

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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It is again a pleasure to present the first set of proceedings for the CCSC sponsored Fall 2004 conferences. I'm certain that the readership will find many helpful ideas in this issue. We (the Board) look forward to your contributions to CCSC sponsored conferences in 2005. The programs for the Spring conferences are already in preparation. Conference announcements appear below. It's not too early to be thinking about how you can participate.

An excellent way to become involved in the Consortium is through membership on the CCSC Board, and the nominating committee is already functioning to present a slate of nominees at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis in February. (See related announcement below.) The current composition of the Board is listed in the Proceedings that accompany this Newsletter, along with the year of term expiration. That information is also available on the Consortium web site (<http://www.ccsc.org>). If you are interested in serving, or would like to nominate a colleague, contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Paul Myers (pmyers@trinity.edu) or any member of the CCSC Board.

The next major Consortium activity is the Annual Meeting which will be conducted in conjunction with SIGCSE-2005 in St. Louis, MO, in February. The SIGCSE conference is an excellent conference for all of us as educators in the computing field, and the annual meeting of the Consortium is an excellent opportunity for you to interact personally with the Board. It's a great opportunity for you to give your direct input.

Look at our regional conferences – and plan to attend. There is an excellent roster of conferences for this Spring, and the Fall 2005 regional conferences are waiting for contributions to their programs. You, the membership, determine the program for each conference by your submissions for presentation and sharing with the membership of the Consortium. Remember that the Proceedings of each conference constitutes a technical journal and has a wide distribution.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges will take place in conjunction with the ACM SIGCSE Symposium in St. Louis, Missouri. Please check the SIGCSE final program for the exact time and room. This is your opportunity to find out the State of the Consortium

and to provide the Board with your direct input on direction for the Consortium over the next year. Participate in your organization!

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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 Kalamazoo, MI, in October 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 in what direction you feel that the Consortium should be moving.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

March 3-7, 2004

SIGCSE 2004, the 35th Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, will be held from **March 3-7** in **Norfolk, Virginia**.

The SIGCSE 2004 Symposium Committee has created another wonderful technical program for CS educators to share experiences and learn the latest techniques and technology to enhance our teaching. All necessary information is available at the Symposium Web site.

Follow the link from the SIGCSE homepage, <http://www.sigcse.org>

Please join us in St. Louis to renew old friendships, develop new ones, and rekindle your passion for teaching.

Questions? Please contact: Wanda Dean and Tom Napps, 2005 Symposium Chairs:

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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*.

April 1-2, 2005

The **Eleventh Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **Washburn University, Topeka, KS, April 1-2, 2005**. Visit <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains> for the latest conference information and steering committee.

April 1-2, 2005

The **Third Annual Mid-South College Computing Conference**, will be held at the **University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Oxford, MS, April 1-2, 2005**. Visit <http://www.msccc.net/index.shtml> for the latest conference information and steering committee.

April 15-16, 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, April 15-16, 2005**. For more information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.dcms.mcneese.edu/ccsc/>

April 22-23, 2005

The **Tenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Northeastern Conference** to be held at **Providence College, Providence, RI, April 22-23, 2005**. For information, please contact: Frank Ford, Chair, Mathematics and Computer Science, Providence, at fpford@providence.edu. [Www.ccscne.org/2005/](http://www.ccscne.org/2005/)

September 23-24, 2005

The **Twelfth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Midwest Conference** to be held at **Millikin University, Decatur, IL, September 23-24, 2005**. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.ccsc.org/midwest/>

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**. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.ccsc.org/northwest/2005/>

October 2005

The **Twenty-first Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Eastern Conference**, will be held at **Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, in October 2005**. Conference chair is Catherine Ricardo.

October 21-22, 2005

The **Fourteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Rocky Mountain Conference** to be held at **Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO, October 21-22, 2005**. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://ecarey.uvsc.edu/ccsc/>

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**. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://cs.furman.edu/ccscse/conference.php?year=19th>