the budget.

The board expressed appreciation to Michelle Friend for her work preparing the budget.

Travel Grants

The board discussed a proposed shift to a simplified travel grant model of approximately \$1,000 per award, without registration waivers. This approach would centralize costs at the SIG level and simplify administration.

Discussion focused on balancing equity and fairness across conferences, particularly given differences in attendance and geographic representation. The board also discussed whether criteria should prioritize factors such as student status or participants from lower-income regions.

For upcoming conferences, the board agreed to proceed with an interim approach:
ITiCSE will receive approximately five travel grants.
RESPECT will receive approximately two travel grants.

Eligibility will be broadened beyond prior constraints (e.g., working groups).

Doctoral Consortium

The board discussed the need to track doctoral consortium participation across conferences to prevent multiple funded attendances within a short period.

The board agreed to define eligibility limits based on conference year (calendar year basis).

Kids Camp

The board discussed the cost and utilization of the Kids Camp program. Questions were raised about whether the program should remain centrally funded or be incorporated into conference budgets.

Further data is being collected via a survey, and additional discussion will follow.

Department Chairs Roundtable

The board discussed planning for the 2027 Department Chairs Roundtable. John Barr will continue in a senior coordination role, and a call for a junior coordinator will be issued.

The board supported introducing a participation fee (approximately \$150) to help offset costs.

ACM AI Leadership Summit

Brian Dorn provided an update on SIGCSE participation in the ACM AI Leadership Summit, including plans for a panel in collaboration with SIGSITE.

The panel is expected to include representatives from K–12, two-year colleges, undergraduate education, and industry. Funding may be supported through the GenAI Consortium if needed.

Task Force Updates

Claudia Szabo reported that the SIG-Level Supporter Structures task force is being organized and will meet in the coming weeks.

Proposals and Community Items

SIGCSE Community Discussion Forum

The board discussed a proposal from community members regarding the creation of a SIGCSE-affiliated discussion forum.

The board noted that there are already existing community spaces supporting discussion among computing education professionals. Consideration was given to the scope, purpose, and long-term sustainability of introducing an additional forum under SIGCSE.

At this time, the board determined that it is not in a position to sponsor or host a new discussion forum.

The board remains interested in supporting effective community engagement and will continue to consider opportunities to strengthen communication and interaction within the SIGCSE community.

Student Engagement

The board discussed opportunities to increase student engagement with SIGCSE outside of conferences. Ideas included webinars and other ongoing activities.

ACM 2-Year College Partnership

The board discussed a potential partnership with ACM 2-year college initiatives.

The board agreed to invite representatives to the April meeting for further discussion.

Conference Indexing

The board discussed challenges with indexing SIGCSE conference proceedings in systems such as Scopus due to inconsistent naming conventions across years.

The issue may require coordination with the ACM Digital Library.

Website Updates

The board noted the need to update the conference calendar and ensure timely posting of board minutes.

Next Meeting

The board discussed scheduling for upcoming meetings (April–June).