

## **ACM SIG Governing Board**

# **Report on ACM History Committee**



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## Executive Summary

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- **The ACM EC recently chartered and seeded a standing committee to preserve ACM's history.**
- **I've been appointed to represent the SIGs on this committee.**
- **There *will* be funding requests to the SIGs in the future.**



## Background

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- **2003/08: Rick Snodgrass (SIGMOD Past Chair) circulates proposal to preserve ACM's history.**
- **2003/12: Maria Klawe (ACM President) appoints Rick co-chair of Ad Hoc Committee on ACM History.**



## **Background** (cont.)

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- **2004/01/30-31: Committee meets in New York City.**
- **2004/02: ACM EC approves standing ACM History Committee (same members).**
- **2004/03: ACM Council asked to approve first-year budget.**



## **Background** (cont.)

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- **Committee Members:**
  - **Rick Snodgrass, Co-Chair**
  - **David Wise, Co-Chair (and ACM VP)**
  - **Beth Kaplan, Archivist, Charles Babbage Inst.**
  - **Bill Aspray, Historian, Indiana Univ.**
  - **Tom Haigh, Historian, Consultant**
  - **Mike Mahoney, Historian, Princeton Univ.**



## **Background (cont.)**

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- **Committee Members (cont.):**
  - **Pat Ryan, ACM COO**
  - **TBD, ACM Awards liaison**
  - **TBD, ACM Ed Board liaison**
  - **[Bob Allen], ACM Pubs Board liaison**
  - **M.S. Johnson, ACM SGB liaison**



## **Committee Goals**

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- **Preserve historical materials to help historians tell ACM's story.**
- **Convey ACM's contributions to the History of Computing.**
- **Help SIGs preserve their history and convey their contributions.**



## **Current Projects**

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- **Oral Histories**
  - **5-10/year, starting with early ACM Presidents and Turing Award winners**
- **Turing Award Website**
  - **EiC under ACM Pubs Boards**
- **Identify Possible External Funds**



## **Current Projects (cont.)**

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- **Ancillary Material in the DL**
  - **Non-technical portions of all ACM publications and conferences, including SIG newsletters**
  - **Under ACM Pubs Board**
- **ACM HQ Archives**
  - **Audit existing archive**
  - **Draft Archive Retention Policy**
  - **Draft Archive Plan**



## **Future Projects**

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- **Create ACM Archive.**
- **Improve ACM (including SIG) Award Websites.**
- **Develop Training Workshops on History (for SIGs and others).**



## **Future Projects (cont.)**

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- **Encourage Scholarship of the History of Computing.**
- **Encourage Scholarship of ACM's Organizational History and Contributions to Computing.**
- **Produce Follow-up to Turing Award Lectures Book [possibly].**



## **Some SIG Efforts to Date**

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- **SIGCHI and SIGGRAPH history columns in their newsletters**
- **SIGMOD History Project**
- **SIGPLAN History of Programming Languages Conferences**
- **SIGSOFT Impact Project**



## **Q&A**

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