

SIGCSE Board 2025-2028

Meeting Time: Wed July 29 at 4-6 US Eastern / 3-5pm US Central / 1-3 Pacific Time and Thurs
July 30 25 at 5:30-7:30am Adelaide / 8:00-10:00am Auckland

Meeting Location: <https://acm-org.zoom.us/j/98576667996>

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 minutes of the June 24, 2026 meeting were approved by unanimous consent without correction.

Conference Business

SIGCSE Technical Symposium

The Board discussed the value of a consistent baseline desk-rejection policy across SIGCSE conferences. Related questions include when program chairs may edit or remove reviews and how presenter substitutions should be handled. These topics will be considered at the September retreat with input from conference steering committees.

The Board received updates regarding a proposed limit on second-round submissions and recent conference personnel matters. No Board action was taken.

ITiCSE

The ITiCSE 2025 financial report is closed. Attendance was 373. Income was \$257,182.81, expenses were \$207,110.23, and overhead was \$33,137.64, producing a net surplus of \$16,934.94. Accounting adjustments moved Board-funded travel grants and complimentary registrations to the appropriate budgets. Attendance at ITiCSE 2026 was reported as approximately 365.

The Board clarified that an award recipient receiving an award at a conference should be given an opportunity for brief remarks. A keynote, panel, or other extended program slot is optional and depends on the conference program. Communications and the awards webpage will be updated to clarify this expectation.

The ITiCSE steering committee requested guidance regarding suspected AI-generated submissions, references, and reviews. The Board will address these cross-conference policy questions at the September retreat while monitoring forthcoming ACM guidance.

The Board unanimously approved Trondheim, Norway, as the location for ITiCSE 2028, with Birgit Rognebakke Krogstie and Guttorm Sindre as co-chairs. The steering committee may proceed with the Preliminary Approval Form.

Potential locations for 2029 and later are being explored. The Board will also discuss conference-calendar coordination and the inclusion of accessibility criteria in future site-visit reports.

CompEd

Rachelle Hippler is approved as treasurer through CompEd 2027. Her request to continue for three additional conferences was referred to the steering committee for consideration.

Remaining NSF funds may support participants affiliated with U.S. institutions traveling to CompEd 2027 in Brazil. The Board favored coordinating this opportunity with the Henry Walker Travel Grant application process.

Doctoral Consortium

The Doctoral Consortium steering committee is compiling a historical list of chairs and discussants and developing clearer procedures for selection, participation expectations, evaluation, communications, and reimbursements. It will also provide input on whether student travel support should remain a standard amount or become need-based.

ICER, RESPECT, and SIGCSE Virtual

No urgent ICER business was reported.

The RESPECT steering committee expects to meet in August concerning the 2027 and 2028 conferences. The Board will work with the committee on timely site and date decisions, governance documentation, membership terms, and leadership succession.

SIGCSE Virtual is developing procedural guidelines. The Board affirmed that conference steering committees should maintain public governance documentation describing roles, approval authority, and policy processes.

Presenter Substitution Policy

The Board was presented with a revised presenter-substitution policy. The Board discussed exceptions, visa and immigration barriers, substitute presenters, registration requirements, prerecorded presentations, and conference-specific requirements. The Board will revise the draft and add questions for steering committee consultation before the September retreat.

Grants and Reimbursements

Outstanding speaker-grant matters are being processed.

The Board clarified the Henry Walker Travel Grant reimbursement workflow. The Board will maintain the tracking record, coordinate reimbursement portals with ACM, and send portal links directly to recipients. The Board will also clarify and document the corresponding Doctoral Consortium workflow.

Chairs Roundtable and New Educators Workshop

Jerod Weinman has agreed to replace John Barr for the Department Chairs Roundtable. The Board supported a temporary three-chair arrangement in 2029 to restore the usual senior/junior rotation. Organizers will also develop a proposal for a participant fee that considers both program costs and accessibility.

The evaluation report for the 2026 New Educators Workshop remains outstanding. After receiving it, the Board will coordinate with CRA to reduce conflicts or duplication between related programs.

In-Cooperation Conferences

The Board approved an in-cooperation request from CACE 2027, the first annual conference of the Canadian Association for Computing Education.

Listserv Moderators

The Board approved Lorenzo Lin Angeli as a listserv moderator to succeed David Zabner. The Board also discussed communicating SIGCSE membership benefits more visibly and encouraging membership among recipients of SIGCSE support.

Bulletin Advertising

The Board discussed a proposal to permit paid advertisements in the SIGCSE Bulletin. Before deciding, it requested clarification regarding editorial review and approval authority.

Proposed SIGQuantum

The Board agreed that it had no objection to ACM's proposal to create SIGQuantum.

ACM AI Leadership Summit

SIGCSE's bronze sponsorship includes one complimentary registration. The SIGCSE-organized panel has its speakers confirmed, with Jamie Benario of Google serving as moderator.

September Retreat and Next Meeting

The Board will not meet in August. Its next meeting will be the September 6–7 retreat in Omaha, Nebraska. Planned strategic topics include cross-conference policies, conference governance and scheduling, task forces and committees, and the relationship between large language models and the ACM Digital Library.

The Board noted Alison Derbenwick Miller's appointment as ACM CEO and agreed that congratulations should be sent.

The meeting adjourned at the completion of the agenda.