Present: See Attendees List below.

Meeting led by Tim DeClue. 
Minutes by Cecil Schmidt.

1. **Welcome and introductions:**
Tim DeClue called the meeting to order shortly after 11:00am.

2. **Regional Steering Board Meeting – Scott Sigman**

The Regional board meeting was called to order as well by Scott Sigman. Minutes for the April 4th and April 5th meeting were approved on a motion by Cecil Schmidt and seconded by Gary Schmidt.

Scott reported that Wen Hsin of Park will be on sabbatical for the 2010 conference which might pose a problem. In particular the local budget may be affected for the conference. Wen was not available for the meeting. If anyone has ideas about an alternate site, then please send these to Scott. Until this is resolved the conference dates for 2011 cannot be confirmed. Additionally, the budget cannot be put forward until this is resolved.

3. **Committee Assignments**

Tim DeClue brought up the business of committee assignments. Committee assignments were discussed and finalized. Tim has the finalized list and it is also presented below.

- Chair: Tim DeClue (SBU)
- Papers: Wen Hsin (Park), Khaled Alshare (Emporia), Phil Heeler (NWMSU)
- Regional Editor: Dean Sanders (NWMSU)
- Panels/Tutorials/Workshops: Ron McCleary (Avila), Tom Mertz (Kansas State)
- Programming Contest: Jim Cain (chair, SBU), Andy Staugaard (CofO), Scott Bell (NWMSU)
- Web Contest: Carol Spradling (NW) & Scott Sigman (Drury), Jim Buchan (CofO)
- Student Posters: Rick Barker (Washburn - chair), Rad Alrifaï (NE State Univ)
- Nifty Assignments: Mahmoud Yousef (UCM)
- Graduate School Relations: Carol Browning (Drury)
- Vendors Regional: Ernie Ferguson (NWMSU)
- Vendors Local: Baochuan Lu (SBU)
- Registration (Regional): Gary Schmidt (Washburn)
- Registration (Local): Jeff Kimball (SBU)
- National Rep: Scott Sigman (Drury)
- Secretary: Cecil Schmidt (Washburn)
• Regional Treasurer: Khaled Alshare (Emporia)
• Local Arrangements: Tim DeClue, Jeff Kimball, Jim Cain, Baochuan Lu (SBU all)
• Publicity: Tim DeClue (SBU)
• Webmaster: Chuck Pheatt (Emporia)

4. Budget

Tim presented the budget through the Central Desktop. The vendor cost was added to the budget at $100.00.

5. Draft CFP

Tim noted that the date of conference will be April 3-4, 2009. Tim posed the question about what needs to be changed from last year. It was agreed that we will follow the same routine for paper submission dates.

An addition question was posed concerning how we might address the K-12 community. Discussion ensued. David Pope agreed to spearhead an effort to advertise to and work with this community.

6. Student Contests

Tim noted the following budgets for the following student contests:

• Programming Contest ($30 entry fee per team)
• Web Contest ($10 entry fee per student)
• Corporate Sponsorships (See budget)

Scott suggested and the committee agreed that we use the minimum values for prizes for each of the contests.

Rick Barker will be pursuing possible funding for student posters from the ACM.

7. Lunch

A short lunch break (12:15 PM – 1:00 PM) occurred.

8. Deadlines for CFP

The CFP should be mailed out by 9/15/08. The following dates were agreed to as follows:

• Paper submission deadline: 12/1/08
• Abstracts (for panels, tutorials, workshops and nifty assignments) 12/1/08
• Reviews deadline: 12/23/08
• Acceptance notification deadline: 1/6/09
• Final version due: 1/26/09
• Early Registration deadline: 3/8/09
• Web contest deadline: 2/2/09 - 3/8/09
• Programming contest team reg: 3/15/09
• Student Posters: 3/15/09

9. Speakers

Tim has made a tentative contact with Jeff Jackson, Lead Software Architect with Intel Corporation. The committee agreed that Tim pursue him as the keynote speaker.

It was suggested that the committee pursue someone from a local company to speak. Tim will pursue Michael Newton from Motorola as a speaker. It was also noted that we should put the speaker as part of the CFP in order to improve attendance.

10. Pre/Post conference workshop

Scott suggested that we consider SIGCSE as a resource for a workshop. The Computer Science unplugged (Sorting Networks) will be pursued by Tim. Scott mentioned a Bioinformatics workshop. CSTA is another group that might be contacted, as suggested by Carol Spradling.

Tim will attempt to handle the post conference reviews.

11. Paper Reviews

This was already addressed in item 3.

12. January Meeting

The January meeting will be Jan 3, 2009 at SBU.

We also discussed a critique of Central Desktop. Tim will take comments via email.

13. Additional Items

Carol Spradling noted that Cerner will be donating $500 to the conference for the contests. Carol will be following up with them to be certain. Before we release names of the programming contests to businesses, we must get a release form from the student.

Andy noted that there is some confusion for students in the contests also registering for the conference. It was suggested that we modify the CFP to clarify the wording so that students understand the difference. Tim will contact Chuck so that this can be clarified.
Cecil Schmidt moved and Rick Barker seconded that the meeting be adjourned and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 1:54pm.

14. Facilities Tour

The official meeting portion ended around 1:54pm. Tim led a tour of the facilities that will be used for the 2008 conference.

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