

Candidate for Chair

Mark Stockman
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

MBA, Ohio University, 1994, Management.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 2001 – 2009;
Director, Computer Services and Instructional Technology, Ohio University, Lancaster, OH,
1996 – 2001;
Systems Analyst, TecSol, Inc., Cochocton, OH, 1996 – 1996.

Professional Interest:

IT Pedagogy; Systems Administration; Server Virtualization; Storage Technologies;
Computer Forensics.

ACM Activities:

Vice Chair, SIGITE, 2007 – 2009;
General Conference Chair, SIGITE 2008, SIGITE, 2007 – 2008;
Editorial Board, Research in IT, SIGITE, 2005 – 2009;
Midwest Regional Representative, SIGITE, 2005 – 2007.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

IT Networking Panel, Career Tech. Credit Transfer Advisory Comm., State of Ohio,
2006.

STATEMENT

SIGITE has made some great strides in its core areas since its beginnings, but is now at a crossing point in its existence; the model curriculum is nearing completion, accreditation guidelines with ABET have been set, and membership/conference attendance has not grown as most of us had envisioned it would. As an organization we need to now re-examine who we are and to what we serve. While it is clearly our responsibility to help define the research agenda for IT, is it our job to be the place for dissemination of that research? Or as SIGCSE does, do we instead focus our attention on the key mission of education, leaving the “pure” research to the other ACM SIGs? SIGCSE is a successful SIG with a similar mission as our own, how can we learn from their successes and/or work with them to leverage our own? While I do not have the answer to these questions, as

chair I will start this discussion and get the membership to work towards creating a map of where we are going while working to build membership and attendance at SIGITE conferences.

Candidate for Chair

Daniel Benjamin
American Public University, Charles Town, WV USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Masters, Regional Engineering College, 1977, Electronic Instrumentation.

Professional Experience:

Department Chair, Information Technology; American Public University, Charles Town, WV, 2006 – Present;
VP for Academic Affairs (3 Masters in IT Degrees), Rockwell University, McLean, VA, 2005 – Present;
Academic Dean and President (3 Masters in IT Degrees), Rockwell University, McLean, VA, 2001 – Present.

Professional Interest:

Using Collaborative Technologies to Enhance Cognition;
Cognitive Processing of IT Educational Information;
Enterprise Databases (published a book with McGraw-Hill);
Enterprise Applications (published J2EE book with Element-K Pr);
The Effectiveness of Online Learning.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

PMP and Member, Project Management Institute, 1992;
Member, Association of IT Professionals (AITP), 2007;
Member, IEEE, 2007.

STATEMENT

As Chair, I would like to pursue the following:

1. Membership: Increase membership in SIGITE and enhance member participation.
2. Academic Repute: Enhance the respect for IT as an academic discipline through research, pedagogy, and the body of knowledge.
 - a. Research: Promote a mindset of research
 - b. Pedagogy: Improve respect for the discipline by infusing more educational theory into IT education.
 - c. Body of Knowledge: Capitalize on the momentum established by our predecessors on developing IT curriculum and body of knowledge. We need to take this to the next level and make them a national standard for IT education.

3. National IT Infrastructure: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated IT education as an essential tool to protect our nation's critical IT infrastructure. We should leverage the momentum generated by this directive to enhance the role and respect of IT education.
4. Industry Certifications: Influence the assessment standards and the certification of IT industry certifications. The reputation of these certification companies affect the employers' perception of IT education at large.

Candidate for Vice Chair

Jeffrey L. Brewer
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

M.S., University of Missouri, St. Louis, 1995, MIS.

Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 2007 – Present;
Assistant Professor, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 2001 – 2007;
IT Directory, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Chicago, IL, 2000 – 2001.

Professional Interest:

Telecare/Telehealth support systems; Project Management; Agile System and Project Management Methodologies; Computer Aided Software Engineering tools; Systems Analysis and Design.

ACM Activities:

Mid-West Regional Representative, SIGITE, 2007 – Present;
Student Involvement, SIGITE, 2003 – 2007;
Conference Chair, SIGITE, 2003.

STATEMENT

I have been an active participant in ACM/SIGITE activities since the organization was first formed, attending and presenting papers since 2002. I have been involved on the national steering committee for the past five years, first as the student involvement director and recently as the Mid-West regional representative. As Vice-Chair, I believe I can continue to make a significant contribution. Near term priorities for SIGITE are as follows: completion and adoption of a model curriculum for 2-year programs, finding or establishing a suitable research dissemination outlet specific to Information Technology concerns, and continuing to expand on the success of the annual conference in offering a worthwhile experience for a growing audience. If elected, I intend to use my considerable background in project and process management to continue to aid SIGITE in delivering on the previously mentioned initiatives.

Candidate for Vice Chair

Jim Leone
Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, 1965, Chemistry.

Professional Experience:

Professor and Chair, Dept. of Information Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, 2003 – 2009.

Professional Interest:

Web; Networking; System Administration; Programming; Accreditation.

ACM Activities:

Member - Curriculum Committee, SIGITE, 2002 – 2009;
Member - Accreditation Committee, SIGITE, 2002 – 2009;
Program Chair, CITC3 (precursor to SIGITE), 2003.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Commissioner, ABET/CAC, 2007 – 2009.

Awards Received:

Canisius College dedication of "Dr. James A. Leone" computer lab, 1993; Canisius College Kenneth Koessler "Distinguished Professor Award, 1985; Canisius Di Gamma Honor Society "Special Life Member", 1984.

STATEMENT

I have served as a department chair at two separate institutions, once in Computer Science and the other in Information Technology. As beneficial as those experiences were, my most rewarding times have come in the classroom. I have worked hard to be a good teacher and involved myself in activities that give value added to classroom instruction. To that end, I have focused my career on activities such as department grants, instructional techniques and accreditation as a way of improving student classroom experience and passing on to colleagues the benefit of what I have learned.

SIGITE has supported IT instruction with peer-reviewed conference proceedings. But we must take another step. That is to encourage and support research compatible with our

mission. I believe we can actively engage our undergraduates in research activities that complement the inherent nature of our discipline.

I seek your support to become a member of the SIGITE Executive board as Vice Chair in order that I might work towards the adoption of policies and activities that focus attention on the need for undergraduate research in our discipline.

http://people.rit.edu/~jalvks/Docs/Leone_CV2008.pdf

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Candidate for Vice Chair

Mihaela Sabin
University of New Hampshire, Manchester, NH USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of New Hampshire, 2003, Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Computer Information Systems Program, University of New Hampshire, Manchester, NH, 2007 – Present;
Associate Professor and Chair, Mathematics and Computer Science Department, Rivier College, Nashua, NH, 2000 – 2007;
Teaching and Research Assistant, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 1993 – 1999.

Professional Interest:

Constraint Satisfaction; Constraint Technology Applications; IT and CS Education; Community-Source Software; Open Education.

ACM Activities:

Served on program committees, SIGITE, 2004 – Present;
Member, SIGITE, 2001 – Present;
Member, SIGCSE, 2001 – Present;
Member, CSTA, 2008 – Present.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Grant Proposal Review Panels, Chair and Member, NSF, 2008;
Served on program committees and co-chaired and served on panels, Configuration Workshops jointly held with AAAI, IJCAI, and ECAI, 2003 – 2008;
Served on the Program Committees, Consortium on Computing Sciences in Colleges, 2004 – 2007.

Awards Received:

University of New Hampshire Outreach Scholarship Awards, 2007 – 2008;
NHHEAF Network Educational Foundation Planning Award, Rivier College and Daniel Collaborative, 2006 – 2007;
Rivier College Faculty Development Grants and Davis Foundation Grant Award, 2005 – 2007;
UNH Richard Lyczak Memorial Teaching Award, 1999.

STATEMENT

Information Technology programs have grown rapidly, nationally and internationally, in response to the criticality of the IT economic sector and the specific skill set and competencies IT graduates should possess. Our young organization has made major contributions to the IT discipline, among which the IT model curriculum and the ABET computing accreditation IT program specific criteria make us notably proud. This represents a solid basis for the challenges ahead. As Vice Chair I will advocate for establishing an IT research agenda and increasing the visibility and quality of the Research in IT publication. One approach in this direction is to increase the undergraduate student research, involve both undergraduate and graduate students (whether full- or part-time) with our organization, and expand and collaborate more closely with the IT doctoral programs. Another challenge that needs our organization's attention is to expand our membership. Avenues to do so include: a broader participation of the IT programs in the SIGITE conferences; externally funded collaborative projects; and an improved virtual and social networking presence which is stimulated by innovative ideas that the very integrative nature of our discipline has a clear edge over other disciplines.

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Jack Paul Krichen
Capella University, Minneapolis, MN USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Capella University, 2007, Education.

Professional Experience:

Faculty Chair - School of Business and Tech, Capella University, Minneapolis, MN, 2005 – 2009;

Faculty Director, Capella University, Minneapolis, MN, 2001 – 2005;

Principal Consultant, Syntegra, Arden Hills, MN, 1999 – 2001.

Professional Interest:

IT Education; Software Engineering; Distance Education.

ACM Activities:

General Chair, 2006 SIGITE conference, 2005 – 2006.

STATEMENT

I have actively supported SIGITE from its inception through work on the curriculum committee, participation in conferences and leading the 2006 conference as the general chair in Minneapolis, 2006. SIGITE provides an excellent forum to extend knowledge and share experience in enhancing IT education. It also provides an effective forum to incorporate the viewpoints of department chairs in the direction of IT and IT education. As the secretary/treasurer, I will be able to foster these goals and support the greater objectives of SIGITE.

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Hefley
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University, 1998, Organization Science and Information Technology.

Professional Experience:

Associate Teaching Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2002 – 2009;

Principal Consultant (Vice President), Q-Labs, Copenhagen, DK, 2000 – 2002;

Executive Consultant, IBM Global Services, Pittsburgh, PA, 1999 – 2000.

Professional Interest:

Service science; IT service management; Sourcing (outsourcing/insourcing/shared services); IT governance; IT education (ITSM, software engineering, CS/MIS).

ACM Activities:

Vice Chair, SIGCAS, 2005 – 2008;

Member, Executive Committee, SIGCAS, 2005 – 2008;

Founding editor, interactions, ACM, 1991 – 1998;

Member, Conference Management Committee, SIGCHI, 1994 – 1995.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Member, IT Service Management Forum USA (itSMF USA) Academic Executive Committee, 2008 - Present;

Council Member, Service Science Section, INFORMS, 2008 – 2010.

Awards Received:

ACM: SIGCHI ACM Distinguished Service Award, 1996.

Other: Software Engineering Institute (SEI) - Achievement Award, 1996; SEI - Customer Satisfaction Award for CERT, 1993.

STATEMENT

My background spans both industry positions and academic teaching and research. Much of the last several years have focused on the development of a new graduate program focused on IT service management. I look forward to the opportunity to bring those experiences, coupled with experiences serving ACM in SIG, conference and

publications roles, together to support SIGITE. SIGITE is in an exciting time, as the need for enhanced curriculum and pedagogy, coupled with organizations' needs to control costs through enhanced IT management and deployment, drive numerous opportunities for practitioners, educators, and others in the field of Information Technology Education to interact. As we do so, we need to grow membership, both from industry and academia, support curriculum and accreditation activities, and continue external activities, such as a survey/directory of IT programs and the IT research agenda. If elected, I will serve as your Secretary/Treasurer to support and sustain these, and new, initiatives.

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Mark D. Hieber
University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

M.S., University of Missouri-Kansas City, 2001, CS (Computer Networking).

Professional Experience:

Assistant Teaching Professor, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, 1999 – 2009.

Professional Interest:

CS/IT Education; Computer Graphics; Introductory Programming.

STATEMENT

I am a new member of SIGITE, but I am quite interested in Computer Science and Information Technology Education. I have been an Assistant Teaching Professor in CS/IT at UMKC since 1999. I was our student chapter's advisor for 5 years; helping to reorganize an inactive chapter. I am running for this office because I would like to help SIGITE and to give back to our community.

I very much enjoyed meeting many of you in Cincinnati, and hope to see you all again next fall.

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Theresa A. Steinbach
DePaul University, Chicago IL USA

BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., DePaul University, 2008, Computer Science.

Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, USA, 2005 – 2009;

Instructor, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, USA, 2000 – 2005;

President, Bogdan Computer Group, Chicago, IL, USA, 1986 – 2000.

Professional Interest:

IT and IS education; Project Management; Women in IT; System Analysis and Design.

STATEMENT

The leadership and people skills I honed as the owner of two businesses taught me the importance of accurate records and documentation, and timely communications. Additionally, I was treasurer of a local Chamber of Commerce for four years where part of my responsibilities included establishing a budget, automating the financial functions, and developing and presenting monthly, quarterly and yearly income and expense reports. I currently chair an active university-wide committee on academic policy which interfaces with all academic units as well as administrative departments. It is my responsibility to communicate with these constituents, provide minutes of each meeting and present recommended actions to Faculty Council.

In addition to performing the specific duties of the Secretary/Treasurer, I will collaborate with the Webmaster to make public those documents which are of interest to the members of the group. I will also create a repository for working papers of the Executive Committee in order to facilitate the work of the committee. I will propose and implement a systematic process of communications between the Executive Committee and the members in order to disseminate information about the group's activities and solicit input and feedback from the members at large.