

OC ACM Executive Committee – online via Zoom

August 25, 2021 Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Attendees

- *Michael Fahy*
- *Allen Takatsuka*
- *Dan Whelan*
- *Marc Velasco*
- *Nilo Niccolai*
- *Winsor Brown*
- ~~*Hassan Ahmed*~~
- *Ansel Teng*
- *Don Choi*
- ~~*Trae Palmer*~~
- ~~*Raman Rajan*~~
- ~~*Don Black*~~
- ~~*Shirley Tseng*~~
- ~~*Cynthia Kirkeby*~~
- *Tom Phillips*
- *Farhad Mafie*
- ~~*Jared Miller*~~
- ~~*Kenneth Aguilar*~~
- ~~*Jeffrey Guerra*~~
- *Dawn Childs*
- ~~*Gabriela Pinto*~~

Motions

Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Status
Approve July 28, 2021 Executive Committee minutes	Nilo Niccolai	Marc Velasco	Approved
<p>National ACM has offered to provide our chapter with ACM services including automated event promotion if our Meetup group is transferred to the ACM Meetup account.</p> <p>The Chairman is to inform the ACM and Don Black that the Orange County Chapter has decided to move the chapter's Meetup group to the ACM Meetup account from Don Black's personal Meetup account in order to enable the chapter to take advantage of automated event promotion to be provided by the ACM as part of its ACM Local initiative and to provide for business continuity, and as such, requests that the ACM and Don Black assist in executing this decision.</p> <p>The Orange County Chapter is grateful for Don Black's efforts in starting the Chapter, for personally providing financial support for its Meetup group, and for his support of the transition of Meetup group ownership.</p>	Dan Whelan	Michael Fahy	Approved

Officers

Position	Volunteer
Chair	Allen Takatsuka
Vice-Chair	Marc Velasco
Treasurer	Nilo Niccolai, Ph.D
Secretary	Daniel Whelan, Ph.D.
Communications	Farhad Mafie
Webmaster	Tom Phillips
SIGAI-OC Liaison	Ansel Teng. Ph.D.
Membership Chair	Hassan Ahmed, Ph.D.

Officers (cont'd)

Position	Volunteer
University Liaison	Michael Fahy, Ph.D.
Program Speaker Coordinators	Raman Rajan, Farhad Mafie
Program Video Coordinator	Trae Palmer
Social Media Committee	Kenneth Aguilar, Don Choi, Jeffrey Guerra, Cynthia Kirkeby, Trae Palmer, Gabriela Pinto
Membership Committee	Dawn Childs
Fundraising Coordinator	Jared Miller
Members at Large	A. Winsor Brown, Shirley Tseng, Don V. Black

Program Meetings

Date	Speaker	Talk
7/21/2021	Steven J. Steinberg, Ph.D., MPA, GISP	GIS, Location Data, Imagery and Machine Learning: Applications and Opportunities using Geospatial Information in Local Government
5/19/2021	Anandi Hira and Jim Alstad	Causal Analysis and Software and Systems Engineering
4/17/2021	Dr. Arvind Sathi and Neena Sathi	Data Science in Action using Python (Hands-On Workshop)
3/17/2021	Steve Kerler & Brad Kelso	Why Your Privacy Matters! +Annual Business Meeting and Elections
1/20/2021	Lola Awoniyi-Oteri, PhD	The 5G Revolution
11/18/2020	Michael Carey, PhD	Big Data Analytics with Apache AsterixDB
9/16/2020	Hassan Ahmed, PhD	Integrating Named Data Networking in Connected Vehicles
7/15/2020	Frank Ury	Personal Privacy

September 15, 2021

Automated Influence (AI?) – What Could Go Wrong?

Dr. Rand Waltzman
Adjunct Senior Information Specialist
RAND Corporation

Dr. Waltzman will discuss how technology is increasingly supporting and driving persuasive and influential messaging and engagement. For example, intelligent bots in automated social media accounts with technology to generate content, interpret human response, and respond accordingly to achieve an influence goal.



Please join us for our September meeting by registering at our
website: <http://oc.acm.org>

Nov 17 Program Event

Bill Dally, Chief Scientist, NVIDIA

"Deep Learning Hardware: Past, Present, and Future

The current resurgence of artificial intelligence is due to advances in deep learning. Systems based on deep learning now exceed human capability in speech recognition, object classification, and playing games like Go. Deep learning has been enabled by powerful, efficient computing hardware. The algorithms used have been around since the 1980s, but it has only been in the last decade - when powerful GPUs became available to train networks - that the technology has become practical. Advances in DL are now gated by hardware performance. This talk will review the current state of deep learning hardware and explore a number of directions to continue performance scaling in the absence of Moore's Law.. Topics discussed will include number representation, sparsity, memory organization, optimized circuits, and analog computation.

Hybrid? Host Bill or remote webinar?

Consensus is to run this event as a hybrid event if possible. Register all attendees via Zoom and email registrants if in person meeting is viable.

Dan will check with Knobbe about what practices or restrictions they will put on in person meetings, e.g. vaccination requirements, and also check into how well their A/V setup will work with Zoom.

Upcoming Program Events

Jan 19 Candidates

- Caltech Professor Yisong Yue, ML [Dan]
- Peter Coffee [Winsor]
 - Content likely similar to AITP-LA June 24 Zoom event

Dan has not had a reply from in inquiry to Yisong Yue.

Allen will work with Winsor to see if he can secure Peter Coffee as a speaker for our January meeting

Dan mentioned that a UCI professor is speaking at an upcoming Caltech workshop on Explainable AI (see <https://tinyurl.com/XAIworkshop>), and that he intends to check out his talk to see if he might be a candidate for a future program meeting.

Future Program Event Candidates

Potential Speakers - In no prioritized or feasibility order

- Andrew Kirkland, CISO at Starbucks
- ~~C Mohan, IBM Fellow, IBM Almaden Research Center, Blockchain, [Dan, Mike Marin]~~
- Beth Harnick-Shapiro [Marc]
- Bill Lobig VP IBM Software Development - Analytics [Marc]
- Christophe Begue, IBM - Blockchain (Mike Marin will research if he is indeed at IBM)
- 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
- Farhad Mafie, CEO, Handycash - Cashless Evolution and Society (discussed at April 2021 Ex Comm board meeting)

Topics

Nilo asked if the executive committee would be interested in a speaker to address the possible perils associated with Big Data. He recently read a book titled “Weapons of Math Destruction”. The committee agreed that Nilo should see if he can recruit a speaker on this topic.

Dan suggested removing the C Mohan line item as he has retired from IBM and spending more time in Asia.

Meetup Changes

Allen and Dan met with ACM 8/11

- Andrew Conklin, Cynthia Ryan
- Discussed advantages of ACM-managed Meetup and next steps to adopt
- Sample of cross-promotions email --->

Advantages

- Business continuity - good option for long term management of Meetup
- Easier administration
- Automated notification to members
- Cross-promotion / visibility
- Potentially expand membership

Board action needed: Decision to adopt

Good discussion about the pros and cons of moving our Meetup under ACM account ownership. Consensus was to move forward and a motion was made, revised and unanimously approved. Refer to Motions chart for specifics.

From: ACM Local <acmlocal@acm.org>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Cynthia Ryan <ryanc@hq.acm.org>
Subject: Please Join Us for SF Bay ACM Chapter's Upcoming Meetup!



Please join us for our upcoming event Secure and Interpretable AI: Scalable Interactive and Practical Tools, sponsored by the San Francisco Bay ACM chapter.

When: Monday, August 23, 2021, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM PDT

Where: **Online Event**

Speakers: Duen Horng (Polo) Chau, ACM Distinguished Speaker and Associate Professor of Computing at Georgia Tech

ACM San Francisco Meetup has both educational and scientific purposes. Topics include science, design, development, construction, languages, management and applications of modern computing. We encourage communication between persons interested in computing and welcome cooperation with other professional groups.

For more information, visit our Meetup page at, <https://www.meetup.com/SF-Bay-ACM/>.

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We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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ACM-OC Treasurer's Report EOM July 2021

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Beginning Balance of:	\$8,119.44	(6/30/21)	EOM Statement
Deposits:			
Cash			
Expenses:			
	\$8,119.44	(7/31/21)	EOM Statement
Current Balance	\$8,119.44	(7/31/21)	
Restricted funds:	\$2,964.20	(7/31/21)	IBM Grant restricted use funds.
Unrestricted Balance:	\$5,155.24	(7/31/21)	

Reports & Updates

Misc Updates

- Annual ACM Report completed (Allen)
- SIGAI meeting to explore more collaboration / synergies to be scheduled
 - Tom interested to join
 - Still pending scheduling
- Efforts in progress
 - Don Choi - Career Mentoring next steps
 - Marc Velasco - Industry Advisor Board next steps
- Reminders
 - G-Drive file links to be disrupted with Sept 13, 2021 security update

Don asked that if anyone has experience setting up a mentoring system, that they contact him.

Please forward any Industry Advisory Board nominees to Marc Velasco via email.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.