

OC ACM Executive Committee

Format: Online via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://acm-org.zoom.us/j/93004927026?pwd=NWRGR0RObUJWZFK5N0NjdFdBMUxEdz09>

Date: May 27, 2026

Note: Minutes are generally recorded in a text box like this, or if in place using a blue text color.

Meeting commenced at 12:02 pm and adjourned at 12:36 pm PST 5/27/2026.



Agenda

- Review of prior meeting minutes
- Officers / Volunteers
- Treasurer's Report
- May Program Event Review
- Program Event Planning
- Committee Business

Consolidated Action items:

- More water for next mtg – AJ
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Meeting Attendees

- *Michael Fahy*
- *Allen Takatsuka*
- *Dan Whelan*
- ~~*Marc Velasco*~~
- ~~*Nilo Niccolai*~~
- *Winsor Brown*
- *Ansel Teng*
- ~~*Don Choi*~~
- ~~*Trae Palmer*~~

- ~~*Raman Rajan*~~
- ~~*Shirley Tseng*~~
- ~~*Cynthia Kirkeby*~~
- ~~*Farhad Mafie*~~
- *Jared Miller*
- ~~*Kenneth Aguilar*~~
- ~~*Dawn Childs*~~
- ~~*Taylor Noh*~~
- ~~*Stephen Landaas*~~
- *Russell Walker*
- *Yakup Onur*
- *David Harnick-Shapiro*



Motions

Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Status
Approve April 2026 Executive Committee Meeting minutes	Michael Fahy	Daniel Whelan	Passed



Officers

Position	Volunteer
Chair	Allen Takatsuka
Vice-Chair	Daniel Whelan, Ph.D.
Treasurer	Michael Fahy Ph.D.
Secretary	Russell Walker, Ph.D.
Communications	Yakup Onur
Webmaster	AJ Albrecht
Program Coordinator	Jared Miller
Program Speaker Committee	Raman Rajan, Farhad Mafie, Dan Whelan
SIGAI-OC Liaison	David Harnick-Shapiro



Officers (cont'd)

Position	Volunteer
University Liaison	Michael Fahy Ph.D.
Membership Chair	Farhad Mafie
Program Video Coordinator	
Social Media Chair	Jared Miller
Membership Committee	
Hospitality	AJ Albrecht
Fundraising Coordinator	
Members at Large	A. Winsor Brown, Shirley Tseng, Ansel Tseng



Treasurer's Report EOM April 2026



Beginning Balance	\$8,251.03	4/01/2026
Expenses	\$26.51	4/23/26 to Andrew for Mar. meeting expenses
Current Balance	\$8,224.52	4/30/2026
Restricted Funds	\$2,964.20	IBM Grant
Unrestricted Balance	\$5,260.32	4/30/2026

Michael noted minor expenses for March meeting. IBM grant funds not spent. Google LLC will be on next month's report.



2026 Program Event Planning



Date	Speaker	Talk
3/17/2027		
	Allen Takatsuka	Annual Business Meeting
1/20/2027		
11/18/2026		
9/16/2026		
7/15/2026	Dr. Nooshin Estakhri	The Quantum World: Past, Present, and Future
5/20/2026	Donn M. Silberman	Quantum 2.0: Computing, Communications, Sensors & Workforce Development

Dr. Nooshin is confirmed for July meeting.



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May Program Event Review

Quantum 2.0 by Donn M. Silberman

Retrospective

- Flow (overall, networking, student awards, featured speaker)
- Logistics (reg, A/V, recording, q&a)
- Registrations
- Take-Aways
 - What should we keep doing?
 - What should we change?

Attendance Stats

- Total: 52
- IEEE: 10
- IEEE Students: 1
- ACM Students: 1

Allen observed May meeting went well. Consensus was that the talk was less in-depth than ideal but stimulated good Q&A. Recording had a gap because camera ran hot but was able to pick up from 2nd camera. Discussed making more effort to capture signups from attendees. Follow up for future engagement, get suggestions for topics and speakers. Try setting up at edge of tables near door; turn first table to direct flow to registration and then snacks. Try at next meeting – ask KM about different table setup.



Upcoming July Event Planning

- Speaker dinner [Jared]
- Confirm room [Allen]
- Snacks and beverages [AJ]
- Speaker Gift card [AJ]
- Speaker Certificate [Allen]
- Recording
- Meetup Update (done)
- Web Update [AJ]
- Linktree update (done)
- Social media [Jared – 1 mo. before)



Jared reports 29 people RSVP'd so far.

A screenshot of a Meetup event page. The event title is "The Quantum World: Past, Present, and Future". It is hosted by Michael F. and 4 others. The event is organized by the Orange County ACM Chapter, which has a 4.7 star rating from 455 reviews. The event details include: "Please join us for the Orange County ACM Chapter's bimonthly evening program series. The Quantum World: Past, Present, and Future". The agenda is: 6:30 PM Doors Open & Networking, 7:00 PM Announcements, Presentation, and Q&A, and 8:30 PM Meeting Adjourns. The event details section describes quantum physics and its applications. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Jul 15, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM PDT at Knobb's Martens, 2040 Main St # 14 - Irvine, CA. The sponsors listed are Oracle, Knobb's Martens, and IBM.

Orange County

Future Program Event Candidates



Potential Speakers

- Dr Cat Hicks? [Farhad]
 - <https://catharsisinsight.com/>

Topics

- AI LLMS for Coding
- Machine Learning
- Control Theory & Robotics
- System
- Theory
- Informatics

Dan feels Hicks talk may be “soft,” not technical enough for our group. Ansel agreed, proposed Lizzie Matusov, has consulting co. Quotient, talks on AI maturity models. Based in San Francisco.

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Committee Business



Other Volunteer Updates?

- Any feedback from May 15th Research Forum on “Developer Experience”? [All]
- A/V equipment updates? [Dan]
- LinkedIn “thank you” msg? [Allen]

Action Items

- May program event recording
- Order more nametags

New/Other Business

- Any other action needed on membership updates?

Dan: Need video switcher to switch between video streams: 2 cameras, slides, plus background with graphics, with minimal post-production work. Looking into a more expensive device than initially thought (maybe \$1300 vs. \$300 originally). Lets you overlay video streams onto canvas with pre-existing artwork, operator can switch views. New total \$1600-2000. Allen moved to allocate \$2K, Russ seconded, passed. Use IBM restricted funds. Allen sent LinkedIn thank-you message. Membership updates – Dan refreshed chapter membership list with ACM. Members expire after a year unless refreshed. Removed invalid emails and a small number of requested removals. Need to do regular refresh about the time of annual business meeting.

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Appendix



Future Program Event Candidates (UCI)

Machine Learning

- Stephan Mandt (anomaly detection without supervised learning)
- Roy Fox (reinforcement learning, robotics)
- Jing Zhang (ML applied to bioinformatics)
- Alex Berg (computational visual recognition, starts @UCI Spring 2022)

Control Theory & Robotics

- Magnus Egerstedt, Dean of Engineering, Samueli School of Engineering (Referred by Aaron Ames of Caltech)

System

- Sang-Woo Jun (acceleration)
- Sangeetha Jyothi (Data center networking)
- Moshen Imani (bio-inspired computing)

Theory

- Vijay Vazirani (involved with the design of early Google Ad Placement Alg.)

Informatics

- Vladimir Minin (Data analysis wrt infectious diseases)
- Stacy Branham (human-centered computing)



Future Program Event Candidates



- Caltech Professor Yisong Yue, ML [Dan]
- Andrew Kirkland, CISO at Starbucks
- Beth Harnick-Shapiro [Marc]
- Bill Lobig VP IBM Software Development - Analytics [Marc]
- [Christophe Begue](#), ex-IBM (Blockchain) now PDF Solutions
- John Koon, Tech Idea Research - Autonomous Cars
- Bill Cleveland – Data Visualization (M. Fahy has reached out to him)
- Alanna Gombert, Global CRO at MetaX – Blockchain
- Sushant Rao - Operational Analytic Data Stores (M. Fahy has reached out to him)
- Paul Anderson, Anderson Software Group – Go language
- Alyssa Columbus, Data Scientist at Pacific Life - Robust and Reproducible Predictive Modeling Workflows
- Dianne Cook, Prof. of Business Analytics, Monash University – Data Visualization

