

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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The year 2005 comes to a close and we enter a new year and a new Spring semester. The Fall issues of the Newsletter were a bit late this Fall. There were problems with the mailing list that had to be resolved which delayed the October Newsletter, and with the delay in the October Newsletter the December Newsletter was in turn delayed. Everything appears to be now under control and my apologies for the delays.

We're all ready for new beginnings as we enter the new year charged with new ideas for our classrooms. Consider sharing some of those ideas with colleagues by participating in the regional conferences sponsored by the Consortium. The conference announcements along with urls for the four upcoming Spring conferences are listed in the Conference Calendar below, as are the conference announcements and urls for the Fall 2006 regional conferences.

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 Houston in March. (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, Rob Bryant (bryant@gonzaga.edu) or any member of the CCSC Board.

The Annual Meeting includes presenting to the membership the current state of the Consortium. Traditionally the members of the Board present reports on their activities on behalf of CCSC in the past year. This year's Annual Meeting will also include presentation of a major bylaws revision. (See related article below.)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges will take place in conjunction with the ACM SIGCSE Symposium in Houston, Texas, March 1-4, 2006. 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!

NATIONAL PARTNER PROGRAM

The Consortium is very happy to have the following as National Partners. If you have the opportunity please thank them for their support of computing in teaching institutions. As a National Partner they are invited to participate in our regional conferences. Visit with their representatives there.

IBM

National Computations Science Institute, NCSI
Microsoft Corporation

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board meeting minutes are available at the Consortium Web site (<http://ccsc.org/board/minutes/index.htm>).

BYLAWS REVISION

A committee of the Board has been working for over two years on a major rewrite of the CCSC Bylaws. The CCSC Board passed the revised minutes, and they will be presented for discussion at the Annual Meeting in Houston on 3rd March 2006. The revised Bylaws are now available for reading on the Consortium web site at <http://www.ccsc.org/board/ProposedBylawsChanges.pdf>. Please plan on coming to the Annual Meeting prepared to discuss the Bylaws revisions.

After the presentation of the Bylaws revisions at the Annual Meeting, the revision will appear on the Spring 2006 ballot for approval by the membership. The revision will pass if it receives a simple majority approval vote and that that majority comprises at least 10% of the voting membership. Your vote is important.

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/2006/>

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.ccsc.org/midwest/conference>

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 website, <http://www.ccsc.org/northwest/2006/>

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 10-11, 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/ccsce/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**.