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 O'Donnell; 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