ACM SGB Awards Committee Composition and Purpose

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Composition of the SGB Awards Committee

The SGB Awards Committee consists of five ACM Members serving concurrent two-year terms that end on June 30 of an even-numbered year. The SIG Awards Advisor is the chair of the SGB Awards Committee.

The chair of the SGB Awards Committee Chair nominates three other members for approval by the SGB Executive Committee. The fifth member is the past SGB Awards Committee Chair.

The consideration of nominees for membership of the SGB Awards Committee should be done as soon as possible after July 1 of even-numbered years. The consideration of nominees should have preference for individuals with multiple years of ACM, SGB, and SIG experience, and it should have preference for getting representatives from SIGs of varying sizes. Additionally, the consideration of nominees should have preference for individuals with experience on awards committees, particularly awards committees of individual SIGs. Reappointment of at least one member (other than the past SGB Awards Committee Chair) is encouraged.

The ACM Director of SIG Services is an advisor to the SGB Awards Committee.

Purpose of the SGB Awards Committee

The SGB Awards Committee has three tasks: it reviews and endorses proposals of both new awards and changes to existing awards, it interacts with proposers, and it reviews existing awards.

The task of endorsing proposals of new awards and changes to existing awards is the following:
1. A SIG fills out the awards template provided by the SGB Awards Committee and submits it to the SGB Awards Committee. The SGB Awards Committee has three submission deadlines per year: March 15th, September 15th, and December 15th.
2. The SGB Awards Committee reviews and endorses the awards proposal and forwards it to the ACM Awards Committee. This may well involve interacting with the proposers. A maximum of one month from

the initial submission to the first reply from the SGB Awards Committee is encouraged.
3. The ACM Awards Committee reviews the awards proposal, interacts with the SGB Awards Committee, and approves the awards proposal.

Most awards, including "Test of Time Awards", "Best Paper Awards" given by the SIGs, and named awards given by a conference need ACM Awards Committee approval. The exception is unnamed "Best Paper Awards" given by a conference; such awards do not need ACM Awards Committee approval. (A named award is an award named in honor of a person or persons.)

The task of reviewing existing awards will be done as part of a SIG's program review:
1. A SIG provides links to webpages about its awards and a statement that its awards processes work as described. Additionally, a SIG provides a note about any awards that are inactive and should be sunset (or a note that says that no such awards exist).
2. The SGB Awards Committee reviews and endorses that the SIG's awards adhere to ACM policies. In particular, the SGB Awards Committee will determine the following:
   - Does each SIG award have an awards committee? How is it populated?
   - How is the award determined and managed?
   - What are the criteria for the award?
   - Is there an open call for nominations?
   - Does the award have a COI policy in place?

Policies

The ACM Policy for Conferring Honors must be followed in the process of any award that is within the scope of the SGB Awards Committee.