

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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Wow — another year is coming quickly to an end. For most institutions May marks the end of the academic year, and we start preparing for the next academic year.

It's been a very good year for the Consortium – many successful conferences that are available at a reasonable cost to you, the membership, particularly in light of restricted professional travel budgets. Every year we see the growth, which means that we're really serving a purpose to our constituency.

This past year has produced major progress by the Board on two fronts – the first being long term planning and serving the constituency well over the long term, the second a re-examination of the By-Laws and Standing Rules. While major progress has been made, these two committees' mandates significantly impact the Consortium and the membership. Long term planning is not easy – where do we expect to be in ten years? Lots of parameters may change over time, and must be anticipated. These two committees will be continuing their work over the long term.

The next step is our annual elections. Your ballots will be coming shortly, and please take the time to vote. As we close out the academic year we also make preparations for the upcoming three years. The nominating committee has prepared an excellent slate of nominees. The annual election is your opportunity to steer the direction that the Consortium follows.

As the academic year comes to a close best wishes for a wonderful summer. Take some time during the summer to plan active participation in upcoming conferences. The Conference Calendar lists many conferences over the next year and a half along with links to conference web sites. Visit those web sites for further information on the call for participation, and plan to participate. Visit the Consortium web site (www.ccsc.org) and follow the region link for a comprehensive look at what is happening in the individual regions and obtain the latest information on upcoming conferences. Remember that the individual conference papers are all refereed and the proceedings are published in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges* as well as on the ACM Digital Archives. Let's make this a very productive summer.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board meeting minutes are available at the Consortium Web site (<http://ccsc.org/board/minutes/index.htm>). The minutes of the latest Board meeting held in Norfolk, VA, should be available shortly. In the meantime, read minutes of previous meetings and give your reactions to Board members. The Board wants to be responsive to your needs and what direction you feel that the Consortium should be moving.

CCSC REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Because personnel at teaching-oriented colleges often have restricted travel budgets, the scheduling of regional conferences of the CCSC is done with consideration toward minimizing conference costs.

All CCSC regional conferences are held in cooperation with SIGCSE. Submitted papers are refereed, with the accepted ones being published in the (ACM recognized) *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

October 1-2, 2004

The *Eleventh Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Midwest Conference* to be held at **Kalamazoo College on October 1-2, 2004.**

Student papers, panels, tutorials, workshops and posters will be accepted until 9/10/04. These will not appear in the proceedings. Send to: Flo Appel (appel@sxu.edu), Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago, IL 60655.

Conference web site: <http://www.ccsc.org/midwest/>

October 8-9, 2004

The *Sixth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Northwestern Conference* to be held at **Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, October 8-9, 2004.**

Student poster deadline is September 24, 2004.

Conference web site: <http://www.ccsc.org/northwest/2004>.

October 15-16, 2004

The *Twentieth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Eastern Conference* in cooperation with The Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education to be held at **Loyola College in Maryland** in **Baltimore, MD, October 15-16, 2004.**

Deadlines:

Student Posters: May 28, 2004

Student Programming Contest Registration: Oct 1, 2004

Vendors: Oct 1, 2004

Conference web site: <http://justice.loyola.edu/ccsce04/>

October 22-23, 2004

The *Thirteenth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Rocky Mountain Conference* in cooperation with The Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education will be held at **Utah Valley State College, Orem, UT, October 22-23, 2004.**

Conference web site: <http://ecarey.uvsc.edu/ccsc/>

November 5-6, 2004

The *Eighteenth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Southeastern Conference*, to be held at **Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 5-6, 2004.**

Conference web site:

<http://cs.furman.edu/ccscse/conference.php?year=18th>

Visit the conference web site for information about student activities: Student Paper Competition, Student Programming Contest, Student Web Design Contest

Student Research Deadline: September 15, 2004 (1-2 page abstract)

February 23-27, 2005

SIGCSE 2005, the 36th Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, to be held from **February 23-27** in **St. Louis, Missouri.**

Conference web site: <http://www.ithaca.edu/sigcse2005/>

April 2005

The *Eleventh Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Central Plains Conference*, will be held at Washburn University, Topeka, KS, in April 2005. Visit <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains> for the latest conference information and steering committee.

April 2005

The *Sixteenth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:South Central Conference* to be held at **McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, in April, 2005.**

April 2005

The *Tenth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges *CCSC:Northeastern Conference* to be held at **Providence College, Providence, RI, in April, 2005.** For information, please contact: Frank Ford, Chair, Mathematics and Computer Science, Providence, at fpford@providence.edu.

October 14-15, 2005

The *Seventh Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Northwestern Conference* to be held at **University of Washington, Bothell, Oct 14-15, 2005.**

October, 2005

The *Fourteenth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored *CCSC:Rocky Mountain Conference* to be held at **University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO, in October, 2005.**

November 11-12, 2005

The *Nineteenth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges *CCSC:Southeastern Conference* to be held at **Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, NC, Nov 11-12, 2005.**