The Pennsylvania Association of Computer and Information Science Educators

Executive Board Meeting
California, PA
Friday, April 2, 2004

• Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.
  Present:
  Bloomsburg – Bob Montante; California – Jerry Blackmon; California – Nick Ford;
  Clarion – Jon ODonnell; Edinboro – Joseph Molnar; Indiana – Soundararajan Ezekiel;
  Lock Haven – Susan H. Strayer; Millersville – David Hutchens; Shippensburg –
  Joseph Thomas; Slippery Rock – Paul Mullins; Slippery Rock – Brian Creasy
  (student designer).

  This meeting is concurrent with the 2004 Spring Conference at California.

• Prior meeting’s minutes were distributed. Numerous corrections were noted. Thomas
  moved to accept minutes with corrections; motion seconded and approved.

• The Treasurer’s report was presented. Joe Thomas observed that there was a nice
  sum reflecting proceeds form the SRU conference.

• Conference concerns:
  – Susan Strayer, commented on the programming contest, stated that formal
    standards for its organization are needed.
  – Joe Thomas raised the issue of responsibility for conference proceedings. (item
    VII on the meeting’s agenda)
    * There are attendee concerns about receiving materials.
    * Joe Cannon is the editor (or compiler?)
    * Thomas proposed to announce to the general meeting that proceedings will
      be shipped to the school representatives for distribution.
    * He further proposed shipping “ASAP”.

• Future conferences:
  – Bob Montante proposed April 1-2, 2005, the weekend following Easter, for the
    2005 Bloomsburg conference.
  – Joe Thomas advocated West Chester for the 2008 conference site.

• PACISE Web site: Brian Creasy, a student at SRU, is designing a layout.
  – Content items should be submitted to Paul Mullins as the Webmaster.
  – Proceedings will be added to the site.
  – An “Upcoming Events” page will include the list of conference hosts.
  – URL forwarding will be used.
Maps to places will be included. (?)

The Board expressed satisfaction and pleasure with the design, and extended its thanks to Brian.

- **By-Laws:** Editing corrections of the By-Laws were brought up. A correct copy of the By-Laws is needed for posting to the website.

- **Journal/proceedings redux:**
  - Joe Thomas has received feedback from faculty wanting a more formal journal.
  - David Hutchens noted that the plan has been to start a journal “from zero” using the conference proceedings as a starting point. He and Carol [Wellington?] discussed a journal themed toward student-faculty research, and open to non-SSHE submissions.
  - Joe Thomas’ view is that the primary goal should be to promote SSHE faculty. S. Ezekiel noted that a SSHE-only publication would carry less weight for promotion and tenure.
  - Paul Mullins described a similar organization to (PACISE) in Ohio. Their journal got 95% of material from the state schools, and outside submissions didn’t cause any problems.
  - Others commented that exclusivity isn’t needful or helpful yet; a first step might be to invite selected other schools to contribute; opening the conference to others has a big impact.
  - The discussion was to be continued in September; representatives should discuss the matter with their faculties.
  - S. Esekiel asked for a motion, stemming from concerns that his school’s promotion committee calls PACISE activity “service”. A motion was made to invite outside schools to PACISE conferences; the motion carried on voice vote.

- **Other business:**
  - Jerry Blackmon offered information promoting the Educational Outreach program that he works with.

- The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm, with further discussions deferred to breakfast the next day.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Montante
PACISE Secretary