

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As we move into the summer season (no more classes, no more books, ...?) I just wanted to take a few minutes to congratulate our newly elected board members:

President Elect: Rob Bryant

Publications Chair: John Meinke

Southeastern Regional Rep: Kevin Treu

Northwestern Regional Rep: Phil Prins

South Central Regional Rep: Nancy Cameron

And since we have new board members coming in, we must have old board members going out. Many thanks to Bob Riser (Southeast rep) and Carl Steidley (South Central rep) for their many years of service. Rob Bryant is not really leaving us but will be vacating the post of Northwest rep and becoming the President Elect. Thanks Rob! Cathy Bareiss, our Membership Chair, has also stepped down after many years of handling registrations and keeping track of memberships. And finally, Ingrid Russell will be leaving the board. Her many years of service as Northeast Regional Rep and more recently as President have been greatly appreciated. Bob, Carl, Cathy, Ingrid - it won't be the same without you!

I hope you have a great 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 are published to the web site as soon as approved by the Board. You are encouraged to read the Board meeting minutes and send your reactions to Board members. The Board wants to be responsive to your needs and in what direction you feel that the Consortium should

be moving.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

October 3-4, 2003

The Tenth Annual Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges: **Midwest Conference** will be held at **Denison University on October 3 and 4, 2003**. Denison University is located in Granville, Ohio, approximately 40 minutes east of Columbus, Ohio.

Conference Highlights include a keynote address, paper tracks, tutorials and workshops, and a special student research track. There will also be a conference banquet and luncheon, birds of a feather sessions, and vendor exhibits.

This conference is sponsored by the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSC) for the Midwest region that includes eastern Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, western Pennsylvania and northern Kentucky. CCSC is a non-profit organization focused on promoting quality computer-oriented curricula as well as effective use of computing in smaller institutions of higher learning which are typically non-research in orientation.

The Consortium supports activities which assist faculty in making appropriate judgments concerning computing resources and educational applications of computer technology. Because departments in smaller colleges and universities are usually small and not highly specialized, the Consortium also encourages the sharing of expertise, effective curricula, and efficient technological applications.

The Consortium is concerned with the advancement of major programs in both Computer Science and Computer Information Systems, and with the use of computers in the Liberal Arts and Sciences. The conference program reflects the Consortium's goals and accommodates the limited resources for travel associated with member institutions.

For further conference information visit the conference web site, <http://www.ccsc.org/midwest/>

October 3-4, 2003

The **Fifth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC Northwestern Conference** in cooperation with The Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education, will be held at the **Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington, October 3-4, 2003**.

The Northwestern Regional Conference of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges is designed to promote the exchange of information promoting quality computer-oriented curricula as well as the effective use of computing in smaller institutions of higher learning.

It is intended for faculty, students, and administrators of

academic computer facilities.

Because personnel at small colleges often have restricted travel budgets, the scheduling of the conference is done with consideration toward minimizing costs.

We are pleased to present this conference in cooperation with ACM and SIGCSE.

This year's conference will be held at Central Washington University located in Ellensburg, Washington.

Further details on all aspect of the conference can be found at <http://www.ccsc.org/northwest/2003>.

October 17-18, 2003

The **Twelfth 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 **Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM, October 17-18, 2003.**

Watch the conference web site, ecarey.uvsc.edu/ccsc/ for further information.

October 17-18, 2003

The **Nineteenth 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 will be held at **Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, NJ, October 17-18, 2003.**

Watch the conference web site, www.ccsc.org/eastern/ for details on the call for participation. For further information, contact: Dr. Dorothy Deremer, Department of Computer Science, Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043, 973-655-4166, fax:: 973-655-4164, deremer@mail.montclair.edu.

November 7-8, 2003

The **Seventeenth Annual** Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges sponsored **CCSC Southeastern Conference**, to be held at **Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody, Georgia, November 7-8, 2003.**

The Southeastern Conference is a regional conference sponsored by the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges and is designed to promote exchange of information among college personnel concerned with computer use in the academic environment. It is intended for faculty as well as administrators of academic computer facilities. 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.

The conference is 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 Theme: "Computing in Support of Teaching".

Registration Information: Early Registration (by Oct. 24, 2003): Fees: Full registration - \$130, Student - \$25

On-Site Registration: Fees: Full registration -\$145, Student - \$25

The registration fee includes the conference banquet on Friday evening, the luncheon on Saturday, admission to all sessions, and one copy of the conference proceedings. Full registration also includes a one year membership in the Consortium. Student registration does not include the banquet, CCSC membership or proceedings. There will be additional fees for workshops.

Related Web Sites: The Consortium: <http://www.ccsc.org>, The SE Region: <http://cs.furman.edu/ccscse/>, The Conference: <http://www.gpc.edu/~ccsc2003/>

April 16-17, 2004

The **Fifteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC South Central Conference** in cooperation with The Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education will be hosted by **Austin Community College, Austin, TX, April 16-17, 2004.**

Professional Papers: Submission Date: October 9, 2003, Notification of Acceptance: December 14, 2003

DEADLINE FOR FINAL COPY AND PRE-REGISTRATION FEES for professional presenters (submission details to be released later): January 15, 2004.

All papers are subjected to a double blind refereeing process resulting in an average acceptance of 60% of submitted papers. Professional papers should be no more than 6 single-spaced pages in length, including figures, and containing NO identifying reference(s) to self or organization. Papers and a separate copy of the abstract should be submitted electronically at www.sci.tamucc.edu/ccscsc. Further instructions can be found at this site. For submission, PDF file format is preferred. Authors whose papers are accepted for publication will receive additional information concerning the file format to use for final printing.

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Panels and Tutorials: Submission Date: November 1, 2003, Notification of Acceptance: December 14, 2003

DEADLINE FOR FINAL COPY AND PRE-REGISTRATION FEES for professional presenters (submission details to be released later) January 15, 2004.

Submit a detailed proposal (2 or more pages) including a list of panelist or tutorial presenters with background, description of goals, and format to: Amardeep Kahlon, CCSC:SC Panels/Tutorials Chair, Austin Community College - Cypress Creek, 1555 Cypress Creek Road, Cedar Park, Texas 78613, Phone: (512) 223-2069, e-mail: akahlon@austincc.edu

Undergraduate Student Project Posters: Submission Date: To Be Announced, Notification of Acceptance: To Be

Announced

DEADLINE FOR FINAL COPY AND PRE-REGISTRATION FEES for student presenters (submission details to be released later): January 15, 2004

There will be a new format for student project submissions. Students will be encouraged to present a poster describing their undergraduate student research and/or projects. The projects submitted should be projects that were completed entirely by undergraduate students.

More Details: To Be Announced

General Guidelines for All Papers and Presenters: It is assumed that all papers will be professionally written with grammar and spelling thoroughly checked. For a more detailed list of our regional guidelines please check out the following PDF document: [Manuscript_Guidelines.pdf](#). Papers not meeting these requirements may well be summarily discarded. Presenters are expected to make formal and professional presentations using current technology to enhance the presentation.

Special Note: For each professional paper and each student abstract accepted for the conference, it is mandatory that at least one of the authors be at the conference to present the work. Professional papers will be published in the Journal for Computing Sciences in Colleges. Professional papers and student work will be presented in separate tracks at the meeting.

Conference Sessions: Sessions will be held at Austin Community College's Highland Business Center and across the street at the Hilton Austin North.

Further details on all aspect of the conference can be found at <http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/ccsc/>.

April 23-24, 2004

The **Ninth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC Northeastern Conference** in cooperation with The Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education will be hosted by **Union College, Schenectady, NY, April 23-24, 2004.**

Statement of Purpose: The CCSCNE brings together faculty, staff, and students from academic institutions throughout the Northeast for exchange of ideas and information concerning undergraduate computing education.

Preliminary Dates:

Deadline for Papers submissions: Friday, November 14, 2003

Deadline for Panels/Tutorials/Workshops submissions: Friday, December 5, 2003

Deadline for Student posters submissions: Friday, December 5, 2003

Notification of acceptance: Monday, January 19, 2004

Camera-ready Copy due: Monday, February 2, 2004

Early Registration: Monday, March 29, 2004

2004 Conference Committee:

Conference: David Hemmendinger (Union College), hemmendd@athena.union.edu; Scott McElfresh (Carnegie

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Watch the conference web site, <http://www.ccscne.org/2004/> for further information.

Spring 2004

The **Tenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC Central Plains Conference** in cooperation with The Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education will be hosted by **Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO, Spring 2004.**

Watch the conference web site, <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains/> for further information.