

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Happy New Year! I hope that all of you enjoyed the holidays, and have come back to your institutions refreshed and ready for teaching and other opportunities in 2007.

One such opportunity is to become involved in *your* Consortium. There are many ways to do this – among them are to consult the web site and contact your region's Conference Chair to volunteer to work during or before the conference or to contact the Papers or Program Chair to volunteer to serve as a reviewer.

Four of our regions will be electing Regional Representatives in the Spring election – Rocky Mountain, Northeastern, and Midsouth for three-year terms; Southeastern for a two-year term. (Terms begin August 1.) Please consider nominating yourself or someone else from your region, by contacting Jim Aman (aman@sxu.edu), chair of the Nominating Committee.

I am excited about the new relationship of the CCSC with the CSTA (see article below), and look forward to interesting and fruitful cooperation with them throughout the year and beyond.

Again this year, the CCSC Annual Meeting will be held at SIGCSE, immediately following the SIGCSE business meeting. I hope to see you there!

CCSC/CSTA INITIATIVE

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Let me introduce my counterpart at the Computer Science Teachers Association: Steve Cooper (St. John's University) is a member of the CSTA Board. This fall he was also elected University Liaison to that board. Steve is known to many of us as co-author of a leading book on Alice. His election to the CSTA Board speaks to his deep interest in working with K-12 computer education. His election follows discussions with CSTA President Robb Cutler at the CCSC board meeting in Spokane, Washington, last October.

Our organizations are completely in agreement on the issue of University-K12 cooperation and the importance of university faculty helping strengthen the skills and broaden

the knowledge base of K-12 educators. CCSC conferences have been urged to include CSTA-oriented workshops and to invite K-12 computing teachers to participate. CCSC members have also been asked to host JETT and/or TECS workshops (details at csta.acm.org). Because full CCSC membership is now open to this group of colleagues, the opportunities for increased networking between area K-12 teachers and college faculty can be increased markedly. This is what Steve and I hope to see happening with upcoming conferences. At SIGCSE '07, Steve and I will talk at greater length about our mutual concerns. We will make plans for specific actions our organizations can take to strengthen the CCSC-CSTA partnership and to further support K-12 computing education.

Rob Bryant, a past president of CCSC and long-time CCSC Board member, has initiated a very vigorous initiative in the state of Washington to establish cooperation between universities and school districts. What his group is doing at local levels can be replicated in other areas. For more information, contact Rob directly at Gonzaga University (bryant@gonzaga.edu).

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please share them with me. I can be reached by email (aman@sxu.edu), phone (773-298-3454), or on Skype (handle: jimaman). YOU are a key player in repairing our pipeline, whether you realize it or not. Anything YOU do to help K-12 computing education helps us all and supports the future of computing everywhere. Thanks!

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 a National Partner they are invited to participate in our regional conferences. Visit with their representatives there.

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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**. 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 site-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 **University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, April 4-5, 2008**. Judy Mullins is conference chair.

April, 2009

The **Fifteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO, in April 2009**. Tim Declue is conference chair.