

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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Welcome to the first newsletter of calendar year 2005, and the third issue of the current volume (20) of *The Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*. This issue brings to five the number of proceedings of conferences sponsored by the Consortium in cooperation with ACM SIGCSE for the current fiscal year. There will be four more conference proceedings coming to you this Spring, South Central, Central Plains, Mid-South, and Northeastern. The editorial team is already hard at work supporting the individual conference program committees in getting these proceedings copies in final form for the printer.

One of the best ways to get involved with the Consortium is through your regional conferences. The execution of any of the conferences requires a lot of hard work on the part of many volunteers, and I know from experience that each conference can always use more help. That also helps put you in touch with colleagues in your region. Fast professional ties are made through the conferences, albeit through attendance or helping out.

As I write this, I'm thinking about how amazing it is that the Consortium has grown as much as it has totally with volunteer effort. We have no professional staff – no one has ever been paid for anything that we do. That paper reviewer at a regional conference is every bit as important to the success of the Consortium as a member of the Board. So, simply contact someone, any one, at a regional conference and offer your assistance in whatever capacity you feel you can contribute, which also includes presenting.

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 your 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 in which all papers are refereed and has a wide distribution to include posting on the ACM Digital Archives.

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, February 23-27. (See related conference announcement later in this newsletter.) The Annual Meeting will take place on **Friday, February 25, 2005, 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM** in the **Portland Room** at the conference center. Please check the SIGCSE final program for any last minute changes. 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>).

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

February 23-27, 2005

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

The SIGCSE 2005 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: Midwestern 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>