

## **ACM SIG Governing Board**

# **Single SIG Designation**

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## Executive Summary

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- **The current SIG designations (multi-service, conference-only, newsletter-only, and e-forum) have outlived their usefulness and should be abolished.**
- **SIGs viability should be based mainly on their ability to satisfy their member benefits (as *they* define them).**



## History

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- **The *last* SIG Allocation algorithm was revenue-based.**
  - **Different revenue streams were taxed at different rates.**
  - **The rates were based on the SIG's designation (multi-service being highest and e-forum being lowest).**
  - ***Reality:* All designations now pay at the same rate.**



## History (cont.)

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- **SIG designations were intended to denote a member “service level”, not a hierarchy.**
  - ***Reality:* Most non-multi-service SIGs consider their designation a “penalty” to be disputed rather than the intended “helping hand”.**
  - ***Exceptions:* SIGMICRO and SIGART.**



## History (cont.)

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- **SIG viability is based on ability to satisfy goals and member obligations, as defined and promised by each SIG.**
  - ***Reality:* Most SIGs are assuming a level of service (usually multi-service, even if they’re not).**



## History (cont.)

- **Each SIG is suppose to have (since about 1994):**
  - **Mission Statement:**
    - **Scope**
    - **Purpose**
    - **Programmatic vehicles**
  - **Technical Program Goals and Milestones**
  - **Reality: Few SIGs actually have gone thru this entire exercise.**



## Proposed Solution

- **Reduce administrative problems by reverting to Single SIG Designation.**
- **Base viability on ability to satisfy member obligations, as defined and promised by each SIG (i.e., *keep* Mission Statement requirement).**
- **Drop Technical Program Goals and Milestones requirement.**



## ACM SGB EC Motion

**To revert the current SIG categories of multi-service, conference-only, newsletter-only, and electronic forum to a single designation of SIG.**

- **All SIGs must provide a list of annual membership benefits, by November 15 each year. The list is required to remain viable.**
- **All conference-only and newsletter-only SIGs must update their bylaws to allow for elections during the next election cycle (2005-2007).**
- **SIGSOUND, the only e-forum SIG, is dechartered, but is permitted to continue their forum as long as they choose to.**

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## Next Steps

- **All SIG Chairs: Provide list of member benefits for next fiscal year (by 11-15).**
- **Conference- and Newsletter-Only SIGs: Update bylaws to provide for elections (in some form).**
- **SGB EC: Revise SIG Operating Rules and clarify Mission Statement process.**
- **SGB EC: Propose election alternatives.**
- **SGB Chair: Inform SIGSOUND.**

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