

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The CCSC Board met recently in conjunction with the CCSC: Northwestern conference. Board meeting minutes are available at the Consortium Web site, <http://ccsc.org>.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges will take place in conjunction with the ACM SIGCSE Symposium in Covington, Kentucky, March 7-10, 2007. The meeting is scheduled for the Ballroom D-E at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and Cincinnati Marriott at River Center Friday, March 9, at 6:15 pm. 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!

NATIONAL PARTNERS 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 National Partners they are invited to participate in our regional conferences. Visit with their representatives there.

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DOUBLE BLIND PEER REVIEWING

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As Publications Chair I frequently am asked to clarify to Rank and Tenure committees the professional publication status of papers submitted in support of

promotion and tenure applications. We will be using the term "*double blind peer reviewed*" as a standard now.

The distinction between reviewing and refereeing is somewhat subtle. Trying to simplify the many definitions, refereeing is a two way decision: accept or reject. Reviewing, on the other hand, involves a three or more way decision on the part of the reviewer: accept, reject, or accept with the following changes/addition/corrections. Our conferences are using the latter, for the most part, with up to five different categories on acceptance/rejection — with the traditional outright accept or reject, as well as strongly accept with recommendations, moderately accept with recommendations, marginally accept with major recommendations.

The double blind is an important aspect – it means that the author has no idea who is doing the reviewing, nor does the reviewer have any idea who the author is. That should carry more weight with promotion and tenure committees.

Another question that is typically asked is the acceptance rate. Each conference has a foreword, and whoever writes that foreword is asked to supply the acceptance rate. While acceptance rates vary, it should be clear that our conference acceptance rates are within the range that publication in the *Journal* should constitute evidence of scholarship.

I recommend that materials submitted to Promotion and Tenure committees include a copy of this clarification as well as a copy of the foreword for the conference so that the acceptance rate is there. CCSC provides a strong forum for sharing scholarly work.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

The Calls for Participation for Consortium sponsored conferences are available at <http://www.ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

March 7-10, 2007

SIGCSE 2007, the 38th Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, will be held **March 7-10** in **Covington, Kentucky**. Follow the link from the SIGCSE homepage, <http://www.sigcse.org>

March 30-31, 2007

The **Fifth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Mid-South Conference**, will be held at **The University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA, March 30-31, 2007**. Visit <http://www.ccsc-ms.org> for the latest conference information.

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**. Visit <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains> for the latest conference information and steering committee.

April 20-21, 2007

The **Twelfth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Northeastern Conference** to be held at **Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 20-21, 2007**. For information, visit the conference web site at <http://www.ccscne.org/2007/>

April 27-28, 2007

The **Eighteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: South Central Conference** to be held at **Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 27-28, 2007**. For more information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/ccsc/>

June 23-27, 2007

ITiCSE '07, the 12th Annual Conference on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education, will be held **June 23-27 in Dundee, Scotland**. For more information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.iticse2007.computing.dundee.ac.uk>

September 28-29, 2007

The **Fourteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Midwestern Conference** to be held at **Miami University (OH) – Hamilton Campus, Hamilton, OH, September 28-29, 2007**. Laurie Werner and Ron Harkins are site chairs and conference chair is Kerry Smith, Franklin College. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.ccsc.org/midwest/conference>

October 12-13, 2007

The **Ninth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Northwestern Conference** is scheduled at **Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon October 12-13, 2007**. Additional information will be forthcoming on the Northwestern regional website, <http://www.ccsc.org/northwest/2007/>

October 12-13, 2007

The **Twenty-second Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Eastern Conference**, will be held at **St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, Long Island, NY, October 12-13, 2007**. S. Jane Fritz is Conference Chair. For further information, visit the regional web site at: <http://ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

October 19-20, 2007

The **Sixteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Rocky Mountain Conference**. **Utah Valley State College in Orem, UT, October 19-20, 2007**. Aaron Gordon (gordon_a@fortlewis.edu) is the Conference Chair. For further information, visit the regional web site at: <http://ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

November 2-3, 2007

The **Twenty-first Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Southeastern Conference** to be held at **Coastal Carolina University, Myrtle Beach, SC, November 2-3, 2007**. John Stamey is the Conference Chair. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://cs.furman.edu/ccscse/>

April 4-5, 2008

The **Fourteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO, April 4-5, 2008**. Judy Mullins is conference chair.