

CCSC Board Meeting

Boardroom, Courtyard Marriott St. Louis Downtown Convention Center

Meeting Room on the second floor

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm (Central Time)

The meeting was held in a hybrid format, with both in-person and online participation

In Attendance: Bryan Dixon, Shereen Khoja, Abbas Attarwala, Ed Lindoo, Haiyan Cheng, Judy Mullins, Michael Flinn, Gabe Ferrer, David Largent, Michael Gousie, Ben Tribelhorn, Mohamed Lotfy, Mika Morgan, Karen Works, Michael Shindler, George Dimitoglou, Karina Assiter

Agenda

1 Approval of Agenda

Dave Largent moved to approve the agenda. Michael Shindler seconded. Motion carried.

2 Welcome

I wish to offer a warm welcome to the members of the CCSC Board of Directors who are meeting for the CCSC Spring 2026 Board Meeting.

3 Past Meetings

3.1 Approval of the minutes of the Fall 2025 Board Meeting

Approved by email vote.

4 Future Board & Business Meetings

4.1 Future Board Travel and Cost Savings Changes

Reminder, we are trying a new system:

1. The Fall CCSC Board meeting will be held online,
2. The Spring Board meeting will be held in-person in conjunction with SIGCSE and only includes one night of hotel stay. Except the people working on the booth who get three nights covered.
3. The CCSC Business meeting will be held the Saturday after SIGCSE online.

Suggestion: Evaluate how it's working at the next Fall board meeting?

Discussion:

- Would it make sense for the whole board to attend both Fall and Spring meetings in person? Maybe alternate between the two?
- What about attending other Education conferences like SIGCSE?
- We should probably decide about the Fall board meeting now.
- **Motion by Karen Works. Seconded by Haiyan Cheng:** In 2026-2027 we will send a survey giving board members the choice between attending either the fall or spring board meeting in person. Half of the board members will attend the fall conference in person, and the other half will attend virtually. Board members will switch in the spring. Those who attended virtually in the fall will attend in person in the spring, and those who attended in person in the fall will attend virtually in the spring. The Spring meeting will still be held in conjunction with SIGCSE. **Motion withdrawn by Karen because it needs to be revised.**
- Support for holding the spring meetings in conjunction with SIGCSE because of the relationships built with vendors and conversations with attendees.
- **Opinion:** I don't think SIGCSE does a lot for us. Yes, good for building relationships with vendors, but a couple of board members could do that, and we don't need to send the whole board. **Proposal:** Send a couple of people to SIGCSE, but hold the Fall Board meeting at a spring conference.
- **Opinion:** Traffic to the booth at SIGCSE is low. The booth is expensive. What is the ROI?
- **Opinion:** There are a lot of people that stop by the booth.
- **Opinion:** We will need to rescind the decision made a year ago which states that the Fall board meeting will be held virtually.
- **Opinion:** It would be great if board members can hold sessions at conferences to discuss CCSC business with attendees.
- **Opinion:** What is the benefit of attending regional conferences? There was discussion around all the benefits of meeting in person and attending the conference.
- The goal is not only to save money. There has to be a balance between cost and attending in person.
- **Motion by Ed, Second by Michael Shindler:** Table the discussion for now and then have a sub-committee of three board members (Shereen, Mika, Ed) and maybe small zoom meetings to discuss. Present the proposals via email before June. **Motion carried.**

4.2 Fall 2026 Board Meeting and Spring 2027 Business Meeting

We have already approved this previously, but this is just to confirm we want to do this. And to determine an exact time for the relative Spring 2027 business meeting, so this year we can announce the day and time at our business meeting once the 2027 SIGCSE location has been confirmed.

Action Item:

1. Confirm the Fall 2026 meeting date: **Tabled until June after proposal comes in.**
2. Approve the Business meeting location for Spring 2027
 - a. **Date: Saturday February 27**
 - b. **Time: 2pm Pacific Time**
 - c. **Location: Online**
 - d. **Moved by Dave Largent, Michael Gousie seconded. Motion carried.**

5. Elections & Appointments

5.1 Nominating Committee Report (Shereen Khoja)

The nominating committee consists of: Shereen Khoja (Chair), Karen Works, Mika Morgan. We have nominations for all of the current open positions:

Name	Position
Michael Flinn	Vice President
Ed Lindoo	Treasurer
Michael Shindler	Southwestern Representative
Brian Hare	Central Plains Representative
Dave Largent	Midwest Representative
Md Amiruzzaman	Eastern Representative
Pranshu Gupta	Eastern Representative

[Statements from the nominees](#) are available in the Board folder.

Next steps:

- The nomination list will be voted on at the CCSC Business meeting on February 28, 2026.

5.2 Spring Elections

We have been using VotingPlace.net to hold elections. Shereen Khoja, CCSC Vice President, will conduct elections. The suggested dates are May 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026.

Suggestion: Either create a new account or contact [VotingPlace.net](#) to reset the password. Bryan and Shereen will work on this.

Action Item: Approve Spring 2026 elections to be held May 1 through May 31, 2026, using [VotingPlace.net](#). Moved by Karen Works, Seconded by Michael Shindler. Motion carried.

~~**Alternative Action Item:** Approve a different platform for the elections for the same dates.~~

6 Reports

- Board members are requested to report verbally only on additions to their written report.
- New action items arising from reports will be deferred to New Business.
- Please read other reports ahead of time and do not read your own report to us during the meeting.

Nothing to report beyond the agenda

I will soon be reaching out to Fall conference chairs and regional reps to get the details of the conference and program chairs. SIGCSE now requires that the people in those positions are ACM members, and need to submit their ACM #.

Nothing to report.

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62150 Outside Contract Services														0.00
Total 62100 Contract Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
65000 Operations														
65020 Postage, Mailing Services														
65040 Supplies														
65000 Operations														0.00
65050 Telephone, Telecommunications														0.00
Total 65000 Operations	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
65100 Other Types of Expenses														0.00
65120 Insurance - Liability, D and O	478.00													0.00
65160 Other Costs	2,272.38													0.00
65180 PayPal Fees	1,212.73													0.00
Total 65100 Other Types of Expenses	\$ 3,963.11	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
68300 Travel and Meetings														0.00
68310 Conference, Convention, Meeting	31.99													0.00
68320 Travel														0.00
Total 68300 Travel and Meetings	31.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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CCSC financial status as the end of July 31, 2025 (Fiscal year-end)

All accounts balanced and reconciled every month.

- As shown on the first page of this report, overall we are profitable for the first half of the year by about \$21,600. This is mostly attributed to the fact that there was no board travel in the fall

of 2025. This would typically run \$16,000 to \$22,000 depending on location and how many went.

- We did well with our CD in 2024-25 at 4%. However, rates are dropping and I think the days of 5% or even 4% CDs will be gone for quite a while. In fact the best rate I'm finding now is 3.25%
- Reminder, please have all Awards paid by gift cards.

Couple of things I'd like to bring up:

1. The way we approve or disapprove papers in Conftool
 - a. Below is pretty much how it's setup across all regions.

Questions		Review 1 	Review 2 	Review 3 	Review 4 
Familiarity of the reviewer with the topic		6	8	2	8
Quality of Content	10%	6	8	6	6
Significance for Theory or Practice	10%	6	8	6	6
Originality and Level of Innovativeness	10%	6	6	6	6
Relevance to the Call for Proposals (CFP)	10%	6	6	2	6
Quality of Presentation	10%	4	8	6	8
Overall recommendation	50%	6	10	2	7
Total points (out of 100)		58	86	36	67

- Why should we ding an author when someone assigned to review their submission is unfamiliar with the content? Luckily in this case there were 4 reviewers but imagine if there were only two who gave a 58 and a 36!
- I'm wondering if we wouldn't be better off eliminating that and put in things like
 - Strength of literature review.
 - Clear contribution statement
 - Balanced and current citations
 - Correctness of methods: Are models, algorithms, experiments, or analyses technically correct?
 - Clarity of results: Are tables, charts, and figures clear and readable?
 - Use of Figures and Visuals
 - Purposeful visuals: Figures add understanding, not decoration.
 - Self-contained captions: A reader should grasp the point without rereading the text.

- Technical accuracy: Diagrams, graphs, and schematics are correct and consistent.
- I personally think 50% is too much weight for the overall recommendation and so perhaps putting in some of the above and reducing that 50% would be more appropriate.

Discussion:

- Opinion: Should we adjust the criteria since we are just using what was probably given to us by conftool? Send it to regions as a recommendation, but the regions can do what they want.
- Suggestion: maybe regions would like to talk about this at the summer conference.
- Idea: each regional rep could bring this to their steering committees for discussion.
- Move this discussion to another time.

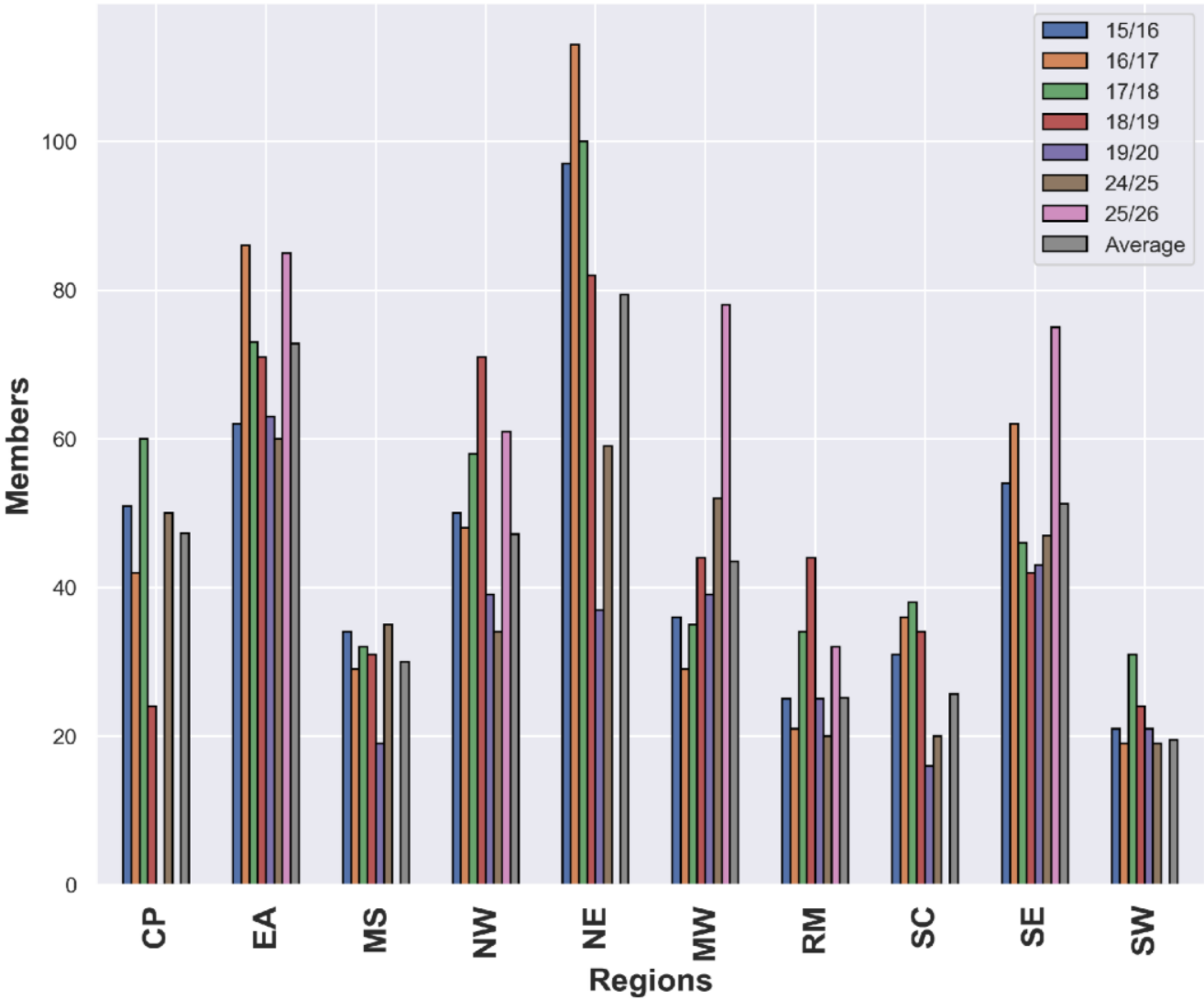
And finally, we should ensure that all journals are doing the same ratings.

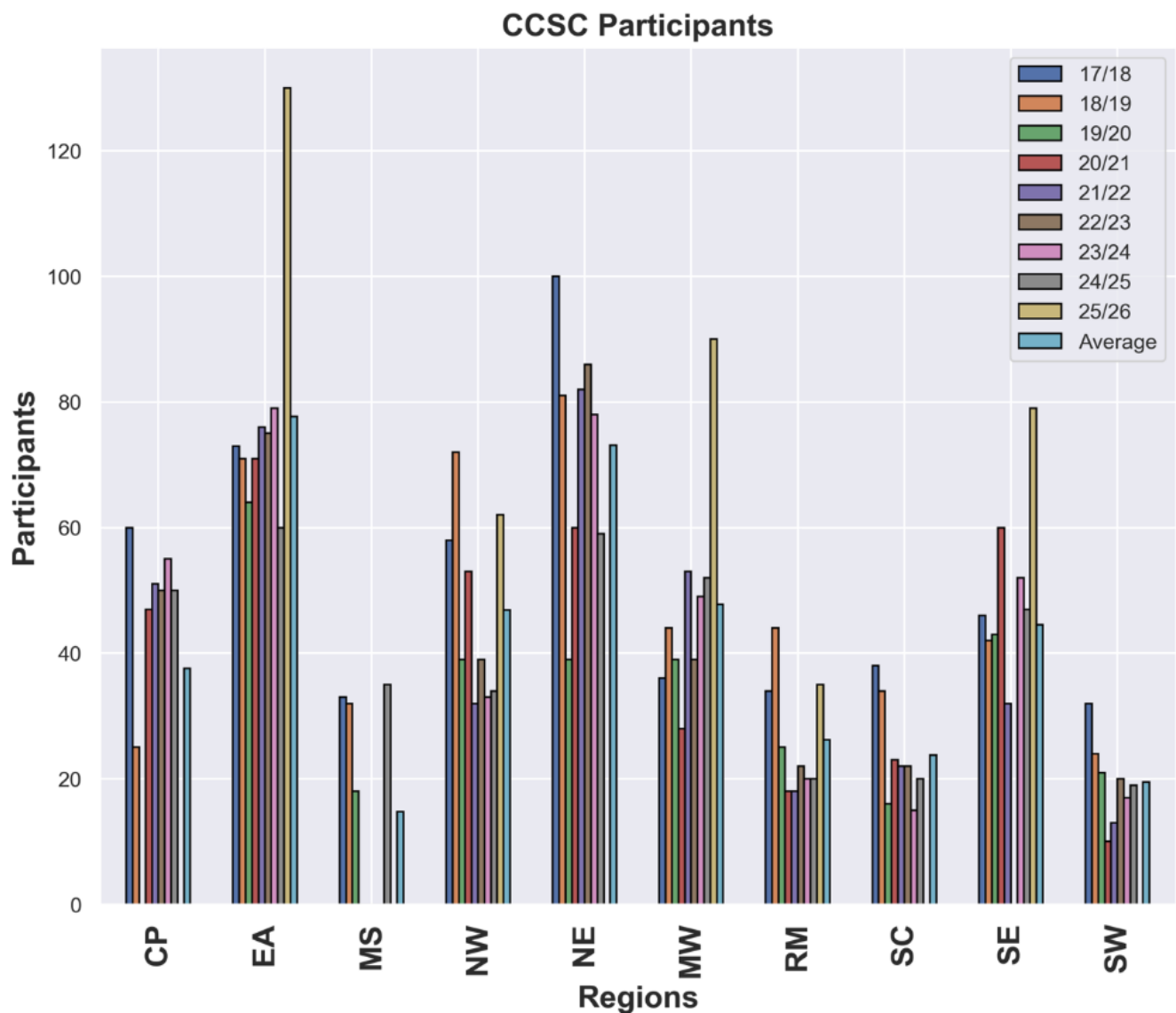
6.5 Membership Secretary's Report (Haiyan Cheng)

Membership:

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	Average
CP	51	42	60	24		46	50	49	54	50		47
EA	62	86	73	71	63	71	76	75	79	60	85	73
MS	34	29	32	31	19					35		30
NW	50	48	58	71	39	54	32	39	33	34	61	47
NE	97	113	100	82	37	60	82	86	78	59		79
MW	36	29	35	44	39	27	52	39	48	52	78	44
RM	25	21	34	44	25	18	18	18	22	20	32	25
SC	31	36	38	34	16	23	22	22	15	20		26
SE	54	62	46	42	43	60	32		52	47	75	51
SW	21	19	31	24	21	10	13	20	17	19		20
MEM	15	10	20	11	12	2	7	14	7	17		12
	476	495	527	478	314	371	384	362	405	413	331	

CCSC Members





Thoughts:

1. Try to automate the process, download data twice a year from Conf tools and generate reports.

6.6 Regional Reports

6.6.1 Central Plains Regional Report (Judy Mullins)

Central Plains Conference 2026

The 32nd annual conference will be held April 10-11 at Drury University in Springfield, OH. Scott Sigman and Padmavathi Iyer are conference co-chairs.

- Our opening keynote will be a panel moderated by Dr. Chris Branton, Associate Professor-Computer Science, Drury University. The panel topic will be *“Where are we going: The future of computing education in the face of AI?”* Panelists will include:

- o Dr. Wen Hsin, Park University
- o Dr. Ying Cao, Drury University
- o Mr. Jason Barnes, EDUCAUSE
- o Dr. Rahul Dubey, Missouri State University
- The banquet keynote will be given by Patrick Murfee, Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer, Cox Health. His talk is titled "*From EHRs to AI Agents. . . Healthcare Is Now a Technology First Industry.*"
- Badri Adhikari (University of Missouri-St. Louis) and Jie Hou (Michigan State University) will present a pre-conference tutorial titled "*Teaching Coding in the Age of AI: A Hands-on Tutorial on Process Feedback.*"
- Proposals for 22 papers, 1 workshop, 2 panels and 5 nifty-assignment were received. We accepted 15 papers, for an acceptance rate of 68%. Except for papers, all other submissions were accepted.
- In addition to papers, tutorials, lightning talks and nifty-assignments, the conference will feature student papers, a student poster contest, a programming contest and a student hackathon. ACM2Y will present a vendor session.

The complete program and other conference information may be found at <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains/>.

Central Plains Regional Board members:

Judy Mullins, Board Representative, University of Missouri-Kansas City (Retired), MO

Joan Gladbach, Editor, University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO

Ron McCleary, Registrar, Avila University, Kansas City (Retired), MO

Ajay Bandi, Treasurer, Northwest Missouri State University, MO

Eric Manley, Webmaster, Drake University, IA

Diana Linville, Secretary, Northwest Missouri State University, MO

Bill Siever, Publication Chair, Washington University in St. Louis, MO

2025-2026 CCSC Central Plains Conference Steering Committee:

Padmavathi Iyer, Conference Co-Chair, Drury University, MO

Scott Sigman, Conference Co-Chair, Drury University (Retired), MO

Diana Linville, Committee Secretary, Northwest Missouri State University, MO

Joan Gladbach, Pre-Conference Workshop Lead, University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO

Brian Hare, Panels, Tutorials, Workshops Lead, University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO

Wen Hsin, Lightening Talks Lead, Park University, MO

Joseph Kendall-Morwick, Student Posters Lead, Washburn University, KS

Charles Riedesel, Student Programming Contest Lead, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Retired), NE

Bill Siever, K-12 Outreach Lead, Washington University in St. Louis, MO

Chris Branton, K-12 Outreach, Drury University, MO

Judy Mullins, University of Missouri-Kansas City (Retired), MO

Mahmoud Yousef, University of Central Missouri, MO

Aziz Fellah, Northwest Missouri State University, MO

Tiffany Ford, Ozarks Technical Community College, MO

Kevin Brunner, Graceland University, IA

Regional Steering Committee Elections

The election for Regional Registrar will be held at the Central Plains Business Meeting on April 5th. The election for Regional Representative to the Board will be held May, 2026.

Central Plains Conference 2027

Our 2027 conference will be hosted by Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO, April 2-3, 2027. Diana Linville will serve as the conference chair.

Future Conferences

We don't yet have a host for the 2028 conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mullins, Central Plains Representative

6.6.2 Eastern Regional Report (Michael Flinn)

Introduction

This report was written and submitted following our 41st Annual Regional Conference, held on October 24–25, 2025, in person at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania. The conference was chaired by Dr. Vitaly Ford and Dr. Yanxia Jia. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our hosts at Arcadia University for their hospitality and for providing an energetic venue for collaboration. I am also pleased to report that Dr. Vitaly Ford was invited to join the CCSC Eastern Steering Committee and has accepted the position.

Details

The conference stood out for its exceptional student participation and its academic rigor. Of the 21 papers submitted, 15 were accepted through a double-blind peer-review process, resulting in an acceptance rate of 70.0%. (a bit high this year, but I think there are some doctoral students missing from the count)

A highlight of the program included presentations on "Constructing a High-Quality Epidemic-Related Reddit Dataset" and "Evaluating the Limitations of Local LLMs," alongside other captivating workshops, panels, and tutorials. The schedule featured 15 faculty papers, 6 student papers, 9 faculty posters, over 30 student posters, 3 tutorials or panels, and 2 workshops.

The Keynote Speaker, Dr. Chaomei Chen, presented "Macroscopic Patterns of Change [Disruptive Technologies]".

The Banquet speaker, Dr. Tom Way, presented "The Magic of Computer Science" in an engaging, and very fun, presentation enjoyed by all.

Participants

The conference attracted a total of 130 registrants. The breakdown of participants included:

- **Full Attendees:** 31
- **Authors / Presenters:** 31
- **Student Full Registrants:** 56
- **National Partners:** 4
- **Invited Speakers:** 2
- **Vendor or Associate:** 1
- **K-12 Faculty:** 1

In addition, we hosted 37 collegiate programming teams and 11 Cybersecurity Capture the Flag (CTF) teams. Based on an estimate of 3 students per programming team and 6 students per CTF team, **we saw approximately**

170 students competing in these events. It should be noted that there is some slight overlap as some of the competing students also registered to present, and this report does not analyze the exact crossover.

To say the venue was crowded would be an understatement; the rooms were packed to the gills—we were definitely operating at what felt like $O(N!)$ capacity and definitely reached our stack limit!

Notes to Future Conferences

Because of the overwhelming success of the CTF event, the committee plans to increase the team registration fee from \$80 to \$160. This adjustment will ensure that future competitions can include gift card prizes while remaining in alignment with the costs of awards, snacks, and hosting facilities.

Awards

Awards Best Faculty Poster "On The Accessibility of Computer Science for Non-English Speakers" Lizbeth Zarate-Hernandez & Michael Wehar

Best Faculty Paper, Research "Evaluating the Limitations of Local LLMs in Solving Complex Programming Challenges" Kadin Matotek, Heather Cassel, Md Amiruzzaman, & Linh Ngo

Best Faculty Paper, Pedagogy "Interview Preparation through Intentional Reflection: Integrating Mock Interview Practice with CS Coursework" Karen Anewalt & Jennifer Polack

Honorary Mention, Faculty Paper "Plagiarism Detection and Deterrence Using Behavioral Tracking" Vladislav Veksler, Bella Veksler, & Anuj Khadka

Best Student Paper "Constructing a High-Quality Epidemic-Related Reddit Dataset" Olumide Aisida, Fahmina Nur Salma, Deasia Lavern Craig, Angemaxime Tezai, & Md Kamruzzaman Sarker

Best Student Poster "Analyzing Prompt Effectiveness in Generating Feedback for Programming Errors" Quan Nguyen & Chrisma Ndlovu

Collegiate Programming Competition Results

- **First Place:** Team "Byte Me" – West Chester University
Mary Bauman, Daniel Stein, Nolan Prochnau
- **Second Place:** Team "1011 1011" – Millersville University
Zacaria Tawfick, Lincoln Craddock, Tristan Rush
- **Third Place:** Team "EZPZ" – Sacred Heart University
Gabriel Enrico Augusta Rocha, Yuna Ukawa, Matthew Scarpelli
- **Fourth Place:** Team "Team Cats" – Villanova
Rebecca Jackson, George Small, Fatih Illeez

Capture the Flag Competition Results The CCSC Eastern 2025 CTF Competition continued our partnership with the US Cyber Range platform.

- **First Place:** Team "Dinobox" – Montgomery Blair High School Eliana Wang, Tony Song, Peter Xiao, William Zhang, Arjun Samavedam
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- **Second Place:** Team "BSU Team 1" – Bowie State University Sage Despeignes, Calvin-Caleb Amiolemen, Haley Reyes, Kevin Elias-Mejia, Tarron Montgomery, Tobiloba Ayodeji
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- **Third Place:** Team "SHU" – Sacred Heart University Gabriel Enrico Augusta Rocha, Matthew Scarpelli, Samuel Oakes, Jack Dyson

Future Conferences

The strong response to hosting future events ensures a dynamic continuation of our conference series. We have several institutions scheduled to host future conferences:

- **Fall 2026:** Bowie State University, October 16–17 (Date still Tentative). Host: Dr. Sreenivasan Ramasamy Ramamurthy
- **Fall 2027:** West Chester University. Hosts: Dr. Linh B. Ngo and Dr. Md Amiruzzaman
- **Fall 2028:** Frostburg State University. Host: Dr. Nooh A. Bany Muhammad

Closing Remarks

Planning discussions are already underway for 2026 and 2027, ensuring continued regional stability and enthusiasm. We aim to maintain a strong list of host colleges for future events and will be holding a vote for Eastern positions beyond this Spring.

For more information, please visit our regional links: Eastern Website: <http://www.ccsc-eastern.org> Past Conferences: <http://www.ccsc-eastern.org/past-conferences>

This report was respectfully submitted by Dr. Michael B. Flinn, Eastern Regional Representative, on February 18, 2026.

6.6.3 Midsouth Regional Report (Gabe Ferrer)

6.6.4 Midwest Regional Report (David Largent)

Fall 2026 Conference Preview

We are currently in discussion with a potential host for our fall 2026 conference but are not yet ready to publicly announce the venue and date. A spring planning/onsite meeting will be held in early June. The conference committee is comprised of the following individuals:

Position	Name	Institution
Conference Chair	Zachary Kurmas	Grand Valley State University
Vice Conference Chair	William Turner	Wabash College
Past Conference Chair	Paul Talaga	University of Indianapolis
Site Chair	Vacant	
Site Chair (Assistant)	Vacant	
Papers Chair	Imad Al Saeed	Saint Xavier University
Nifty Tools & Assignments Chair	Ahmed Elmagrous	University of Wisconsin-Stout

Nifty Tools & Assignments (Assistant)	Fola Olagbemi	Hope College
Panels, Tutorials, & Workshops Chair	Sugandha Malviya	Ball State University
Panels, Tutorials, & Workshops (Assistant)	Cathy Bareiss	Bethel University
Authors Chair & Editor	William Turner (2027)	Wabash College
Programming Contest Chair	Paul Talaga	University of Indianapolis
Programming Contest (Assistant)	Md Haque	Butler University
Programming Contest (Assistant)	Nathan Sommer	Xavier University
Publicity Chair	David Largent	Ball State University
Registrar	Deborah Hwang (2028)	University of Evansville
Registrar (Assistant)	Michael Borkowski	Purdue University
Speakers (Keynote & Dinner) Chair	Stefan Brandle	Taylor University
Student Showcase Chair	Andy Harris	Ball State University
Treasurer	Dominic Wilson (2026)	University of Findlay
Two-year College Liaison	Kris Roberts	Ivy Tech Community College
Works in Progress Chair	Ahmed Elmagrous	University of Wisconsin-Stout
Vendors Chair	Takako Soma	Illinois College
Virtual Host	Cathy Bareiss	Bethel University
Webmaster	VACANT (2028)	University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Webmaster (Assistant)	William Turner	Wabash College
Regional Representative	David Largent (2026)	Ball State University
At-Large Steering Committee Member	Jeff Lehman (2027)	Huntington University
At-Large Steering Committee Member	Karl Schmitt (2026)	Trinity Christian College

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Largent, Midwest Regional Representative

6.6.5 Northeastern Regional Report (Michael Gousie)

2026 Conference Details

We are preparing to hold the 30th Annual CCSC Northeastern Conference on April 10-11 at Smith College in Northampton, MA. The conference chairs are Jordan Crouser (Smith College) and Adita Kulkarni (SUNY Brockport). Plans are going smoothly. The conference committee membership is:

Role	Name	Institution
Conference co-Chair	Jordan Crouser	Smith College
Conference co-Chair	Adita Kulkarni	SUNY Brockport
Program Chair	Jim Teresco	Siena University
Papers	Yana Kortsarts	Widener University
Papers	Chetan Jaiswal	Quinnipiac University
Panels, Tutorials, Workshops	Bo Kim	Southern New Hampshire University
Panels, Tutorials, Workshops	Soumyashree Sahoo	Quinnipiac University
Faculty Posters and Lightning Talks	Karyn Doke	Hamilton College
Faculty Posters and Lightning Talks	Kruti Shah	Quinnipiac University
Faculty Cohorts	Ali Erkan	Ithaca College
Undergraduate Posters	Sandeep Mitra	SUNY Brockport
Undergraduate Posters	Jenny Iskrenova-Ekiert	SUNY Brockport
Undergraduate Posters	Drew van der Poel	Northeastern University
Undergraduate Posters	Mohammad Azhar	BMCC, CUNY
Speakers	Larry D'Antonio	Ramapo College of New Jersey
Registration	Rick Kline	Pace University (retired)
Programming Contest	Del Hart	SUNY Plattsburgh
Programming Contest	Paul Olsen	Le Moyne College
Programming Contest	Darren Lim	Siena College
Programming Contest	Michael Robson	Smith College
Vendors and Partners	Kevin McCullen	SUNY Plattsburg
Local Arrangements	Pablo Frank	Smith College
Local Arrangements	Hia Ghosh	Smith College

The conference program shows a significant increase in papers this year. We have 19 papers (28 submitted, 68% acceptance, up from 10 accepted papers last year), 9 lightning talks/faculty posters (17 submitted, 53% acceptance), 2 tutorials (2 submitted, 100% acceptance), and 3 workshops (3 submitted, 100% acceptance), and no panels were submitted. The student poster session has yet to close for submissions.

New this year is a Demo & Applied Computing track for papers. For years we have seen (and rejected) papers in this area. For this year, we are accepting such submissions on a separate track, with the stipulation that the work must include a section on “educational integration (relevance to computer science education).” Thus, the paper must show that the work has a significant impact on education in some tangible way. Of the 19 accepted papers, four of those are in the Demo track. In the faculty posters/lightning talk category, we are continuing to give authors the choice of presentation medium.

We plan to have two plenary speakers this year, but they haven’t been announced.

The full conference program is not yet finalized, but will be available on the Northeastern Website: www.ccscne.org.

Future Hosts:

Spring 2027 - Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH; Bo Kim will be conference chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gousie
Northeastern Representative

6.6.6 Northwestern Regional Report (Ben Tribelhorn)

CCSC-NW 2026 will be hosted at Whitman College in Walla Walla on October 9-10th. Board composition is TBD.

6.6.7 Rocky Mountain Regional Report (Mohamed Lotfy)

34th Rocky Mountain Region Conference 2025

The thirty fourth CCSC Rocky Mountain Region Conference was held face-to-face on October 17-18, 2025, at Utah Valley University (UVU). Twenty-six paper submissions were received on a variety of topics, of which 18 papers were accepted for presentation at the conference. In addition to the paper presentations, there were two peer reviewed tutorials/workshops and four posters. Twenty-four authors/presenters registered and attended the conference. In addition, one CCSC National partner, Blossoms AI, and two UVU students attended. We had our first student programming and cybersecurity competitions. Seventeen students participated in the programming competition and twenty students participated in the “capture the flag” Cybersecurity competition. The top four winners in each competition were awarded gift cards.

- Number of Attendees: 24 Faculty & authors
2 Students
2 Partners
0 Board Members
Total: 28
- Papers: 26 Submitted
18 Accepted
8 Rejected

Acceptance rate: 69.23%

- Tutorials and Panels 2 Submitted
 2 Accepted
 0 Rejected
- National partner Blossoms AI attended the conference.

The following was the RM 2025 Conference Committee:

CCSC Rep (Regional chair): Mohamed Lotfy
Treasurer: Ed Lindoo
Editor(s): Pam Smallwood
Submission chair(s): Karina Assiter & Mohamed Lotfy
Webmaster: Dan McDonald
Publicity Chair: Jenny Nehring
Registrar: Ed Lindoo
Conference chair(s): Michael Leverington
Site Chair(s): Xi Chen and Jenny Nehring
Program Chair(s): Mohamed Lotfy & Imtiaz Parvez
Student Programming/Cybersecurity Competition Chair: Dave Loper
Student Posters Chair: Michael Leverington & Ranjidha Rajan

35th CCSC Rocky Mountain Region Conference 2026

The 35th CCSC Rocky Mountain Region Conference will be held at Regis University, Denver CO. The dates are October 16-17, 2026.

The Regional board for the CCSC RM 2026 includes:

CCSC Rep (Regional chair): Mohamed Lotfy
Treasurer: Ed Lindoo
Editor(s): Mohamed Lotfy & Pam Smallwood
Submission chair(s): Karina Assiter & Mohamed Lotfy
Webmaster: Dan McDonald
Publicity Chair: Jenny Nehring, Xi Chen & Md Razuan Hossain
Registrar: Ed Lindoo
Conference chair(s): Xi Chen & Jenny Nehring
Site Chair(s): Pam Smallwood & Rick Blumenthal
Program Chair(s): Imtiaz Parvez
Student Programming/Cybersecurity Competition Chair: Dave Loper & Imtiaz Parvez
Student Posters Chair: Michael Leverington & Ranjidha Rajan

Key Deadlines:

Submission Due June 22, 2026

Notifications..... July 13, 2026

Final draft Due July 27, 2026

- The website for the conference is at <http://www.ccsc.org/rockymt/>.
- The publicity chairs started promoting the CCSC RM 2026 conference to institutions in the region's states.

Respectfully submitted,

Mohamed Lotfy, PhD

CCSC Rocky Mountain Region Representative.

6.6.8 South Central Regional Representative (Mika Morgan)

Region Updates:

The South Central Region Steering Committee voted on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 to increase our conference's paper page limit from 6 pages, including graphics and references, to 10 pages, including graphics and references. This change allows our conference to match the paper limit stated in the national CCSC LaTeX template, and be in-line with the paper limits of other CCSC regions.

2026 Conference:

The 37th Annual CCSC South Central Conference will be hosted by McNeese State University in Nacogdoches, TX on Friday, April 24, 2026. The conference site/program chair is Vipin Menon. All presenters are required to attend in-person. The program will include papers, posters, and Nifty assignments.

The original paper deadline was Monday, February 9, 2026, but we extended the deadline two weeks due to a low number of submissions. The new deadline is Monday, February 23rd, so I cannot report our total number of submissions or acceptance rate at this time. We had 11 paper submissions by the original deadline, and as of Monday, February 16th, we have not received any new submissions after the extension. We will also continue accepting tutorials, workshops, and Nifty assignments until March 20th, and poster submissions until April 17th.

Papers:

The accepted papers will be updated and published in the Fall 2026 Regional Report, since our new deadline will fall after the Spring 2026 board meeting.

Conference Steering Committee:

Conference Host and Chair: Vipin Menon, McNeese State University
 Registrar: Anne Marie Eubanks, Stephen F. Austin State University
 Treasurer: Michael Hostetler, Arkansas State University-Beebe
 Nifty Assignments Chair: Christian Servin, El Paso Community College
 Posters Chair: Shyam (Sam) Karrah, University of Texas, Dallas
 Regional Editor / Paper Chair: Tina Johnson, Midwestern State University
 Moderator Chair: Vipin Menon, McNeese State University
 Panels and Tutorials Chair: Christian Servin, El Paso Community College
 Publicity Chair: Eduardo Colmenares-Diaz, Midwestern State University
 National Board Representative: Mika Morgan, Midwestern State University
 Reviewer Chair: Jennifer Lavergne, McNeese State University
 Webmaster: Vacant

At-Large: Steele Russell, Southeastern Louisiana University
Michael P. Rogers, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

2027 Conference:

Details for the 38th Annual CCSC South Central Conference will be decided at the local CCSC:SC board meeting on Monday, March 2nd and will be published in the fall minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mika Morgan, South Central Regional Representative

6.6.9 Southeastern Regional Representative (Karen Works)

Fall 2025 CCSC:Southeastern Conference

The 39th CCSC Southeastern Conference was hosted by Mercer University in Macon, GA on November 7-8, 2025. There were 76 registrants, 23 of whom were students. The program was robust, including 18 papers, 1 panel, 4 workshops, a “nifty assignments” session, and a session of student presentations from our student research competition. Roughly our paper acceptance rate of 30%

We are very happy with these numbers, and hope to continue to build on them.

Student participation was very high, with 15 teams from 11 schools in the programming contest. 23 students presented research at the student research poster contest, representing 9 different institutions. Winners in the programming contest were Mercer University (1st), Maryville University (2nd), and Roanoke University (3rd).

Fall 2026 CCSC:Southeastern Conference

Eastern Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN will host the 2026 conference. The dates are October 23-24, 2026. Brian Bennett is the site chair. The rest of the Conference Committee has not yet been determined. The conference web site is:

<https://www.ccsc.org/southeastern/conference.php?year=40th>

The call for participation is available at the site. July 15 is the deadline for paper submissions. (September 1 is the deadline for abstracts for the Student Research Contest.) Student activities will again include a programming contest and student paper competition. Details of each are available on the web site. The keynote and banquet speakers have yet to be determined.

Future CCSC:Southeastern Conferences

The host site for 2027 will be Florida State University – Panama City (first time). Several institutions have expressed interest in possibly hosting in 2028 or beyond, including potential new hosts Florida Southern, High Point University, and the University of West Florida, and Lenoir-Rhyne, which last

hosted in 2005. No 2028 host has been finalized, however. We will continue to aggressively recruit new hosts, in hopes of cultivating organizers who are willing to be repeat hosts every 5-6 years.

Other Regional Issues/Activities

Leadership Changes –Mark Alan Hills is our new publicity chair. Many of the long-standing dedicated board members are retiring from their positions and we are filling them with new younger professors.

Initiatives – The regional board is working on some initiatives that are expected to improve the conference and the operations of the region. Specifically:

- Developing and refining new procedures for programming contest
- Actively market to new young faculty

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Works
Southeastern Regional Representative

6.6.10 Southwestern Regional Representative (Michael Shindler)

Regional Officers:

- **Regional Chair:** Joshua Gross, CSU Monterey Bay (Acting)
- **Treasurer and Registrar:** Soohyun Liao, UC San Diego
- **Regional Representative:** Michael Shindler, UC Irvine
- **Webmaster:** Megan Thomas, CSU Stanislaus

2026 Conference

7 papers were accepted (13 submitted), lightning talks, tutorials, partner talks, and nifty tools/assignments. This will be the second two-day in-person conference for the region since 2019. Three of the six papers that were not accepted as papers were accepted as posters.

Southwestern Conference 2026

- Location: University of California, Riverside; Riverside, CA
- Date: March 27-28 2028
- Conference Organizers:
 - **Conference Chair:** Mariam Salloum and Allan Knight, UC Riverside
 - **Papers Chair:** Megan Thomas, CSU Stanislaus
 - **Posters Chair:** Ashley Pang, UC Riverside
 - **Speakers Chair:** Michael Shindler, UC Irvine
 - **Panels/Tutorials Chair:** Olivera Grujic, CSU Stanislaus
 - **Lightning Talk Chair:** Sophia Krause-Levy, USD
 - **Site Chair:** (same as conference chair)
 - **Partner's Chair:** Michael Shindler, UC Irvine
 - **Nifty Tools & Assignments Chair:** Joshua Gross, CSU Monterey Bay

Southwestern Conference 2027

- **Location:** TBD. Cal Tech and UCSB have expressed interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Shindler
Southwest Regional Representative

6.7 Other Reports

6.7.1 Service Recognition Committee Report (Mohamed Lotfy)

Kevin Treu will be receiving the award this year. This will be announced at the CCSC Business meeting.

We need to find someone to be in charge of purchasing the trophy in future years.

Perhaps the Service Recognition Committee will propose ideas for trophies.

Need to replace Michael Flinn on this committee next year. Current members of the committee: Mohamed Lotfy (term ends in Spring 2027), Amos Gichamba (term ends in ...).

An appointment will be made via email once the elections are completed in May. The appointment is for a three-year term.

6.7.2 Comptroller's Report (George Dimitoglou)

In accordance with the Board's vote during the Spring 2024 Board Meeting (Sec. 8.3 *Change in Budget Process*), **conference budgets are to be submitted by June 30th each year.**

As of the filing of this report, Table 1 below reflects the status of the submitted budgets for conferences in 2025-2026. If any of the contact information appearing on the table is incorrect or is about to be changed in the coming months, please let me know.

Region	Abbr	Treasurer	E-mail	Board Rep	Term	STATUS - Due 6/15
Central Plains	CP	Ajay Bandi	ajay@nwmissouri.edu	Judy Mullins (mullinsj@umkc.edu)	Spring	Approved
Eastern Region	EA	Nathan Green	ngreen@marymount.edu	Michael Flinn (mflinn@frostburg.edu)	Fall	Approved
Midsouth	MS	Ed Lindoo	elindoo@regis.edu	Gabe Ferrer (ferrer@hendrix.edu)	Spring	Approved
Midwest	MW	Dominic Wilson	dominic.wilson@findlay.edu	David Largent (dllargent@bsu.edu)	Fall	Approved
Northeastern	NE	Adrian Ionescu	ionescu@wagner.edu	Mark Bailey (mbailey@hamilton.edu)	Spring	Approved
Northwestern	NW	Lucas Cordova	lpcordova@willamette.edu	Ben Tribelhorn (tribelhb@up.edu)	Fall	Approved
Rocky Mountain	RM	Ed Lindoo	elindoo@regis.edu	Mohamed Lotfy (MohamedL@uvu.edu)	Fall	Approved
South Central	SC	Michael Hostetler	MLHostetler@asub.edu	Mika Morgan (mika.morgan@msutexas.edu)	Spring	Approved
Southeastern	SE	Tania Roy	troy@ncf.edu	Karen Works (keworks@pc.fsu.edu)	Fall	Approved
Southwestern	SW	Michael Doherty	mdoherty@pacific.edu	Michael Shindler (mikes@uci.edu)	Spring	Approved

Table 1. Status of proposed and approved budgets for 2025-2026.

B. Annual Audit Report

The annual audit report for the 2024-2025 budget year is completed and will be presented next.

Respectfully submitted,
George Dimitoglou
CCSC Comptroller

6.7.3 Audit Committee Report (George Dimitoglou)

Report of the Audit of CCSC Fiscal Year 2024-2025

February 18, 2026

1. List any active (i.e., holding funds) bank or other asset account (as reported by the Treasurer).

- a. Bank of America (BOA) Checking
- b. Bank of America (BOA) CD
- c. PayPal

NOTES:

- 1. The BOA Checking account comes with a directly linked credit card used for payments, and any transactions appear on the checking account statements. The use of checks for payments and disbursements has become a rarity.

2. Are you aware of any other active or inactive accounts (as reported by the Treasurer)?

None

3. Take each bank statement provided by the treasurer and match the July 31st amount with the amount stated on the treasurer's record on QBO.

BOA Checking:	\$5,259.28	QBO: \$5,259.28
BOA CD:	\$184,468.17	(please see note below)
PayPal [as of 07/31/25]:	\$3,510.03	QBO: \$3,510.03

NOTE:

- 1. The BOA CD account does not provide monthly statements.
As of the date of this audit, the BOA CD account has a current balance of \$184,468.17.
The account was opened on 11/10/2023, with a last maturity date of 02/10/2026.
As of the audit date, the CD auto-renewal option would have yielded 0.04% interest. The Treasurer has renewed it for a shorter term, with 3.1% interest for 3 months.

Select a random transaction month for each of the following questions:

4. Match an expense transaction entered in the treasurer's record on QBO with what is shown in the matching bank statement.

We randomly selected the CCSC-NE 2025 conference and the month of May. The QBO entry for a transfer to \$12,387.75 on 05/13/2025 is matched to the BOA Checking transaction and posted to the BOA Checking account on 05/13/2025.

5. Match a deposit transaction entered in the treasurer's record on QBO with what is shown in the matching bank statement.

We randomly selected a deposit transaction from July. The PayPal deposit (ID: 88132154T1548161M) of \$360.00 on 07/10/2025 is matched to the QBO account on 07/14/2025.

Select a random conference for the following two questions:

6. Pick a random conference disbursement for a region and verify the documentation supporting this reimbursement. Obtain a match for a request and/or bill statement, and match a sample of the expenses to disbursements (CCSC expenses) as they appear on CCSC bank statements.

We continued with CCSC-NE 2025 as the randomly selected conference.

We cross-verified the original reimbursement request from the CCSC-NE for \$865.70, which matches the conference's detailed reimbursement request (Fig. 1).



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MR VISA GC FEE	6.95
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**** BALANCE	821.70

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AMOUNT: 44.00

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TOTAL: 44.00

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issuer agreement.

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Fig. 1: Audit verification of expenses and confirmation of total reimbursement request.

7. Verify (accessing: <https://www.ccsc.org/board/documents-public/>) that all the appropriate amounts have been reported on the tax forms. Compare tax forms posted on the CCSC website with (check on the TAX form the Total Revenue and Total Expense lines and compare with our Total Revenue and Total Expense from the CCSC Financial Report -- this information is available in the previous Fall Board Meeting minutes (<https://www.ccsc.org/board/documents-public/minutes/>))

Using the following:

- Tax forms beginning Aug 1, 2024, and ending July 31, 2025, which can be found here: <https://www.ccsc.org/board/documents-public/>
- Treasurer report dated July 31, 2024, which can be found in the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting dated October 17, 2024, available here: <https://www.ccsc.org/board/documents-public/>

Total Revenue:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Tax Forms dated July 31, 2025 | - \$107,323 (line 9 of tax form) |
| CCSC Treasurer Report of 12/31/2024 | - \$101,955 (not to the end of fiscal yr.; not incl. CD interest) |

Total Expenses:

Tax Forms dated July 31, 202 - \$111,917 (using line 32 on the tax form)
CCSC Treasurer Report Dated 12/31/2024 - \$ 96,924 (not incl. all expenses)

8. Verify that all appropriate forms have been filed when due (if the tax forms are available on the CCSC site, <https://www.ccsc.org/board/documents-public/>) five months after the end of the review period (July 31). Then they are considered filed on time.

The tax forms for the beginning of Aug 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025, have been filed on time.

9. Verify deposits of money paid by the national vendors.

In QBO: A vendor deposit of \$2,000 on 07/14/2025; transaction confirmed in BOA and verified on the corresponding PayPal statement. Vendor: Rephactor.

NOTES:

1. Identified and confirmed one vendor transaction.
2. Vendor deposits tend to stand out due to their typically higher values than other deposits; however, they are not easy to identify the vendor since PayPal transactions list the name of an individual, not the affiliated company

10. Verify that the number of members reported by the regions as having registered to attend the conference is reported accurately in the membership report and that deposits of fees associated with these registrations are accounted for in the Treasurer's records.

The reported participation, based on conf-tool screenshots, shows 473 participants for the 2024-2025 conferences, with an expected income of $473 \times \$45 = \$21,285$. This membership/registration income is identified separately in the Treasurer's report as "CCSC Headcount charge."

11. Verify correspondence between numbers in the membership report and the Treasurer's records of deposits paid by (or on behalf of) new and renewing members who did not attend conferences.

This membership/registration income type is not reported separately in the Treasurer's Report as a line item.

12. For each region, verify that funds disbursed for conference expenses agree with attendee counts and are within the approved conference budget.

The disbursement of funds, as reflected in the region-specific Income and Expense QBO reports, generally agrees with attendee counts. Because conference expenses include various other costs (e.g., promotional materials, awards), it is impossible to establish a one-to-one correspondence between attendee counts and conference expenses. No unexpected expenses were identified. The disbursement of funds is within approved budgets with minor deviations from the proposed budgets.

13. Verify that the disbursement of funds for non-conference board expenses is in accordance with the approved budget for the fiscal year being audited and with any relevant guidelines established in the operating procedures, as reflected in the bylaws, standing rules, and minutes of the CCSC Board meetings. This information is available in the previous Fall Board Meeting minutes (<https://www.ccsc.org/board/documents-public/minutes/>) under the Treasurer's Report (under the "CCSC" category).

Using the Treasurer report from the Fall Board Meeting minutes dated 12/31/2024:

- The total for 2024-25 (using Travel & Meetings as done previously) was \$35,013.40

Additional comments from the Comptroller.

This audit was performed before the Board meeting, with support from the Audit Committee, rather than the historical practice of conducting the audit during the Board meeting.

2026 Audit Committee
Submitted February 17, 2026
George Dimitoglou
Joan, Gladbach

6.7.4 National Partners Chair Report (Karina Assiter)

National Partners List

Description of the list

This National Partners list is in the [board/National Partners](#) folder, where it should always have the current list of National partners (there is both a contact sheet and membership sheet). Important National Partner links are also included on the sheet online, including a reference to the list of **National Partner Levels and Benefits** on the CCSC site.

Current list

Good standing	Partner	Level	Income	Member since	Last Renew Request	Paid Date	Last Welcome (back) Sent	Expires or Expired	Notes
✓	ACM ACM2Y & CCECC joint membership	Gold	2,000	9/13/2023	5/31/2025	6/30/2025		6/30/2026	Joint ACM2Y and ACM CCECC Gold Membership.
✓	Blossoms	Gold	2,000	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	6/30/2026	
✓	College Board	Platinum	3,000	12/11/2025	n/a	5/11/2025		6/30/2027	
✓	MAP-CS: Mission-Aligned Programs in Computer	Gold	2,000	1/29/2026		1/29/2026		6/30/2027	
✓	Rephactor	Gold	2,000	5/17/2022	7/7/2025	7/14/2025		6/30/2026	
		Total Income	11,000						

Changes

The following National Partners have joined since the Fall 2025 board meeting:

- College Board
- MAP-CS : Mission-Aligned Programs in Computer Science

National Partner Related Links

- <https://www.ccsc.org/partners/>
- <https://www.ccsc.org/partners/national-partner-levels-and-benefits/>

Responsibility of the Regional Representatives (Review & for new REPS)

- Primary **conference-specific** contact for the National Partners
 - o National partners' chair will refer them to you...
 - o Justification
 - This position often changes less frequently than the other conference committee positions.
 - o You can then refer them to whomever might handle vendors for that year (of course, as long as those individuals understand the national partners program process and procedures).

- Understand the **registration process** for National Partners
- Know where to find the current **National partner List**
- Verify that the National Partners list on the **regional website** is **up-to-date**
- Make sure that the regional conference committee understands the **benefits** that the National Partners should receive.

Old Business

- **Issue:** National Partner benefit of **presentation sessions** seems to promise up to **45 or 90 minutes** but 45 and 90 minutes can't always be accommodated, depending on region.
 - **Current policy**
 - **GOLD** : Partner slot on conference program during one presentation session, **up to 45 minutes**.
 - **PLATINUM:** Partner slot on conference program during one presentation session, **up to 90 minutes**.
 - With suggestions from the board, I was charged with bringing options forward for the board to vote. Of course, improvements are welcome before we vote!
 - **OPTION 1:** (we always have paper sessions as part of the regular program)
 - **GOLD** : Partner slot on conference program within **one paper session**.
 - **PLATINUM:** Partner slot on conference program within **two paper sessions**.
 - **OPTION 2:**
 - **GOLD** : Partner slot on conference program during one workshop or paper session, at least **20 minutes**, not to exceed **45 minutes**. *
 - * Note: there will be variances between conferences depending on the size of the conference, session durations, and the number of tracks*
 - **PLATINUM:** Partner slot on conference program during one workshop or paper session, at least **45 minutes**, not to exceed **90 minutes**. *
 - * Note: there will be variances between conferences depending on the size of the conference, session durations, and the number of tracks*

After discussion, the board agreed on the following adjustment to the existing policy:

- **Modified policy** (changes in red):

- **GOLD** : Partner slot on conference program during one presentation session, **up to 45 minutes as determined by the conference committee.**
- **PLATINUM**: Partner slot on conference program during one presentation session, **up to 90 minutes as determined by the conference committee.**

Karina Assiter moved to edit the current policy as stated above. Karen Works seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karina Assiter, National Partners Chair

7 Old Business

7.1 Subcommittee for long-term strategic planning proposals/update (Karen Works and Ed Lindoo)

Report/details below, but need to talk about here timing-wise.

Goal 2026: invest in increasing the number of conference participants.

This year we would like to focus on investing in increasing the number of conference participants.

In 2027, we would like to look at investing in student participation. In particular, we would like to look at scholarships and awards for contests.

Proposition 1: “Friends of Friends of Friends”

Grant each region up to \$1000 that they use to offer up to \$50 discount on any faculty attendee who has a friend attend the regional conference.

No individual may receive more than the early registration fee for the given regional conference.

Each region will need to report the number they award, and participants be reimbursed for that exact amount of the discount after the regional conference has been held.

Opinion: This one seems good. Could we combine propositions 1 and 2?

Opinion: I like the idea of combining the two, and there is a lot of value in first timers.

Question: Do we have a sense of how many people are paying out of pocket? Response: there are small schools that do not cover all of the costs or have a cap on how much each faculty member gets.

Discussion: Thinking through the logistics of this. Conftool might have a referral or coupon code. We just need to figure this out. Needs an automatic mechanism.

Question: Is this too broad? Could half the people be friends of the other half, and then they switch the following year?

Discussion: What about loyalty first? People have been attending for years, so why shouldn't they get a discount?

Suggestions: Maybe the friend could be an early-career faculty?

Discussion: What about the different sizes of the regions? Maybe the amount of money should be proportional to the size of the regions.

Comment: But are we fine-tuning the model too much?

Question: are people not coming because of the cost of the conference or because they don't know it exists? Maybe it would be better to put the money into marketing?

Discussion: Some regions are larger geographically and the cost to travel is going to be much higher, and the \$30 or \$50 discount won't have a big effect. Also, some conferences will always be small because of the large geographical area.

Proposition 2: "First Timer"

Grant each region up to \$600 that they use to offer up to \$30 discount on any faculty attendee who is a first-time attendee to the regional conference.

Each region will need to report the number of discounts they award and will be reimbursed for that exact amount.

Opinion: like this very much.

Suggestion: Should this be changed from "regional conference" to just "CCSC conference".

Question: Do we have historical records to determine who has attended a particular CCSC conference?

Suggestion: Rather than first-timers, maybe offer incentives to faculty in their first three years of being a faculty member. Or could be worded as early-career faculty.

Proposition 3: "Local Marketing"

Grant each region up to \$1,500 that they use to market or hire a student to reach out to institutions in the area where the regional conference is being held.

Each region will need to report how they spent this money and will be reimbursed by the full amount.

In February 2027, we would like each region to report on the effectiveness of each proposition in their region so that we can learn from each other.

Opinion: where would the regions get the money in the first place? Or could the regional board send the bills to the treasurer? Or could the money be advanced to the region?

Opinion: This might be hard to implement right now.

Opinion: Some regions already have a steering committee member that does this and pays for things like linkedin on their own.

Proposition 4: "Regional Marketer"

Appoint a new position. In charge of adding a LinkedIn account for the board and/or regions. Paid ads.

Idea: the budget would be managed by the national board member. Say the linkedin account, so we don't have to pay individual accounts. But there would be regional marketers.

Idea: Scrape websites for names or email addresses. Some regions already do this.

Discussion: paid ads don't work for many people and the human relationship is more valuable.

Comment: There has been feedback from National Partners saying that we don't have a social media presence.

Comment: Managing social media and copy is more work than a national board member has time and expertise for right now. But there are some people out there who have the expertise and time 😊

Comment: If we are speaking about marketing, we should probably update the website.

Response: There are plans to move the website to a Google Site.

Motion by Ben Tribelhorn. Seconded by Karina Assiter. The subcommittee will reconvene and explore outside options for marketing and return with a report at the Fall Board meeting. Motion carried.

Side Proposition: We would like to offer any board member who did not travel to SIGCSE the opportunity to travel to a CCSC regional conference in Spring 2026 ~~or Fall 2026~~. This cannot be your home region. This will cover the travel and two nights at a hotel. We will not cover this if you are presenting. Up to a cap of \$1,500.

Side Proposition motioned by Karen Works. Seconded by Michael Shindler. Motion carried as amended below.

Concern: The cost could be high because the conferences are in the next couple of months.

Suggestion: Add a cap. Maybe \$1,500

Motion by Michael Gousie to amend the motion with a cap of \$1,500. Seconded by Dave Largent. Motion carried.

8 New Business

8.1 Student memberships (Mike Flinn)

Students (undergrad and grad) come to the conference for posters or competitions, but they are not members. If they become members, then we get their email addresses. Some of these students go into K-12 or community colleges.

What are the true benefits of becoming a member of CCSC? Water coolers worked for a while.

There is a plan to launch the first virtual CCSC conference this summer.

Suggestion: create a student chapter. Students who attend our conference are members of the chapter. A way to build a national network of friends.

Discussion: the email goes away once they graduate from the university. Also, different regions save all of the contact emails of all past attendees.

Question: if we are already doing that, what would be the purpose of the Student Chapter?

Comment: CCSC memberships expire after two years. So, it could be the same for students.

Comment: Who would run this? Maybe they would also manage a discord server?

Next Steps: Michael Flinn will put together a proposal and bring it to the next meeting.

Suggestions: Lots of professors who are retired or near-retirement and they could provide mentorship and personal stories. They could bring their passion to a Chapter. Mentorship program with retired professors from CCSC

Theme of this meeting: human connection in the age of AI

9 Announcements

Attend the CCSC Business meeting at 2pm (PST) on February 28, 2026.

10 Summary of Decisions and Actions

10.1 Summary of Motions

Agenda Item	Motion	Outcome
1. Approval of Agenda	Approve the agenda. Moved by Dave Largent, seconded by Michael Shindler.	Passed

4.1 Future Board Travel	Proposal for alternating in-person/virtual attendance.	Withdrawn pending revision.
4.1 Future Board Travel	Table discussion and appoint subcommittee (Shereen Khoja, Mika Morgan, Ed Lindoo) to develop proposals before June.	Passed
4.2 Spring 2027 Business Meeting	Hold Spring 2027 Business Meeting online on Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 PM Pacific Time. Moved by Dave Largent, seconded by Mike Gousie.	Passed
5.2 Spring Elections	Conduct Spring 2026 elections May 1–31 using VotingPlace.net. Moved by Karen Works, seconded by Michael Shindler.	Passed
Strategic Marketing Discussion	Reconvene the marketing subcommittee to investigate external marketing options and report back at the Fall Board Meeting. Moved by Ben Tribelhorn, seconded by Karina Assiter.	Passed
Board Travel Opportunity	Provide travel support for board members who did not attend SIGCSE to attend another CCSC regional conference. Moved by Karen Works, seconded by Michael Shindler.	Passed (as amended)
Board Travel Amendment	Amend previous motion by adding a reimbursement cap of \$1,500 . Moved by Mike Gousie, seconded by Dave Largent.	Passed
11. Adjournment	Adjourn the meeting. Moved by Michael Shindler, seconded by Karen Works.	Passed

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Responsible	Timeline
Develop proposals for future Board meeting format (in-person/virtual balance) and circulate recommendations by email.	Shereen Khoja, Mika Morgan, Ed Lindoo	Before June 2026
Confirm the Fall 2026 Board Meeting date after the travel subcommittee reports.	CCSC Board	June 2026

Regain access to or establish a new VotingPlace.net account for Spring elections.	Bryan Dixon & Shereen Khoja	Before May 1, 2026
Conduct the Spring 2026 CCSC elections.	Shereen Khoja	May 1–31, 2026
Bring discussion of ConfTool review criteria to regional steering committees and gather feedback.	Regional Representatives	Prior to a future Board meeting
Explore automating membership statistics using ConfTool exports.	Membership Secretary	Future reporting cycle
Investigate external marketing and social media options and present recommendations.	Marketing Subcommittee (Ed Lindoo and Karen Works)	Fall 2026 Board Meeting
Implement the approved regional conference travel opportunity (up to \$1,500 reimbursement).	President & Treasurer	Spring/Fall 2026
Develop a proposal for a CCSC Student Chapter, including possible mentoring and networking opportunities.	Michael Flinn	Next Board Meeting

11 Adjournment

Moved by Michael Shindler. Seconded by Karen Works. Motion carried.