

CCSC Fall 2025 Board Meeting

Fully Online

Saturday, November 1, 2025
8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific Daylight Time)

Virtual Meeting Link

Zoom:

1 Opening and Approval of the Agenda

In attendance: Bryan Dixon, Shereen Khoja, Haiyan Cheng, Mohamed Lotfy, Mika Morgan, Ed Lindoo, Karen Works, Mike Gousie, Gabriel Ferrer, Judy Mullins, Ben Tribelhorn, Dave Largent, Michael Flinn, Cathay Bareiss, Abbas Attarwala, George Dimitoglou, Karen Assiter, Mike Shindler

2 Welcome

New Members

Haiyan Cheng – Membership Secretary
Ben Tribelhorn - Northwestern Representative (kind of)
Gabe Ferrer - Midsouth Representative
Michael Gousie - Northeastern Representative

3 Future Board Meetings

3.1 Spring 2026 Meeting

The Spring 2026 Board of Directors **hybrid** meeting and the virtual CCSC Annual Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the SIGCSE Technical Symposium 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, February 18th, from 7 pm until 11 pm. The audit committee will meet before the meeting via Zoom so the Comptroller can bring issues to this meeting on the 18th. We voted to hold the CCSC Annual Business Meeting on Zoom the following Saturday after SIGCSE, so it would be on February 28th.

Reminder: CCSC will revise the current policy to cover only one night, rather than three. **CCSC will cover expenses for those members who will spend a significant amount of time working the booth. The details will be worked out after the meeting.**

3.2 Fall 2026 Meetings

In this order, we normally follow a sequence of meetings at the fall conference as approved at our last meeting: RM, EA, MW, SE, NW. Since we were supposed to hold this meeting at CCSC:EA, I think, to make scheduling easier, we should plan it for Thursday night, 7-11 pm, in the time zone of CCSC:MW, the night before their conference in Fall 2026.

Action Item: Approve that the Fall 2026 board meeting will be held virtually on the Thursday, before CCSC:MW. Ben Tribelhorn moved the motion, and Mika Morgan seconded. The motion carries.

4 Elections & Appointments

4.1 Nominating Committee

Two regional representatives are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will be chaired by the Vice President, Shereen Khoja.

Positions elected in the Spring of 2026:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Southwestern Representative
- Central Plains Representative
- Midwest Representative
- Eastern Representative

Action Item: Appoint two regional representatives whose terms do not expire in 2026 to the Nominating Committee for the 2026 Spring Elections.

Mika Morgan volunteered. Karen Works volunteered. The nominating committee is: Shereen Khoja, Karen Works, and Mika Morgan

5 Reports

Reporting procedure.

- 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.

5.1 Reports of the CCSC Officers

5.1.1 Report of the President (Bryan Dixon)

Nothing to report beyond what's on the agenda.

Respectively submitted,

Bryan Dixon, President

5.1.2 Report of the Vice President (Shereen Khoja)

[ACM In-Cooperation agreements](#) must be completed six months before the conference is held. I am currently processing the upcoming spring conferences. Note that the Conference and Program Chairs must have an ACM/SIG membership. Once the conference chair has received confirmation of the in-cooperation agreement, then the conference can display the [ACM In-Cooperation logos](#) on the conference website.

I also wanted to remind everyone that the results of all email voting is available on the CCSC Board website.

5.1.3 Report of the Treasurer (Ed Lindoo)

CCSC												
External Income and Expenses												
August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025												
Snapshot 5/27/25	CCSC	SE	EA	MW	NW	RM	SC	CP	MS	NE	SW	Total
Income												
45000 Investments												
45030 Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	5,367.58											
Total 45000 Investments	\$ 5,367.58											
46400 Other Types of Income						550.00		1,770.00				2,320.00
UPE Contribution		200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00	2,000.00
National partners		600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	6,000.00
Flat rate CCSC membership fee												0.00
CCSC Headcount charge												0.00
46430 Miscellaneous Revenue	2,271.50											0.00
Total 46400 Other Types of Income	\$2,271.50	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,570.00		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	9,520.00
47200 Program Income												0.00
47230 Direct Membership Dues		60.00		340.00				1,170.00				1,570.00
Total 47200 Program Income	.	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,170.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	1,570.00
PayPal Sales	5,540.00	10,930.00	20,880.00	8,665.00	6,060.00	2,925.00	4,430.00	10,445.00	4,855.00	16,620.00	4,755.00	90,565.00
Uncategorized Income	83.34			300.00								300.00
Total Income	\$ 7,894.84	\$ 11,790.00	\$ 21,680.00	\$ 10,105.00	\$ 6,860.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$5,230.00	\$14,185.00	\$ 4,855.00	\$ 17,420.00	\$ 5,555.00	101,955.00
Total Investments	\$ 5,367.58											
Gross Revenue	\$ 13,262.42	\$ 11,790.00	\$ 21,680.00	\$ 10,105.00	\$ 6,860.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$5,230.00	\$14,185.00	\$ 4,855.00	\$ 17,420.00	\$ 5,555.00	101,955.00
Expenses												
60900 Business Expenses												0.00
60920 Business Registration Fees	22.00		125.00									
60950 Reimbursed Conference expense					160.00	110.00				2,531.33		2,801.33
60951 catering		8,657.93	10,054.64	4,277.82	2,942.92	712.00	1,911.04	6,767.86	2,144.90	12,766.59	1,578.01	51,813.71
60958 conference supplies			408.76	33.63		240.33	333.00					
60962 facility & equip rentals	50.57											0.00
60965 Speaker & Entertainment		500.00	506.20	500.00			300.00	768.28		1,533.40		4,107.88
60967 awards		347.85		750.00			221.99	740.00	269.70		182.46	3,333.70
60971 signage and web expense	199.49									155.88		
60972 publicity materials & distribution										1,295.26		1,295.26
60975 conf travel & committee exp	1,337.78											0.00
60978 Other conference expense	1,336.34	115.00							275.00			390.00
Total 60950 Reimbursed Conference expense	\$ 2,924.18	\$ 9,620.78	\$ 11,094.60	\$ 5,561.45	\$ 3,102.92	\$ 1,062.33	\$2,766.03	\$ 8,276.14	\$ 2,689.60	\$ 19,104.16	\$ 1,760.47	65,038.48
60980 Journal Expense	275.00											
Total 60900 Business Expenses	\$ 3,199.18	\$ 9,620.78	\$ 11,219.60	\$ 5,561.45	\$ 3,102.92	\$ 1,062.33	\$2,766.03	\$ 8,276.14	\$ 2,689.60	\$ 19,104.16	\$ 1,760.47	65,163.48
62100 Contract Services												0.00
62110 Accounting Fees	3,857.73											
62150 Outside Contract Services	1,057.36											0.00
Total 62100 Contract Services	\$ 4,915.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
65000 Operations												0.00
65020 Postage, Mailing Services	16.20											
65040 Supplies	197.75											
65050 Telephone, Telecommunications												0.00
Total 65000 Operations	\$ 213.95	\$ 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	779.00											0.00
65160 Other Costs												0.00
65180 PayPal Fees	2,159.93											0.00
Total 65100 Other Types of Expenses	\$ 2,938.93	\$ 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												0.00
68320 Travel	35,013.40											0.00
Total 68300 Travel and Meetings	35,013.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sum Expenses	46,280.55	9,620.78	11,219.60	5,561.45	3,102.92	1,062.33	2,766.03	8,276.14	2,689.60	19,104.16	1,760.47	65,163.48
CCSC Fee Income												
Flat rate CCSC membership fee	10,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
Head-Count		51	92	77	47	32	22	50	29	54	19	473
CCSC Headcount charge	21,285.00	2,295.00	4,140.00	3,465.00	2,115.00	1,440.00	990.00	2,250.00	1,305.00	2,430.00	855.00	21,285.00
Total fee income	31,285.00	3,295.00	5,140.00	4,465.00	3,115.00	2,440.00	1,990.00	3,250.00	2,305.00	3,430.00	1,855.00	31,285.00
Gross Profit + Fee income	44,547.42	12,915.78	16,359.60	10,026.45	6,217.92	3,502.33	4,756.03	11,526.14	4,994.60	22,534.16	3,615.47	96,448.48
Net Operating Income (profit - expenses)	(1,733.13)	(1,125.78)	5,320.40	78.55	642.08	772.67	473.97	2,658.86	(139.60)	(5,114.16)	1,939.53	5,506.52
Net Result from regions	5,506.52											
Overall profit/loss	3,773.39											
Catering cost PP		169.76	109.29	55.56	62.62	22.25	86.87	135.36	73.96	236.42	83.05	

CCSC financial status as the end of July 31, 2025 (Fiscal year-end)

Assets & Liabilities		
As of July,31, 2025		
ASSETS:		
Bank of America Checking	\$5,259.28	
Bank of America CD	\$180,823.06	
PayPal	\$3,518.18	
Total Assets:		\$189,600.52
LIABILITIES:		
BoA Credit Card	\$0	
Total Liabilities:		\$0
NET BALANCE:		\$189,600.52

All accounts balanced and reconciled every month.

Notables:

- We did well with our CD's in 2024-25 at 4.7%. However, the rate dropped to 4% for a 7mo CD which expired 7/25 and renewed.
- This was approved at the last meeting:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion: Turn in receipts for reimbursement within two months. Reimbursements not accepted after 60 days not accepted.
Moved by Ed Lindoo, seconded by Michael Shindler. Motion is approved.

It has not been updated on our website.

Bottom line, we should change the standing rule to this:

13. In addition to duties defined in regional Bylaws, Regional Treasurers shall:
 - a. Submit proposed Conference Budgets to the Comptroller for CCSC Board approval by June 30th each year.
 - b. Submit all expense and reimbursement requests to the CCSC Treasurer within 60 days of the expense. Expenses submitted after 60 days will not be reimbursed.
 - c. Report, and submit for deposit to the appropriate CCSC financial account as designated by the CCSC Treasurer, any income collected regionally.
 - d. Reconcile local records of income and expenses with the CCSC financial accounting system by submitting an updated/FINAL budget to the CCSC Treasurer two-weeks prior to the local conference.
- Reminder, please have all Awards paid by gift cards.

- And finally, somewhere the by-laws should state that ultimately the region rep is responsible for ensuring that budgets are being met.

There were some questions on the income and expenses spreadsheet that required going into more depth than we had time for. Dave Largent, Ed Lindoo, and others will meet outside of the meeting to go over the details of the spreadsheet.

5.1.4 Report of the Publications Chair (Abbas Attarwala)

Nothing to report.

5.1.5 Report of the Membership Secretary (Haiyan Cheng)

Cathy who has arranged one virtual session to hand me over the past CCSC membership counting material and explained how she did it. We both agreed that the process is quite tedious and inefficient, counting on the regional conference secretary reporting back the local conference registration count.

I suggest we have a standard regional rep report template to facilitate the reporting procedure, including the registration member information.

The Board suggested that we form a subcommittee to create a checklist to send out to regional reps either twice or four times a year. One member suggested that regional reps be sent an acknowledgement that they had completed all items on the checklist. Another member mentioned that it might be helpful to have a specific deadline, like the June 30th deadline that we have for budgets. Perhaps we should have one deadline for all the items. Another suggestion was that perhaps it's best to do it as part of the conference wrap-up.

Ben Tribelhorn moved to form a subcommittee to create a checklist and a timeline to give to regional reps. Shereen Khoja seconded. Motion carries.

Committee membership: Haiyan Cheng, Shereen Khoja, Cathy Bareiss, Mike Shindler.

5.2 Regional Reports

5.2.1 Central Plains (Judy Mullins)

Regional Elections

In spring elections, Diana Linville was re-elected regional secretary. Eric Manley was elected regional webmaster. Their terms will expire in 2028.

Central Plains Conference 2025

Our 31st annual conference was held at Drake University in Des Moines, IA April 4-5, 2024. We were delighted to return to Iowa again!

A pre-conference workshop titled “*Teaching With AI (GPT)*.” sponsored by the SIGCSE Speaker’s Fund, was conducted by Carter Zenke, Harvard University and Rongxin Liu, Harvard University. The opening keynote speaker was Meredith Moore, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Drake University and host of the

CodeAbility podcast. Her talk was titled “*Accessible Computing: What every CS Educator Should Know.*” The banquet speaker was John Emmons, Director of AI at Salesforce. His talk was “AI Engineering: Lessons from the Frontlines.”

The conference sponsored a poster contest, a programming contest and a hackathon contest for students. We had one student paper presentation. Also featured were lightning talks, nifty assignments, a national partner session (ACM2Y), 1 tutorial and 1 panel. 10 papers were presented (53% acceptance rate).

Student Hackathon Contest Winners

24 teams from 15 schools competed in the hackathon. Teams were judged using the following three criteria:

1. Potential impact of the solution.
2. Embodiment of the Hackathon rules.
3. Quality of the presentations (Video and final presentation)

Winning teams and their products were:

- *Best in Show* – University of Missouri
- *Most Promising Solution* – York University
- *Honorable Mention* – Purple – Southwest Baptist University

Student Programming Contest Winners

The programming contest followed the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest format. The top three teams were awarded cash prizes partially sponsored by UPE.

Rank	Team
1	Concordia Blue from Concordia University, Seward, NE
2	Data-base from University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
3	Concordia Sky from Concordia University, Seward, NE

Of note, the top two teams each had just 2 members instead of the usual 3. And both members of the data-base team were women.

Student Poster Contest Winners

Graduate (tie):

YouTube Analytics: Optimizing Video Performance with PySpark - Sai Swetha Bodlapati, Akshitha Katyaini Reddy Akkireddy

Desocial: Redefining Connection with Decentralized Trust - Sudha Sravya Gandla, Deepika Mukku

Undergraduate:

First place

Bridging the Gap Between Real-World and Synthetic Domains in Semantic Segmentation

Sean Chen, Nico Gonnella, Nicholas Haisler, Haris Mehuljic, Khalid Mohammed

Second place

Optimizing Analog Computation: A Smart Dual-Railing Approach for Efficient Compilation
Garrett Provence, Khalid Mohammed, Nicholas Haisler

Third place

Evaluating the Efficacy of Body Doubling for ADHD Using a Brain-Computer Interface
Ryan Schuenke

Central Plains Conference 2026

We are happy to announce that the 2026 conference will be hosted by Drury University in Springfield, MO. April 10-11, 2026. Scott Sigman and Padmavathi Iyer will act as conference co-chairs. Call for participation will include papers, panels and workshops, nifty assignments, works in progress and student papers and posters. The conference will also feature a student hackathon as well as a programming contest.

Full conference details may be found at <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains>.

Future Conferences

The host for the 2027 conference will be Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. with Diana Linville acting as conference chair.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Mullins
Central Plains Representative

5.2.2 Eastern (Michael Flinn)

This report is being written and submitted just before our 41st Annual Regional Conference, held October 24–25, 2025, in person at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania. The conference is being chaired by Dr. Vitaly Ford and Dr. Yanxia Jia.

This year’s conference promises to be another exciting event for the Eastern Region. We are projecting over 60 attendees, authors, and presenters, along with more than 50 students from across the region. We expect close to 40 collegiate programming teams and up to 15 Capture the Flag (CTF) teams, reflecting strong, growing participation from both faculty and students.

The 2025 conference features an exceptional program lineup, including 15 accepted faculty papers, 6 student papers, 9 faculty posters, over 30 student posters, 3 tutorials or panels, 2 workshops, and several Nifty Ideas and lightning talks.

The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Chaomei Chen, presenting “Macroscopic Patterns of Change [Disruptive Technologies].” The Banquet Speaker will be Dr. Tom Way, speaking on “The Magic of Computer Science.” New and returning attendees can look forward to an energetic weekend full of collaboration, presentations, and friendly competition.

The Cybersecurity Capture the Flag competition will be hosted on Frostburg State University’s instance of the US Cyber Range, continuing our partnership with this hands-on learning platform. The physical

space can accommodate up to 15 teams of six in this Jeopardy-style challenge, with trophies awarded to the top three teams. Because of the overwhelming success of this event, the committee plans to increase next year's CTF team registration fee from \$80 to \$160 to ensure that future competitions can include gift card prizes.

The Collegiate Programming Competition will be held Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 AM to 12:50 PM, followed by lunch and the awards ceremony. We expect to fill the host's space with close to 40 teams of 3 students. Prizes are again being sponsored by Upsilon Pi Epsilon, awarding: first place, three \$100 gift cards, second place, three \$75 gift cards, and third place, three \$50 gift cards. This year, we plan to add a runner-up prize of \$25 gift cards.

One of the most exciting aspects of this year's conference is the exceptionally strong student participation and engagement. With more student presenters, posters, and competitors than ever before, the Eastern conference will become academically rewarding and exceptionally fun for all participants.

The Eastern Region continues to grow, with several institutions already scheduled to host future conferences:

Fall 2026 – Bowie State University, October 16-17, 2026 Tentatively

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

Planning discussions are already underway for 2029 and 2030, ensuring continued regional stability and enthusiasm.

Eastern Website: <http://www.ccsc-eastern.org>

Eastern on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ccsceastern>

Past Conferences: <http://www.ccsc-eastern.org/past-conferences>

This report is respectfully submitted by Michael B. Flinn, Eastern Regional Representative, on this wet and rainy October day, as we look forward to a dry Halloween.

5.2.3 Midsouth (Gabe Ferrer)

Late last year Ed Lindoo, Scott Sigman, and Mike Flinn put feelers out and found a great venue to restart the Mid-South conference. The University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. The conference was held on Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12.

Financially we did well considering this conference has been down for 5 years. In the end we were \$140 in the red (due to higher than expected on-campus catering costs), however, with that the conference did contribute \$2,305 to CCSC.

Other highlights:

CCSC Mid-South Conference Attendance and Growth

The 2025 CCSC Mid-South Conference exceeded expectations with 43 total registrations—more than double the number anticipated. This strong turnout reflects a renewed energy in the region and led to several promising leads for future conferences. Lipscomb University has committed to hosting the 2026 conference April 10-11, with Dr. Susan Hammond serving as conference chair. Additionally, Southeast Missouri University has expressed interest in hosting in 2027. The region also welcomed Dr. Gabe Ferrer as the new Mid-South Representative, strengthening the leadership team and ensuring continued momentum.

Program Highlights and Future Directions

This year's conference featured 26 paper submissions (Blind), 16 of which were accepted for presentation, resulting in an acceptance rate of approximately 61.5%. Two student papers were submitted, and both were included in the program to recognize and encourage undergraduate scholarship. Authors whose papers were not accepted for formal presentation were invited to share their work through the poster session.

In addition to the paper presentations, the program included two tutorials and one hands-on workshop, offering attendees opportunities for skill-building and professional development. The 2026 conference at Lipscomb is already planning to host a collegiate student programming competition and may include a Capture the Flag (CTF) cybersecurity challenge. Conference organizers are also exploring new ways to enrich the regional experience through panels, lightning talks, and other dynamic session formats that foster engagement and collaboration.

Students from the University of the Ozarks, Drury University, Arkansas Tech University presented student posters and student papers. Students Bridgewater State University, Haverford College, and Ohio Wesleyan University authored papers that were selected for publication by our double-blind review process. One of these papers, Esquematico: A functional programming language for native Spanish speakers, was selected as the Best Paper among the professional papers submitted. The results for the student categories follow:

Student Papers: Best Paper - Casidy Bates & Sebastian Gonzales, Drury University, School Spirit: Bringing interaction to modern movies through the use of a tree-based application in Unreal Engine

Student Posters: Best Poster - Md Shaba Sayeed, Arkansas Technical University, AI-Driven solution: Empowering seniors against cyberthreats

Best Faculty Paper – Attarwala, Lindoo, A Study Exploring the Use of LEGO® and Scratch to Engage Middle School Students in Programming

Website for the region: <https://ccsc-midsouth.github.io/>

Regional Committee:

Regional Representative: Gabriel Ferrer, Hendrix College

Webmaster: Mark Goadrich, Hendrix College

Treasurer: Ed Lindoo, for now, until we can find someone in the region

Registrar & Editor: Looking for both

Conference Committee:

Position	Volunteer	Institution
Conference Chair	Susan Hammond	Lipscomb University
Papers Chair	Robin Ghosh	Arkansas Tech University
Poster Chair	Kriti Chauhan	Austin Peay State University
Workshops/Tutorials/Panels Chair	Olivera Grujic	California State University - Stanislaus
Exhibitors Chair	Mario Guimares	Southeast Missouri State University
Publicity Chair	Rao Li	University of South Carolina - Aiken

5.2.4 Midwest (David Largent)

2025 Conference

We held our **32nd CCSC-MW regional conference** on September 19-20, 2025⁴, at **Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana**, accommodating both onsite and virtual participation of presenters and attendees. The conference included...

- 1 keynote address and 1 dinner address
- 18 paper submissions with 13 selected and presented (72%)
- 2 tutorials, 1 roundtable, and 1 panel
- 4 nifty assignment presentations
- 7 works in progress presentations
- 1 pre-conference workshop
- 3 vendor presentations
- Student showcase competition, with 3 presentations, representing 3 institutions
- Student hackathon, with 13 teams competing, representing 6 institutions

We had the following people participate in the conference.

	Onsite	Virtual	Total
Students	11	38	49
Non-students	44	20	64
Total	55	58	113

Our **keynote speaker was Clark Cully** from Indiana Wesleyan University, whose presentation was entitled “Computer Scientists as Innovators: A Call for Transformational Leadership.”

Our **dinner speaker was James K. Huggins** from Kettering University. His presentation was entitled “Good Artists Copy, Great Artists Steal: My Top Stolen Teaching Tips.”

We replaced our traditional Student Programming Contest with a **Hackathon** this year. The competition was divided into two tracks (novice and regular), to provide a more even playing field for those with less experience. The winners were:

Novice - 1st Place

Axolotl - Augustana College

Regular - 1st Place

Mavericks 3 - Minnesota State University - Mankato

Regular - 2nd Place

Dugong - Augustana College

Regular - 3rd Place

Bandicoot - Augustana College

The results from the judging of the undergraduate **Student Showcase** follow.

Application Track: 1st Place

“Audalis - Hyperacusis Testing and Therapy”

Drishtant Bhandari, Augustana College

Discovery Track: 1st Place

“Effects of AI Workshop on CS Students’ Perceptions of AI”

Cheyenne Huggins, Purdue University

Discovery Track: 2nd Place

“Bias”

George Beblo, Butler University

The annual **Midwest Region General Business Meeting** was held after our dinner address and included selecting new regional officers. We elected Deborah Hwang to continue as our Registrar, and Michael Rogers to continue as our Webmaster. Both terms end in 2028.

I thank the **2025 conference committee** for their work producing another great conference:

Position	Name	Institution
Conference Chair	Paul Talaga	University of Indianapolis
Vice Conference Chair	Zachary Kurmas	Grand Valley State University
Past Conference Chair	Jeff Lehman	Huntington University
Site Chair	Colin McKinney	Wabash College
Site Chair (Assistant)	William Turner	Wabash College
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 (Asst.)	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 (2025)	University of Evansville
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	Michael Rogers (2025)	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

National Editor Concern

Our Regional Editor was new to the position this year and thus had more questions than normal about the process. When he sought answers on our national site(s), he found conflicting and out of date information. Additionally, he experienced extremely slow/non-existent responses from our National Editor when trying to obtain answers or resolve issues.

Future Conferences

We expect to hold our fall 2026 conference at the University of Findlay but are yet to establish the date. We also have tentative commitments from two other institutions for 2027 and 2028 but are not yet ready to announce those locations.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Largent, Midwest Regional Representative

5.2.5 Northeastern (Michael Gousie)

2025 Conference

CCSC Northeast held its 29th annual conference at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY, on April 4-5, 2025. Although smaller in size, the conference ran smoothly under the co-chairs Adita Kulkarni (SUNY Brockport) and Jim Teresco (Siena University). One issue was that the university wanted Jim to sign the catering contract on behalf of CCSC. In the past, it seems CCSC handled this, and Jim was unsure as to the validity of his signing for the national conference. It would be good to get some clarity on this matter.

Unfortunately, the conference saw 40% lower attendance than the year prior. This was foreseen, however, because SUNY Brockport is on the far western edge of the Northeast's region. There were 136 registrations, 80 of which were students. We also had two vendors. The conference hosted Dan Brown from the University of Waterloo as the Friday plenary speaker. His talk "Generative AI and Algorithmic Bias" was, of course, very timely, and generated many questions from the audience, especially from students. The Saturday speaker was Sonia Lopez Alarcon from the Rochester Institute of Technology. She spoke on "Quantum Computing Interfaces: Challenges and Opportunities for Everyone." The audience of 38 was larger and more engaged than in previous years.

This year's conference program included 10 papers from 21 submissions for an acceptance rate of 48%. Although the number of accepted papers was lower than we would like, it was in line compared to several years prior to the pandemic. The program also included three workshops, two tutorials, 8 lightning talks (a new feature), and 10 faculty posters. Lastly, there was also a panel discussion which was part of the "faculty cohort" initiative, in this case the theme being software engineering. The panel was very well attended. As for the undergraduate program, there were 52 posters and 12 programming contest teams.

On a negative note, the conference lost over \$5000 this year. The number of attendees was overestimated resulting in higher costs for the banquet catering. Because of the shortfall, a letter was sent from Bryan Dixon, CCSC President, to the Northeast conference co-chairs Adita Kulkarni and James Teresco. The Board of CCSCNE found the letter to be inappropriate as well as inaccurate. The Board members take the fiduciary responsibilities seriously and always strive to do the best we can in terms of estimating attendance and the resulting costs. In fact, in the past, the Northeast conference has almost always shown a profit of at least several thousand dollars. The Northeast Board, signed by all members, sent a letter in reply stating its position. In any event, and even though the members of the Northeast Board completely supported him, the letter compelled Jim Teresco to step down as Chair. As per the rules, during the April CCSCNE meeting, Mike Gousie as Regional Representative became Interim Chair and immediately appointed Rick Kline (Emeritus, Pace University) as the new Chair.

2026 Conference

The Thirtieth Annual CCSCNE conference will be held on April 10-11, 2026 at Smith College in Northampton, MA. Conference chairs are Jordan Crouser (Smith College) and Adita Kulkarni (SUNY Brockport). In light of the last conference's budget shortfall, CCSCNE is raising faculty registration by \$15 to \$190 and student registration by \$10 to \$75. Since catering is a major budget driver, the Board has been careful about trying not to overestimate attendance. However, we do feel that the location of Smith College is in a much more accessible location from many of the institutions normally in attendance that we increased the number of attendees in the proposed budget but not up to historic levels. These changes hopefully will ensure a more balanced budget.

Due to shifting interests and the Board's desire to increase attendance, the conference is inviting papers in two tracks this year: Computer Science Education & Pedagogy (traditional papers) and Demo & Applied Computing (new). Similarly, the call for student posters now calls for independent research (traditional) and innovative development (new).

Other news

As Mike Gousie was elected as Northeast Regional Representative, he stepped down as Faculty Cohorts Co-Chair. Ali Erkan remains in the role, but is currently reassessing how to proceed. CCSCNE has completed the process of creating a Google organization used for emails for the Board and conference committee members, as well as central storage for all documents.

Finally, CCSCNE has had discussions regarding the policy of Board and/or committee members submitting items to the conference. It would benefit all regions if there were a policy instituted by the national Board or, perhaps, just using SIGCSE's policy.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Gousie
Northeast Region Representative

5.2.6 Northwestern (Ben Tribelhorn)

The [CCSC-NW 2025 Conference](#) was a success. St. Martin's University hosted the conference on October 10-11, 2025 in Lacey, Washington.

- **Conference Chair** – Radana Dvorak - RDvorak@stmartin.edu – St. Martin's University
- **Site Chair** - Richard Weiss - weissr@evergreen.edu - The Evergreen State College
- **Program Chair** - David Pouliot - pouliotd@sou.edu - Southern Oregon University
- **Papers Chair** - Lucas Cordova - lpcordova@willamette.edu - Willamette University
- **Panels & Tutorials Chair** - John Stratton - strattja@whitman.edu - Whitman College
- **Speaker's Chair** - Richard Weiss - weissr@evergreen.edu - The Evergreen State College
- **Partners Chair** - Peter Drake - drake@lclark.edu - Lewis & Clark University
- **Student Posters Chair** - Fred Agbo - fjagbo@willamette.edu - Willamette University

The program was composed of 11 peer-reviewed papers, 5 tutorials or panels, 2 partner presentations, and a keynote address by Dr. Ameeta Agrawal, Director of the NLP Lab and Assistant Professor at Portland State University, who will delivered a talk on a timely topic; "LLMs and the Shifting Landscape of CS Education". All submissions underwent a rigorous peer review process, with 11 out of 17 papers being accepted, resulting in an acceptance rate of 65%.

There were 65 total in-person participants, among them 26 were students.

There were 13 student posters presented, with 3 competition winners:

3rd place: Paper 7 --> Hallway Annoyance or Respectful Helper? Roaming Robots: The Integration of Robots in a Campus-like Environment (authors: **Vincent Le, Kira Mettler, Jonathan Ochoa**)

2nd place: Paper 3 --> OCEAN_404: Restoration of Latent Marine Kinematics from Incomplete Vector Observable (authors: **David Luna Güitron, Drew Sims, Matthew Helmer**)

1st place: Paper 6 --> Standardizing Numerical Attributes of Biomedical Sample Metadata Using Large Language Models (author: **Meghan Buchanan**)

Planning for 2026 conference:

The CCSC-NW 2026 conference is tentatively planned to be hosted at Whitman. Specific dates are TBD. The conference committee will be:

- **Conference Chair** - John Stratton - strattja@whitman.edu - Whitman College
- **TBD**

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Tribelhorn, Northwest Regional Representative

5.2.7 Rocky Mountain (Mohamed Lotfy)

34th Rocky Mountain Region Conference 2025

The thirty fourth CCSC Rocky Mountain Region Conference will be held face-to-face on October 17-18, 2025, at Utah Valley University (UVU). We received 26 paper submissions on a variety of topics, of which 18 papers were accepted for presentation at the conference. Multiple reviewers, using a double-blind paper review process, reviewed all submitted papers for the conference. The review process resulted in an acceptance rate of 69%. 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.

The website for the conference is at <http://www.ccsc.org/rockymt/>. The program can be found at https://ccsc.org/rockymt/CCSCRM2025program_V4.pdf.

The following were the members of the conference committee:

The Regional board for the CCSC RM 2025

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
Student Programming/Cybersecurity Competition Chair: Dave Loper
Student Posters Chair: Michael Leverington & Ranjidha Rajan

35th Rocky Mountain Region Conference 2026

At the time of this report, the location of the CCSC RM 35th conference is still being finalized. The conference dates will be October 16-17, 2026.

The 35th CCSC Rocky Mountain Region Conference 2026 Board:

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, Xi Chen & Md Razuan Hossain
Registrar: Ed Lindoo
Conference chair(s): Xi Chen & Jenny Nehring,
Site Chair(s): TBD
Program Chair: Mohamed Lotfy & Imtiaz Parvez
Student Posters Chair: Michael Leverington & Ranjidha Rajan
Student Programming/Cybersecurity Competition Chair: David Loper

Regional Notes

- The first student programming and cybersecurity competitions were conducted during the CCSC RM 34th conference. Seventeen students participated in the programming competition and twenty students participated in the “capture the flag” Cybersecurity competition.

Yearly Summary

Year	Submissions	Papers				Panels/Tutorials/Workshops				Registrations				
		Total	Accept	Reject	Rate %	Total	Accept	Reject	Rate %	Total	Region	Students	Board	Partner
2013	18	13	11	2	84.62%	5	5	0	100.00%					
2014	21	19	16	3	84.21%	2	2	0	100.00%	31	23	3	0	5
2015	30	24	17	7	70.83%	6	6	0	100.00%	29	25	4	0	0
2016	19	16	11	5	68.75%	3	3	0	100.00%	29	23	5	0	1
2017	31	24	18	6	75.00%	7	6	1	85.71%	48	33	1	13	1
2018	25	21	14	7	66.67%	4	4	0	100.00%	22	21	1	0	1
2019	17	14	10	4	71.43%	3	3	0	100.00%	30	28	1	0	1
2020	24	19	12	7	63.16%	5	3	2	60.00%	19	17	1	0	1
2021	20	17	11	6	64.71%	3	3	0	100.00%	19	18	0	0	1
2022	16	13	9	4	69.23%	3	2	1	66.67%	19	17	1	0	1
2023	19	14	9	4	64.29%	5	5	0	100.00%	20	19	0	0	1
2024	20	14	9	4	64.29%	4	4	0	100.00%	32	19	2	9	2
2025	30	26	18	8	69.23%	2	2	0	100.00%	29	24	2	0	3

Respectfully submitted,
Mohamed Lotfy, PhD
Rocky Mountain Region Representative.

5.2.8 South Central (Mika Morgan)

South Central Regional Report

Mika Morgan

2025 Conference

The 36th Annual CCSC South Central Conference was hosted at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana on Friday, April 4, 2025. The conference site/program chair was Vipin Menon. The program included papers, a nifty assignment, and a poster session.

There were 26 submitted papers of which 12 were selected, for an acceptance rate of 46%; 1 nifty assignment was submitted and accepted. The keynote, "The Role of AI in our Modern Lives, Especially in Education" was presented by three speakers: Joshua Tannehill, Justin Robertson, and Britton Leggett.

2026 Conference

The 37th Annual CCSC South Central Conference will once again be at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana on Friday, April 24, 2026. The conference site/program chair will be Vipin Menon.

2026 Conference Dates:

Important Dates for the South Central Region	
February 09, 2026	Last day to submit professional papers for review.
February 16, 2026	Papers released to reviewers.
February 27, 2026	Paper reviews due
February 27, 2026	Last day to submit proposals for workshops, tutorials and Nifty Assignments
March 02, 2026	Steering Committee meeting to decide 2026 Agenda . (5:00 pm meeting)
March 03, 2026	Authors are notified via email about submission status (acceptance/rejection)
March 09, 2026	Final electronic versions of accepted professional papers, and tutorials/workshops due for publication. (LaTeX only)
March 09, 2026	Professional and student author (papers/tutorials/workshops presenters) registrations due. (late registration fee after this date)
April 06, 2026	Posters Due
April 24, 2026	Conference at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana

2026 Conference Costs:

- \$160/\$175,
 - o \$160 until 3/27/2026
 - o \$175 3/28/2026 through conference
- \$75 for student & retirees

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
 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 / Tutorials / Nifty 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**

Respectfully submitted,
 Mika Morgan, South Central Regional Representative

5.2.9 Southeastern (Karen Works)

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Fall 2025 CCSC: Southeastern Conference

The 39th CCSC Southeastern Conference is scheduled for November 7-8, 2025, hosted by Mercer University in Macon, GA.

Andy Digh (Mercer University) is the site chair, local arrangements chair, local publicity chair, and the speaker's chair. He is supported by Cristina Petruso, (vendors and local sponsor's chair, Mercer), Andy Digh (programming contest co-director, Mercer), Ethan McGee (programming contest co-director,

Senior Backend / Platform Engineer for Yubico), Fahad Sultan (student research contest director, Furman), Steven Benzel (nifty assignments co-chair, University of North Georgia) and Robert Lutz (nifty assignments co-chair, Piedmont University).

Karen Works (Florida State University) is chairing the regional board; Adam Lewis (Athens) is the program chair. Other regional board members are Tania Roy (treasurer, North Central Florida), Mark Hill (publicity, Appalachian State University), Jeanie French (local registrar, Coastal), and Jonathan Cazalas (member at large, Florida Southern).

The scheduled program includes 18 reviewed papers, 4 workshops, a panel discussion, a National Partner presentation, presentations by the student research contest participants, and our Nifty Assignments session. We have had a packed program of four sessions with three to four tracks each.

A total of 57 regular papers were submitted (a nice improvement from 40 last year, 28 the year before) of which 18 were accepted, for an acceptance rate of 31.6%, compared to 23% in 2024, compared to 50% in 2023, 60% in 2022, 50% in 2021, 54% in 2020, 62% in 2019, 55% in 2018, 60% in 2017, 52% in 2016, 57.1% in 2015, 54.5% in 2014, 46.8% in 2013 and 2012 and 60% in 2011. (The acceptance rate for tutorials/workshops/panels was 100% -- 5 of 5 submissions.) We are pretty happy with these numbers and hope to continue to build on them.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Andy Digh (Mercer University). The banquet address will be given by Dr. Sean Oesch (Senior Scientist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory).

Student activities consist of a programming contest (co run by Andy Digh and Ethan McGee) and a student research contest (run by Fahad Sultan).

The number of participants in our 32nd annual programming contest is down. The biggest draw to the conference is our programming contest.

Due to circumstances beyond our control ACM is hosting their programming contest the same weekend.

This has affected our numbers.

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	2024	2025
Number of Teams Competing	25	15
Number of Students	90	58
Number of Conference Attendees	65	49

We are still set to have a great conference and be within our budget but clearly estimating the CCSC SE budget based upon our previous year is not sound in our case.

2026-.... CCSC: Southeastern Conference

ETSU will host in 2026 (having last hosted in 1996), and Florida State University Panama City will host in 2027 for the 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 – Our changes in leadership are Ethan McGee (programming contest director, Senior Backend / Platform Engineer for Yubico). We hope to bring on more new volunteers and have them mentored by our seasoned leaders.

Overall, Health of the Region – Our membership seems to be stagnant. We experienced a significant drop in submissions nine years ago, and 2020 now seems to have been an outlier. We have been seeing a trend wherein the only registered participants are those who are co-authors (or programming team sponsors), and a trend of scrambling for hosts. Consequently, I have concerns about our long-term health. We are exploring ways of conveying the intrinsic value of our conference to a wider audience. I hope to discuss with other representatives marketing approaches.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Works
Southeastern Regional Representative

5.2.10 Southwestern (Michael Shindler)

Regional Officers:

- Regional Chair: Joshua Gross, CSU Monterey Bay
- Treasurer and Registrar: Michael Doherty, University of the Pacific
- Regional Representative: Michael Shindler, University of California, Irvine
- Webmaster: Megan Thomas, CSU Stanislaus

2025 Conference

7 papers were accepted (out of 13 papers submitted), nifty assignments, lightning talks, partner talk from Rephactor and ACM2Y and ACM CCECC, four tutorial/panel sessions, poster session.

Southwestern Conference 2026 (upcoming)

- Location: University of California, Riverside
- Date: March 27-28, 2026
- **Conference Organizers (tentative):**
 - **Conference and also Site Chair:**
Mariam Salloum, UC Riverside, mariam.salloum@ucr.edu

- **Papers Chair:** Megan Thomas, CSU Stanislaus, mthomas@csustan.edu
- **Nifty Tools & Assignments Chair:** Joshua Gross, CSU Monterey Bay jgross@csumb.edu
- **Posters Chair:** Ashley Pang, UC Riverside, ashley.pang001@email.ucr.edu
- **Speakers Chair:** Michael Shindler, UC Irvine, mikes@uci.edu
- **Panels/Tutorials Chair:** Olivera Grujic, ogrujic@csustan.edu
- **Lightning Talk Chair:** Shirin Haji Amin Shirazi, shaji007@ucr.edu
- **Partner's Chair:** Michael Shindler, UC Irvine, mikes@uci.edu

Conference Dates

- Paper Submissions: Monday, December 1, 2025
- Panel/Tutorial Submission: Monday, December 15, 2025
- Paper Reviews: Friday December 29, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: Wednesday, January 7, 2026
- Camera Ready Copy and Copyright Forms Due: Monday, February 2, 2026
- Lightning Talk Abstract Submission: Monday, March 7, 2026
- Nifty Tools and Assignment Talks: Monday, February 2, 2026
- Student Posters: March 9, 2026

5.3 Other Reports

5.3.1 CCSC Susan Dean Distinguished Service Award Committee (Mohamed Lotfy)

[Description of the award, past winners, and nomination procedures are on the website.](#)

Action item: form the committee.

Committee consists of: Mohamed, Michael Flinn, and Amos Gichamba.

Regional reps, please nominate people and describe why. Please nominate by December 1st.

5.3.2 Comptroller (George Dimitoglou)

A. Conference Proposed Budgets

In accordance with the Board's vote during the Spring 2024 Board Meeting (Sec. 8.3 *Change in Budget Process*), proposed conference budgets are to be submitted by June 30th each year. This was the second cycle implementing this process, and it seems to have worked well, providing clarity on when the proposed budgets are due.

As of the filing of this report, Table 1 below reflects the status of the submitted conference budgets for 2025-2026. If any of the contact information in the table is incorrect or is about to change 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	n/a
Midwest	MW	Dominic Wilson	dominic.wilson@findlay.e	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.ec	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)	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.

B. Audit Committee

Please reach out to any colleagues who would be interested in serving on the audit committee for the Spring audit activities. The audit activities are concrete, well-bounded in terms of time commitment, and conducted online before the Spring Board meeting. Those interested, please email me: dimitoglou@hood.edu.

C. Annual Audit Report

The Audit Committee will present the annual audit report for the 2024-2025 budget year during the Spring 2026 Board meeting. The annual audit will be completed before the Board meeting. As such, there will be no need to make a room reservation for the audit review during SIGCSE. The Comptroller will report on the audit during the Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

George Dimitoglou
CCSC Comptroller

5.3.3 UPE Liaison (Ed Lindoo)

We have received \$2,000 from UPE.

5.3.4 Report of the National Partners Chair (Karina Assiter)

National Partners 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	Gold	2,000	9/13/2023	5/31/2025	6/30/2025		6/30/2026	Joint and ACM2Y ACM

	Gold membership								CCECC Gold Membership.
√	Blossoms	Gold	2,000	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	5/4/2025	6/30/2026	
√	Rephactor	Gold	2,000	5/17/2022	7/7/2025	7/14/2025		6/30/2026	
		Total Income	6,000						

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.

Changes

The following 2024-2025 national partners did not renew in 2025-2026:

- CodeGrade
- CodeZinger
- GitHub.

Survey Feedback

Please see the included file: **CCSC National Partners End-of-Year (2024-2025) Survey.**

Discussions

- It would be ideal for regions to have a local contact for national partners, possibly a vendor chair for the region, who
 - Has a **term of a few years or more** (and trains the next person)
 - Understands the National Partner program
 - Understands the registration process for national partners
 - Knows where to look on the CCSC website for the **current national partner list**
 - Knows who to reach out to for the national partners **contact information** (which would be the current CCSC national Partner chair).
 - Verifies that the National Partners list on the **regional website** is up-to-date.

Regional reps are in charge of all the above. These items will be added to the checklist for regional reps. A board member suggested that there is a conference rep who is in charge of all communication with National Partners, but the rep includes the host names and email addresses.

- Should we put national **partner contact details** on our website (i.e., emails?).
- National Partner benefit of **presentation sessions** seems to promise **45 or 90 minutes** (see below). But 45 and 90 minutes can't always be accommodated, depending on region (can it ever?). What is a more realistic amount of time?
 - **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**

Suggestions from the board:

- use the number of paper sessions rather than a specific time.
- include an asterisk that says there will be variances between conferences depending on the size of the conference and the number of tracks.
- add a minimum (at least xx minutes and not to exceed xx minutes)

Karina Assiter will work on the specific wording and bring one or two options forward for the board to vote on before the Spring 2026 board meeting. The vote will be conducted via email.

Respectfully submitted,

Karina Assiter, National Partners Chair

10 minute break. Return at x:56am

6 Old Business

6.1 Strategic Plan Proposals

From the Spring 2025 meeting there was a plan to present strategic proposals.

Reminder, this is the discussion for how to use the surplus in the CCSC budget.

Action item: form the committee. Karen Works, Ed Lindoo, and Judy Mullins volunteered.

Committee will report back at the Spring 2026 Board Meeting.

Suggestion:

- Either Ed Lindoo or George Dimitoglou should be on the committee.
- Come up with a plan to give out some money each year so that we only carry so much a year.
- Use the money to support new attendees.

6.2 Outreach to New Faculty

Updates from Shereen (chair), Mohamed, and Cathy regarding recommendations regarding these initiatives.

- The goal is to reach out to people beyond SIGCSE. There are educators in related fields such as in IT, Cyber, AI, or Data Science.
- Are there mailing lists that we can utilize?
- Mohamed Lotfy said he could reach out to SIGITE
- Shereen Khoja will look into In-Cooperation agreements SIGITE. Mohamed Lotfy will connect Shereen Khoja to SIGITE board members.

6.3 Website/Domain Issues

Our webmaster is becoming concerned about the domain registration, etc. I know it was discussed at one point about Bryan Dixon staying on as an appointed, like Chief Technology Officer, since I manage most of our Google Workspace issues, and could also take over the Domain registration as part of that. I think potentially long-term, we might soon have time to migrate our website to a Google site and then take on webmaster duties if wanted then too.

Is this something the board would like me to do when my term finishes? If not we have a proposed solution for who/where to register the domain, etc soon?

Motion: Shereen Khoja moved to appoint Bryan Dixon as the Chief Technology Officer (maintain the web, domain registration, and Google Workspaces) after his term as president ends. Judy seconded. Bryan Dixon accepted the nomination. Motion carries.

Future action item: articulate Standing Rule for Chief Technology Officer. Bring the Standing Rule to the Spring Board meeting or earlier via email.

6.4 Virtual Conference

Do we want to organize a virtual summer conference, maybe the best papers of all the regions for the year? Cathy and Haiyan might have some other thoughts.

Question: how many people attended the water coolers? Answer: around 5-10 people per meeting.

Have not heard a big demand for a return of the water coolers.

Discussion on whether regions require paper presenters to attend in person and/or pay for registration.

Concern that if we open this up for new papers, then that might reduce attendance at the regional conferences.

Concern that this will be a lot of additional work.

This might be beneficial for presenters at regional conferences as they now have another presentation opportunity with a potentially wider audience.

Suggestion: hold two virtual conferences with the top two papers from each regional conference. How do we determine the top two papers? Use the reviews from conftool. Leave it up to the regions to determine how to pick the papers.

Suggestion: I like the idea of panels and tutorials as well.

Question: What is a good length for the virtual conference? Depends on the number of tracks. With three concurrent sessions, the conference could be 3-3.5 hours long.

Concern: some institutions are not accepting this work as publication. It's more exposure though, and could be categorized as an 'invited talk'. Not weighted as heavy as full publication. This would be a national conference vs. a regional conference. CCSC and this conference is important for the sharing of ideas.

Motion: Michael Flinn makes a motion to **pilot a virtual conference for invited speakers from each region for a summer 2026 CCSC virtual showcase**. Cathy Bareiss will run the conference and Michael Flinn will help. Conference organizing committee: Cathy Bareiss, Michael Flinn, and Bryan Dixon. Shereen Khoja seconded the motion. Mike Gousie abstained. Motion carries. Thanks everyone!!

6.5 MFA for CCSC Google Workspace Accounts

Reminder: MFA for all CCSC Google Workspace Accounts is enabled, and you need to set it up.

7 New Business

7.1 Co-Publication Chair Standing Rule

Need to vote on the proposed Co-Publication Chair standing Rule:

Here is a draft **Standing Rule** (to be adopted or modified by the Board) that allows a **Co-Publication Chair** to share duties with the "Publication Chair." Because the Bylaws already allow for *Associate Editors* to assist the Publications Chair, this standing rule would formalize an additional role with a parallel (co-chair) structure, provided it does not conflict with the Bylaws.

Proposed Standing Rule: Co-Publication Chair

1. Purpose.

To permit the Board to appoint or elect a Co-Publication Chair who shares the duties of the Publications Chair, to distribute workload or enhance continuity, while preserving the authority and responsibilities of the Publications Chair as defined in the Bylaws.

2. Appointment / Election.

a. The Co-Publication Chair shall be appointed by the Board (or elected by the Board if preferred), at the same time or after the Publications Chair is selected. If a Publication Chair is already in their term, and no Co-Publication Chair exists, the role will be appointed by the board as is consistent with the Bylaws.

b. The Co-Publication Chair shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, for a term concurrent with, or as determined by, the Publications Chair's term.

3. Division of Duties.

- a. The Publications Chair and Co-Publication Chair shall, by mutual agreement and with Board approval, divide the tasks and responsibilities of the Publications Chair role in a written document (job-split agreement).
- b. Such division may include, but is not limited to: oversight of refereeing and peer review, manuscript editing and formatting, coordinating with the Webmaster, copyright and legal documents, assembling issues, and communicating with contributing editors.
- c. In the absence, incapacity, or conflict of the Publications Chair, the Co-Publication Chair shall have authority to act in place of the Publications Chair for the tasks assigned in the job-split agreement, subject to Board oversight.

4. Authority and Accountability.

- a. The Publications Chair retains ultimate accountability to the Board for the duties of the office; the Co-Publication Chair's authority is derived and limited by the job-split agreement and Board approval.
- b. All actions and decisions of the Co-Publication Chair within their delegated responsibilities are subject to review or oversight by the Publications Chair or the Board.
- c. The Co-Publication Chair shall report regularly to the Publications Chair (or jointly to the Board) on progress and issues.

5. Succession and Continuity.

- a. If the Publications Chair resigns, is incapacitated, or vacates the office, the Co-Publication Chair may be elevated (by Board action) to serve as Publications Chair for the remainder of the term (or until a new Chair is selected).
- b. The Board may, at its discretion, appoint a new Co-Publication Chair for any remaining term.

6. Limitations and Non-Conflict with Bylaws.

- a. This Standing Rule is intended only to supplement, not to override, the Bylaws provisions regarding the Publications Chair (Article VI, Section 2.13 of the Bylaws).
- b. In any matter where the Bylaws require singular action or define nondelegable authority of the Publications Chair, those cannot be delegated to the Co-Publication Chair unless explicitly permitted by the Board and consistent with the Bylaws.

Per the bylaws, it has been before the board for more than 10 days before our meeting.

Action Item: Vote on the standing rule. **Motion: Mike Shindler moves on the proposal in the document. Ben Tribelhorn seconded. Motion carries.**

Next step: Regional reps start looking for anyone interested in this position and email the Board mailing list.

Suggestion and discussion: review the pain points of the current publication process. Carry overs from when the journals were printed. Do we need to deal with Latex? What about what ACM/SIGCSE is doing?

Suggestion: review and update the CCSC website for conflicting information regarding guidelines for papers. Clarify the requirements. Remove links to prior publications chair's GitHub.

Suggestion: put templates on Overleaf

Question: what is the difference between associate editor vs. the CoPublicationChair? If we don't have an editor, then how do we have an associate editor?

Recommendation to Publications Chair:

- Update the website
 - Make sure all the links point to the most up-to-date templates/links/etc
- Review the pain points. Consider why SIGCSE still uses Word
- Review the current template stylesheet/template to make sure it is updated before putting it on Overleaf
- Bring a report to the 2026 Spring Board Meeting

7.2 Regional Treasurer Group Meeting

An outcome of our emergency meeting over the summer was that a good idea moving forward is potentially a meeting for the regional treasurers to meet with the national finance committee to discuss how budgets should work, best practices, how to adjust on the fly, etc so we potentially reduce the risk of significant budget overages from not knowing how to adjust to the situations that lead to the one that happened recently.

Discussion: several board members think this a good idea. Perhaps kickstart it in April to get budgets in by June 30. George Dimitoglou and/or Ed Lindoo will run the meeting?

Recommendation: regional boards should meet multiple times before setting up the conference to discuss budget and other conference related items.

Motion: Shereen Khoja moves that we hold a regional treasurer meeting led by George Dimitoglou and/or Ed Lindoo in April 2026. Karen Works seconded. Motion carries.

Recommendation: have regional treasurers pay the bills. Ed Lindoo is trying to work up something.

Discussion on the issues with using gift cards for student awards.

7.3 Invited Speakers/Panels

CCSC:CP wants to add invited panels to encourage talks from developing areas in computing fields to attend CCSC. They're wondering how to waive conference fees for these attendees, and wanted us to discuss. I think the simplest solution is just to build it into the budget to have some number of

invited attendees paid for by the rest of the registration fees, what we do to cover any invited speaker honorarium, etc in CCSC:SW budget when we've had such a speaker planned. But their question is we've talked about uses for excess money in the past and is this something the board would support putting some amount towards for regions?

Suggestion: The previous subcommittee to discuss offering an honorarium for invited speakers.

Question: Could we cover the invited speaker's conference expenses, banquet, etc? Maybe a registration discount?

7.4 Travel Reimbursement (Ed Lindoo)

A reminder that SIGCSE registration is not included for Spring Board Meeting reimbursement costs.

Cover one night - Wednesday, February 18

There will be a sign up sheet for working the booth

Ed recommends that we book a block of rooms and a board room at [Courtyard by Marriott](#).

7.5 NSF Grant PROPOSAL

Update regarding NSF Grant from Michael Shindler

We are not pursuing the proposal at this time.

7.6 New Board Member Orientation

Update from Michael Shindler regarding new board member orientation/on-boarding process materials and potential approval of them.

Roll this work into the checklist for regional representatives.

8 Future

Michael Flinn: Programming competition at the Eastern Regional Conference makes money.

Suggestion: why not have a CCSC virtual, national programming competition? Is there interest from enough regions to put something like this together?

Mohamed says RM might be interested and he will talk to their program chair.

Michael will lay out a framework for such a competition and will report back to the board.

Question from Bryan: could a board member bring food to the Spring Board meeting? Suggestion: meet a little bit earlier and have food (perhaps pizza) delivered? Does the hotel allow food in the meeting room? - no objection from the board members. Probably okay for just one or two members to bring in food.

Discussion on the value of hosting a booth at SIGCSE. Should we move to going every other year?

Discussion: make a recommendation to SIGCSE about the timing of the conference as it is happening at the same time as Ramadan.

9 Announcements

10 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mohamed and seconded by Judy. Motion carries.

Have a great rest of the semester everyone!
