

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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As I write this message I'm just back from the Board meeting held in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain conference. It was an excellent meeting — exciting with all that the Board is attempting to accomplish for the membership.

A committee of the Board has spent two years examining the bylaws and standing rules, and this coming Spring a new set of bylaws will be presented to the membership for their approval. The current bylaws contain many patches, plus over the years when amendments to the bylaws were passed there were implications in other places in the bylaws which had not been considered. The committee did a fantastic job of separating policy (bylaws) from procedures (standing rules) and I'm certain that you will agree that the new document will be a much stronger set of bylaws that should weather the test of time.

Now, have you considered presenting at one of the Spring conferences? Check out the conference calendar for the next year — it's much more flushed out from the September Newsletter, and will give you an opportunity to plan ahead — we have the Fall 2006 conference schedule available, and we even have a conference listed for the year 2007! That's planning ahead, and that's good. In the meantime, check out Spring 2006 as well as Fall 2006 — it's right around the corner, and we want to see you at these conferences, exchanging ideas and generally networking with colleagues. That's such an important aspect of conference attendance — realizing that colleagues at other institutions are wrestling with many of the same issues, and some have found solutions!

I commend this issue of the *Journal* to you — an excellent set of papers that I'm certain that you will find valuable. I'm also excited about the first two sets of conference proceedings appearing in this issue, to be followed by the next two issues of the *Journal* which are already printed.

I would also like to remind you ahead of time about the Annual Meeting. That will take place in conjunction with ACM SIGCSE in Houston on Friday evening, March 3rd, 2006. I look forward to seeing many of you in person there.

In the meantime, back to preparing for our classes! We all are committed to productive classroom time, and we look to the Consortium for ideas that will augment our effectiveness in the classroom.

See you in Houston in March!

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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

The Calls for Participation for Consortium sponsored conferences are available at

<http://www.ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

March 1-4, 2006

SIGCSE 2006, the 37th Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, will be held **March 1-4 in Houston, Texas**. Follow the link from the SIGCSE homepage, <http://www.sigcse.org>

March 31-April 1, 2006

The **Fourth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Mid-South Conference**, will be held at **Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN,, March 31-April 1, 2006**. Visit <http://www.msccc.net> for the latest conference information and steering committee.

April 7-8, 2006

The **Twelfth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO, April 7-8, 2006**. Visit <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains> for the latest conference information and steering committee.

April 21-22, 2006

The **Seventeenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: South Central Conference** to be held at **Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, April 21-22, 2006**. For more information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/ccsc/>

April 21-22, 2006

The **Eleventh Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Northeastern Conference** to be held at **Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA, April 21-22, 2006**. For information, visit the conference web site at <http://www.ccsene.org/>

September 29-30, 2006

The **Thirteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Midwestern Conference** to be held at **DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, September 29-30, 2006**. Conference chair will be **Gloria Townshend of DePauw University**. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.cpsc.org/midwest/>

October 6-7, 2006

The **Eighth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Northwestern Conference**, located east of the Cascades, is scheduled at **Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington October 6-7, 2006**. Additional information will be forthcoming on the Northwestern regional web site, <http://www.cpsc.org/northwest/upcoming.html>

October 20-21, 2006

The **Fifteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Rocky Mountain Conference** to be held at **Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, October 20-21, 2006**. The conference chair is Noel LeJeune, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and the site chair is Aaron Gordon, Fort Lewis College. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://ecarey.uvsc.edu/ccsc/>

October 27-28, 2006

The **Twenty-second Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Eastern Conference**, will be held at **University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, October 27-28, 2006**. Conference co-chairs are Karen Anewalt and Jennifer A. Polack-Wahl, University of Mary Washington. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://ccsce06.umw.edu>

November 2006

The **Twentieth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Southeastern Conference** to be held at **Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, Nov 2006**. Becky Tallon and Jon Fouss are site co-chairs. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://cs.furman.edu/ccscse/conference.php?year=20th>

April 13-14, 2007

The **Thirteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing

Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **Drury University, Springfield, MO, April 13-14, 2007**.