The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Andreas Tolk, Secretary/Treasurer. Paul Fishwick, Chair, and Margaret Loper, Vice Chair, were not present. Andreas Tolk conducted the meeting.

1. Welcome, SIGSIM mission, and Agenda (Tolk)

The agenda presented during the business meeting is attached.

2. Upcoming Election SIGSIM Officers 2016 – 2018 (Mustafee)

The slides presented during the business meeting are attached.

The candidates present - Denis Gracanin, Kara A. Olson, and Andreas Tolk - were introduced.

3. Ph.D. Colloquium Status including SIGSIM Winner (D'Ambrogio)

The slides presented during the business meeting are attached.

Mohammad Dehghanimohammadabadi was present to accept the award.

Andreas Tolk mentioned that a position is now open on the Ph.D. Colloquium Committee and strongly encouraged qualified applicants.

4. SIGSIM Distinguished Contributions Award (Wilson)

The slides presented during the business meeting are attached.

Osman Balci was present to accept the award. Jim Wilson emphasized Osman’s dedication to various ACM SIGSIM related activities, in particular his support of the ACM SIGSIM Knowledge Repository and his contribution as member of various editorial boards. Osman thanked the committee and thanked especially his mentor Bob Sargent.

5. TOMACS (Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation) Report (Uhrmacher)

The slides presented during the business meeting are attached. One of the main points of the presentation was that TOMACS is now introducing a new paper category with a “reproducibility” seal.
Simon Taylor suggested SIGSIM consider establishing an open access data repository: data sets could be assigned DOIs (digital object identifiers), improving accessing as well as referencing these data.

6. JOS (Journal of Simulation) Report (Taylor)

No slides were presented.

Approximately 210 papers per year are submitted, approximately 25 per year are accepted. Three special issues are forthcoming, approximately one per year. Currently, once accepted, the wait is about a year to print but articles are referenceable immediately upon acceptance.

The five-year impact factor of TOMACS is 1.09; the five-year impact of JOS is 0.87.

7. SIGSIM Website and MSKR (Modeling and Simulation Knowledge Repository) (Balci)

No slides were presented, but Osman presented the MSKR online: [http://www.acm-sigsim-mskr.org/](http://www.acm-sigsim-mskr.org/)

The current web site was demonstrated. Osman Balci especially encouraged submissions of courseware and multimedia papers. Content is continuing to be uploaded and improved; contact Balci for inclusion.

8. SIGSIM Social Media Initiatives (Tufarolo)

The slides presented during the business meeting are attached.

9. SIGSIM Digest (Fishwick, presented by Tolk)

The slide presented during the business meeting is attached.

10. Budget and Finances (Tolk)

The slides presented during the business meeting are attached.

Andreas Tolk qualified the data presented. Expenses increased notably in fiscal year 2013 due to the new student travel funding. Digital library income decreased notably in fiscal year 2010 in part due to new open access to Winter Simulation Conference papers; recently, income has increased due to pre-print availability of TOMACS and other articles.

Simon Taylor suggested SIGSIM spend more rather than keep such a high reserve. Ernie Page pointed out that while the reserve may seem high, the amount is very reasonable considering SIGSIM is currently liable to the Winter Simulation Conference through 2019 at a level very close to the current reserve.
11. SIGSIM-PADS conference 2015 and 2016 (Taylor/Fujimoto)

The SIGSIM PADS 2015 conference, held in London, had 54 presenters and had a profit of approximately $10,000. A stated goal of the conference was to keep the number of presenters at or above 50, which also seems likely in the foreseeable future.

The PADS 2016 slides presented during the business meeting are attached. Richard Fujimoto thanked Osman Balci for his quick updates to the web site.

12. Simulation Archives (Sargent)

The slide presented during the business meeting is attached.

The Archive is hoping to make the $100,000 endowment level, as this is the next level for the library. The Archive is looked at as a model by the library.

Simon Taylor motioned that SIGSIM continue its endowment to the Archive at the current level of $5,000; the motion was seconded by Andreas Tolk and approved with a quorum. Bob Sargent thanked SIGSIM for their past and continued support on behalf of the Archive.

13. SIGSIM Student Travel Awards (Bell, presented by Tolk)

The slides presented during the business meeting are attached.

14. General Discussion and New Business (Tolk)

No slides were presented.

Andreas Tolk discussed that ACM SIGSIM shall nominate the General Chair for the 2021 Winter Simulation Conference and encouraged applicants’ nomination to the ACM SIGSIM representatives on the WSC Advisory Board: Dave Nicol and Andreas Tolk.

Simon Taylor suggested that perhaps some materials of the OR Society (Operational Research Society, professional society, England) could be added to the M&S Knowledge Repository, and the suggestion was well received.

Simon Taylor suggested that SIGSIM undertake an initiative where it helps sponsor small, specialized conferences put on by local university chapters; SIGSIM would benefit through increased positive publicity, being perceived as more personal, as well as being more dynamic. Andreas Tolk requested more concrete details before moving forward with said initiative. Taylor agreed to write a descriptive proposal and forward it to SIGSIM as appropriate.

It was recommended to evaluate if the ACM meeting can be moved to 5:00 p.m and closed by 6:30 p.m., so that interested members can fully attend both the SIGSIM Business Meeting and the INFORMS
Simulation Society Business Meeting. It was discussed that a 5 p.m. start time may conflict with the last session of the Winter Simulation Conference. No decision was made.

With no further business cited, the meeting closed at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kara Olson
December 16, 2015