ACM-W Annual report
For the Period: July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Submitted by Elaine Weyuker, chair

We are very pleased that our core programs are progressing wonderfully and getting a lot of visibility and helping a significant number of women.

1) ACM-W Scholarship program for Research Conference Attendance (Valerie Barr, Chair)

For the first time, we received outside funding for this program, a grant for $10,000 from Sun Microsystems shortly before they were taken over by Oracle.

Additionally, we have received a $100,000 grant from WiPro to support the program for the next 5 years at $20,000/year. Although we expect to continue to provide 20 scholarships per year, the added funding will enable us to offer larger scholarship. We will now differentiate between those attending conferences that are intracontinental from their home institution, and those attending conferences that are intercontinental from their home institution, for which we will provide larger stipends.

During the last 12 months we have had 148 applicants (up 51 from the previous year) and awarded 24 scholarships (of those, 2 students never collected and 1 award was a mini-scholarship comprised of all the left over money for the fiscal year). Those awards went to 5 BA/BS students (the two who did not collect were from this group), 6 MS students, and 13 Ph.D. candidates.

Recipients were from 7 foreign universities with the remainder going to students attending US institutions. We again targeted schools from which students were less likely to receive funding from their home institutions.

2) Small Regional Meetings
(Gloria Townsend, chair)

We have partial funding from NSF (joint grant with ABI and NCWIT) to host 12 new Small Regional Meetings (SRMs) in the US over then next 3 years. Additionally, we sponsor and fund SRMs not covered by the grant and internationally.

In order to prepare the 2010 and some of the 2011 SRC coordinators for organizing their conferences and other roles associated with the SRC project, held a planning workshop. Seven new coordinators attended. Set up a CD containing various documents designed to help the coordinators design their own conferences. The group worked through the documents, listened to advice from three experienced coordinators and engaged in Q&A activities

The following SRCs were held this year:

The 4th INWIC, an established SRC, was held (Spencer, IN) - February 2010

MinneWIC (St Paul, Minnesota) - February 2010

KYWIC (Gilbertsville, Kentucky) - February 2010

Several more are in the final planning stages or occurred after June 2010, including:

Amrita University, India - September 2010

Ontario, Canada Regional - October 2010

New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM) - October 2010

The 2nd Colorado Regional - November 2010

Carolina Regional - November 2010

3) ACM-W Student Chapters
 (Paula Gabbert, chair)

There are currently 39 ACM-W student chapters. Five are international chapters. Six new chapters were chartered during this year, including 2 located in India and one in Bahrain.

4) Athena Lecturer
 (Susan Landau, chair)

The Athena lecturer program received a $45,000 grant from Google for funding the lectureships from 2011-2012 through 2014-2015. Mary Jane Irwin was selected as the 2010-2011 Athena Lecturer and spoke at ICSA. Martha Pollack rotated off the selection committee, and Mary Jane Irwin and Laura Haas (IBM) joined. Mary Jane Irwin will become chair of the Athena Lecturer Selection Committee after the selection of the 2011-2012 Athena Lecturer (and Susan Landau will rotate off the committee).

5) Committee to Identify Women Candidates for Awards and Elevated Membership
(Robert Walker, chair)

Robert Walker has been working with Barbara Ryder to maintain an ongoing list of potential women to nominate for ACM Fellow, carefully tracking their years of ACM membership, canvasing for potential nominators, and trying to gauge when the time is right to nominate each one. He is also serving as ACM-W's representative to the Anita Borg Institute's External Awards Committee, where he has assisted in efforts to build a "timeline" of prominent women in computer science and the awards each has received at various stages of her career. Our goal is to partner with as many other organizations as possible who are also trying to identify outstanding women candidates including CRA-W, ABI and NCWIT.

6) Website - ably maintained by Ellen Walker

We have a new professionally done website this year which is very appealing and provides a lot of information about our programs.

NEW PROGRAMS

7) Professional Chapters
(Bhavani Thuraisingham, chair)

In response to mail sent by Elaine Weyuker to the ACM-W listserv, we have a list of women around the world who are interested in starting Professional (as opposed to student) ACM-W chapters. We now have a standard set of bylaws prepared by ACM headquarters, and a new volunteer to chair this program. Professor Bhavani Thuraisingham of the University of Texas at Dallas is currently contacting these women to initiate chapters. We look forward to reporting on activity next year.

8) ACM-W Newsletter
(Katie Siek and Suzanne Menzel, co-editors)

Again, in response to mail sent by Elaine Weyuker to the ACM-W listserv, we have a list of women around the world who are interested in serving as reporters of activities related to women in computing. We have two new co-editors, Katie Siek and Suzanne Menzel, who will be contacting these potential sources of stories. In addition, we will highlight Regional meetings sponsored by ACM-W, scholarship winners, award winners, and other projects or stories of particular relevance to women in computing. We hope to have the first new issue before the end of the year.