

ACM SIGSIM Membership Meeting Minutes at the WSC 2024

DATE: Tuesday 17th Dec. 2024 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

LOCATION: Orlando, Florida.

ATTENDEES: 37 members were present.

Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved

SIGSIM 2024 Election Results

In June 2024 we had the election from 2024 to 2026. The results were as follows:

Chair: Andreas Tolk

Vice Chair: Anastasia Anagnostou

Treasurer: Cristina Ruiz Martin

Awards

- **SIGSIM Distinguished Contributions Award**

Simon Taylor was awarded the SIGSIM Distinguished Contributions Award.

- **WSC PhD Colloquium and Best Paper Award**

Pavithra Sripathanallur Murali from George Mason University won the Best PhD Paper Award for the work: RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK SCHEDULING: A HYBRID SIMULATION AND REINFORCEMENT LEARNING APPROACH

- **SIGSIM Student Travel Awards**

10 Student Travel Award were awarded to attend PADS 2024, but only 3 to WSC.

Action Item: We need to promote the award better

Conference Reports

- **MSWIM 2024/2025**

2024 will not happen. There are no concrete plans for 2025.

- **DS-RT 2024**

IEEE will not support small conferences. They remove their support. We are no longer financially involved. We can be advisors.

- **SIGSIM-PADS 2024/2025**

PADS 2025 will be at the Santa Fe Institute. We hope to gain a lot of interest on submissions based on the location. We have the hotel, conference facilities, and you can start to make arrangements

- **WSC2025**

Next WSC will be in Seattle. Everything is set up. We will have a members meeting there, but we will also have another in the summer.

In Cooperations

- **ANNSIM 2024/2025**

The in cooperation has been going on for a while. There are no financial ties, but we are promoting the conference. We are collaborating between the two societies. ANNSIM 2025 will be in Madrid and the submission deadline is January. ANSSIM 2026 will be in Orlando.

- **12th Simulation Workshop SW25 (New)**

New in cooperation agreement. The workshop will be held every two years. SW25 workshop organized by Nav will be held in Exeter. He presented the workshop and the organization committee.

Journal Reports

- **TOMACS and JOS**

Updates on both journals were presented.

Implications of ACM DL and Proceedings Becoming Open Access

ACM is still trying to find out what the best way to do this is. We are still trying to determine how much money we will receive from it and in what form.

Outreach

The website serves as the primary hub for all our group activities. This also includes the conferences we support and collaborate with.

There is also a mailing list. Andreas is monitoring the list and rejecting everything that is not related to ACMSIGSIM. If you want something to get approved, contact Andreas, and he will be happy to share with the community.

We are around 200 members, but the numbers are declining.

We need to find a way to keep the members. We need to find out what would keep people as members.

We want to work on awards. Recommendations on which awards we should include.

Example: Rising Star Awards. Maybe a Diversity Award?

Call for volunteers to find new awards and bring them to the society. Alison has volunteered to support Simon with the awards.

Ideas/brainstorming presented in the meeting to recruit new members/keep membership:

- Look at what people get from joining other groups.
- Having/promoting applications that are only open to members.
- To qualify for the award, you need to be a member of the society for X number of years.
- Reduced fees for countries that have fewer resources.
- Joining SIGSIM will allow some kind of online access to conferences that others will not have

Volunteer positions

We have filled the volunteering positions:

We now have a LinkedIn group. We have a list that is only for members.

Budget and Finances

The budget and finances were presented.

We supported the SEE NASA activity by providing money for their server.

Any objections to support for next year? There were no objections.

We support the archive of simulation. It is too INFORMS-focused. Now there is an advisory board, and ACM now has representatives. We need to get more ACM people featured in the archive.

General Discussion and New Business

There was a general discussion about online participation in conferences.

Recommendations to discuss with the advisory board:

- Proposal by Simon, Gabriel and Nav: Because we have some unused WSC student travel award, it is proposed to support minority groups in the in-cooperation conferences. Those awards are to support minorities not enrolled in North American or European Universities.
- 2 awards to support SW25
- 2 awards to support ANNSIM25

The proposal passed with no objections from the group.

Requests for 2026 are out of the table because there will be a new board.

- The WSC travel award should be publicized on the WSC conference website.