

Minutes JCDL Steering Committee Meeting 2003

Present: Rick Furuta, Erich Neuhold, Nabil Adam, Christine Borgman, Ed Fox, Ingeborg Solvberg, Gary Marchionini.

Guests: Lisa Spiro (for Geneva Henry), Mary Marlino, Karon Kelly, Hsinchun Chen, Ee-Peng Lim.

Rick Furuta passed out the agenda, past minutes, and the draft ACM/IEEE MOU.

1. Chair for the committee. Rick Furuta was re-elected chair (6 in favor, one abstained-- Furuta)
2. New elections. Aim: By July 15 hold elections for steering committee. Nominations will be solicited at the open meeting and an outside party will again be invited to manage the election.
3. JCDL 03: Lisa Spiro reported that based on preliminary counts, there were about 330 registrants, with workshops and tutorials bringing the number to more than 400 (with some double counting possible). Timing of this conference was about a month and a half earlier than last year so there was less time to get the program finalized; also the conference organizing company pulled out and there were emergency burdens on all committees for the conference, especially with respect to local arrangements and the proceedings. There were several observations regarding attendance: NSF DLI-2 and NSDL did not have their meetings in conjunction with JCDL. How can we get them more involved next year? Key PIs from DLI-2 projects are not here. Few Europeans are here this year, possibly because they are between money funding cycles in the European community. In addition, SARS worries seem to have reduced attendance from Asian countries significantly; this should not be a factor for later conferences.

Tutorials were discussed. Were there too many? Are they too expensive? They all were set for economic break even (if we count registration for full conf) but some were quite small in large rooms. Since we do not draw papers from the library/practice community, it is important that we get tutorial participation (librarians often attend the tutorials). There was also small workshop registration.

Logistics at this meeting going well—good AV, food, etc. (As a later addendum, the banquet and rest of meeting were outstanding).

4. 2004 Meeting

Hsinchun Chen reported that there are over 60 people on program committee to get larger participation. The chairs are working on the TMRF and aim to finish by end of June, will circulate to Steering Committee. The website is up, bookmarks and flyers are available at this meeting, email list announcements have gone out. They are working with a conference organizing company and there is a strong local organizing committee and a highly international program committee. Looking for ways to reduce fees and stipends for international participants---target Asia and Latin/South America. Looking to get NSF folks to participate, e.g., cyberinfrastructure. Aim to do more promotion and aim for diversity and internationalization. Venue will be a 4 star resort, 48 hole golf course, horseback riding,

tennis, \$85/night. Biosphere 2 and Grand Canyon possibilities for extended travel for participants.

5. 2005 Meeting

The proposal from Colorado was discussed. It will be joint co-hosted between DLESE, NSDL, & U of Colorado. Denver is the likely venue. There is a new conference center to open in 2004 in Boulder and they may move there. Boulder is about 50 min from Denver airport, which features a United hub.

It was suggested that we negotiate program chair and make the conf committee less Denver-centric. We will discuss the program chair in the steering committee, with an eye toward co-program chairs. A motion to accept the 2005 JCDL venue in Denver or Boulder with Mary Marlino as conf chair was unanimously passed. Other details will be negotiated in the months ahead.

6. A brief discussion was held on what to do at the open meeting on Wednesday. Points include:

- Announce 2005

- Remind people to complete evaluation forms

- Invite 2006 and 2007 proposals

- Discuss any questions or business that arises