

VGTC Executive Committee Meeting (ExCom) minutes Monday, 29 October, 7.00- 9.00 PM, Sacramento, California

Attendees: Rachael Brady, Loretta Auvil, Kelly Gaither, Hans Hagen, Amitabh Varshney, Lisa Avila, Larry Rosenblum, Arie Kaufman, Tom Ertl, Hanspeter Pfister, Jim Thomas, Daniel Keim, John Dill, Raghu Machiraju, Ben Watson, Ken Joy, Torsten Möller, Robert Moorhead, Bill Ribarsky, Eduard Gröller, Jarke van Wijk, Tamara Munzner, Maureen Stone, and Meghan Haley.

1) Opening

- a) Call to Order (Hanspeter Pfister)
- b) Introductions (All)
- c) Approval of Agenda (All)
- d) Meeting Goals (Hanspeter Pfister)

2) Action Items

- e) Vis Budget/ Conference planning

Assigned: Loretta

Status: Open

ii) Update:

- 3) (Loretta) Based on current situation using IEEE CMS, we would like to stay with them for future conference planning. It will depend on pricing IEEE is keeping track of their hours to make a better estimate for future years.
- 4) (Loretta) Which cost model will we use for 2008? Since we submitted the TMRF early, we can go with either model. (Hanspeter) Let s do the math, but I think the new model might be better for the VGTC.

Action Item: Loretta Check 2007 numbers as a guide for choosing a cost model for 2008.

- 5) (Torsten) Can we further reduce costs for SVs?
 - a) (Loretta) This year we cut registration costs for SV significantly by of approximately \$100.
 - b) (Maureen) Cheap student housing (dorms) might be an option for SV.
 - c) (Bill) We need to make sure getting cheap student housing does not cut into our minimum capacity requirement with the hotel.

d) Updates for Vis, InfoVis, VAST:

iii) Update InfoVis:

- 6) (Jarke) Everything is on track for InfoVis 2008.

iv) Update Vis:

- 7) (Raghu) Everything is on track for Vis 2008.

v) Update VAST:

- 8) (Bill) Is there a possibility for VAST to move the papers into

the TVCG journal?

9) (Bill) is there a possibility for the VAST contests to be included in the CG&A?

Action Item: Lisa The Vis/InfoVis/VAST CFP needs to be moved up to 1 year before the conference so that it can be announced at the conference or at least before 01 January.

Action Item: Maureen Contact the General Chair for 2008 to tell them about the opportunity to publish in the CG&A. Is the inclusion of the PhD Colloquium also possible?

vi) General to all 3 conferences/ symposium:

10) (Rachael) Everyone should send their problems/ concerns from 2007 to Rachael so that they can be addressed and solved for 2008.

a) Possible ways to organize this process:

vii) Wiki

viii) Google groups (preferred and agreed upon by group)

Action Item: Steve Lamont Set up google groups for the committee to post concerns

Action Item: Rachael Manage concerns posted and make sure they are addressed by the appropriate people

ix) (Hanspeter) All other topics can be brought up at the SC lunch on Tuesday 30 October, 2007. The Vis/ InfoVis/ VAST cooperation model will also be discussed at that time.

x) Program

11) (Rachael) In 2008 we will have 4 parallel tracks each day for six days.

12) (Rachael) Should we rethink Keynote/Capstone timing? Perhaps we could have one keynote Sunday morning and one Capstone Friday afternoon, instead of 4 throughout the week.

xi) Posters

13) Should all the 2008 posters be shown all week?

a) Publications

xii) (Torsten) We recently created VGTC Publishing.

xiii) (Tortsen) We are currently sponsoring the following conferences: Pacific Visualisation (formerly APVIS), Virtual Reality, Haptics, 3D User Interfaces, Graphics Interface, Volume Graphics, Interactive Ray Tracing, Visualization, Information Visualization, Visual Analytics Science and Technology.

xiv) We have brought down the production time to roughly 4 weeks.

xv) We have built VGTC branding with the proceeding covers (except for Vis and InfoVis, which appear in the TVCG Journal).

xvi) We have finished our second year with TVCG for the Vis and InfoVis conferences. Things are going well and we have one more

trial year left from the three year plan.

Decision: All attendees are in favour of continuing with TVCG in future years.

xvii) Our relations with EG are really going well. We have free use of SRM for all VGTC sponsored conferences and encourage the use of this system, although PCS is not being discouraged. They are both comparable and work well. The final decision is up the conference paper chairs.

a) Online Community and publicity

xviii) (Lisa) We are working with a developer to get the pages up and running. We are aiming for the beginning of December 2007 at the latest.

xix) (Lisa) Possibility of using SV and/ or Chairs to help maintain and monitor each conference for the community.

xx) (Lisa) There is an option for the main VGTC web pages to be built into the community as a menu item.

xxi) (Lisa) We would like to build a unified logo for the Vis and InfoVis that will be used each year.

Decision: All attendees voted and are in agreement that we should move forward on this item.

Action Item: Lisa Move forward with designing a Vis Week logo

a) Small conference model

xxii) (Torsten) We need to come up with a better small conference model.

14) Closing

a) News

xxiii) Hanspeter is finished with his 4 year appointment as chair and a new person will be voted in as Chair in March 2008.

15) Adjournment