

## Candidate for Vice Chair

Robert R. Pierce  
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### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Academic Background:

B.A., Indiana University, 1982, Computer Science.

#### Professional Experience:

Documentation Lead and Advisory Technical Writer, IBM Corp., Raleigh, NC  
(but works from home), 2008 – Present;

Advisory Technical Writer, IBM Corp., Lexington, MA (but worked from home),  
2000 – 2008;

Principle Technical Writer, Compaq, Nashua, NH (but worked from home), 1997 – 2000.

#### Professional Interest:

Application lifecycle management; Globally distributed development; Software and information development best practices; Customer feedback and customer-driven development; Change management.

#### ACM Activities:

Vice Chair, SIGDOC, 2004 – 2009;

Newsletter Editor, SIGDOC, 2001 – 2009.

### **STATEMENT**

As the current vice chair for SIGDOC, I hope to have the opportunity to continue helping to provide leadership that supports the intellectual vitality of SIGDOC and the active participation of its members.

I enjoy the synergy between the academics and the business professionals that comprise the SIGDOC membership as well as the breadth of topics that are relevant to SIGDOC.

SIGDOC conferences continue to include a more diversified array of papers that cover a broader spectrum of subjects than strictly the design or development of technical content or communication.

My interests in software development best practices, along with the design, development, and presentation of information, or technical content, are aligned with what I do as an advisory information developer for IBM.

As I approach my ninth year as SIGDOC newsletter editor, I continue to enjoy promoting the wide array of topics that are relevant to SIGDOC, and will do my best to facilitate the current broadening of scope in what the membership views as comprising "design of communication." I will also focus on growing the SIG in the U.S. and abroad and continue to establish a respected presence that encourages ongoing international participation and contributions.