

OC ACM Executive Committee

Format: Online via Zoom

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Date: May 24, 2023

Meeting started at 12:03pm



Agenda

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



Meeting Attendees

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

- ~~*Raman Rajan*~~
- ~~*Shirley Tseng*~~
- ~~*Cynthia Kirkeby*~~
- *Farhad Mafie*
- *Jared Miller*
- ~~*Kenneth Aguilar*~~
- ~~*Dawn Childs*~~



Motions



Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Status
Approve April Executive Committee minutes	Dan	Michael	Approved

Officers

Position	Volunteer
Chair	Allen Takatsuka
Vice-Chair	Daniel Whelan Ph.D.
Treasurer	Michael Fahy Ph.D.
Secretary	Marc Velasco
Communications	Dawn Childs
Webmaster	Marc Velasco
SIGAI-OC Liaison	Ansel Teng Ph.D.
Membership Chair	Farhad Mafie



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	Don Choi, Cynthia Kirkeby, Trae Palmer
Membership Committee	Open
Hospitality	Open
Fundraising Coordinator	Jared Miller
Members at Large	A. Winsor Brown, Shirley Tseng, Nilo Niccolai Ph.D.



Treasurer's Report EOM April 2023



Beginning Balance	\$7,941.54	3/31/23
Deposits	\$0.00	
Cash	\$0.00	
Expenses	\$0.00	
Current Balance	\$7,941.54	4/30/23
Restricted Funds	\$2,964.20	IBM Grant
Unrestricted Balance	\$4,997.34	4/30/23

No Change as of April 30
Next Report (end of may) will have some transactions – new balance will be \$7492.38

- Payment to Marc for expenses as chair
- Payment to Dan for meetup costs
- Reimbursement to Dr Mataric for mileage from her talk



Program Event Retrospective



05/17/2023	Dr. Sameer Singh, Assoc Prof, UCI	How Language Models Work (and why that's why they don't)
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What went well?

What should we keep doing?

What should we stop doing or change?

Statistics

Total Registered:	80
Total Attendees:	55
IEEE Members:	12

- Was a full room
- Does it add value to register people if they come via meetup or distr lists?
- How can we register, use refreshments, get more interaction, bring tablets to facilitate
- Can we put seat holding tags – write your name and use them for registration after
- Hardcopy Sign-in sheet?, less logistics
- Decision to continue to work the room and bring tablets to work on registration rates
- For the future we should cap the rsvp at 80, just incase those numbers show up, stick with the cap and the first floor as preference
- Have a waiting list notification if we reach capacity on the rsvp

- Things to improve
- Good to get speaker there earlier
- Could have been a more technical talk



Next Program Event Planning

Date	Speaker	Talk
07/19/2023	TBD	TBD
05/17/2023	Dr. Sameer Singh, Assoc Prof, UCI	How Language Models Work (and why that's why they don't)
03/15/2023	Dr. Faisal Nawab	The Next Transformation in Computing: From the Cloud to the Global-Scale Edge
01/18/2023	Mara Matarić	Robots that care, Socially Assistive Robots (TBD)
11/16/2022	Dr. Kuansan Wang	A roadmap for regulating AI systems
9/21/2022	Dr. Alex Kurz- Chapman University	Smart Contracts
7/20/2022	Ilke Demir, Ph.D. Ser Research Scientist at In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still Looking for speaker for July • Tried Dr. Chang • Jeff Turner and Wood Harter mentioned as leads still • Winsor – Causal analysis speaker from prepandemic talk may have an llm applicable talk of a sort • If any other leads send in to execom or chair • Farhad – Prof Ali Hessami – Ai Ethics
5/18/2022	Cynthia Kirkeby	



Next Program Event Planning

- Comms
- Website
- Meetup
- A/V Readiness
- MC / Moderator
- Location



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)
- **Dr. Chang (AI and Medicine) - Shirley**

System

- ~~Faisal Nawab (global scale data management)~~
- Sang-Woo Jun (acceleration)
- Sangeetha Jyothi (Data center networking)
- Moshen Imani (bio-inspired computing)

- Strike Faisal and Candidates on second slide that are out of date
- Winsor has a lead with an abstract for Quantum Computing discussion

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

Potential Speakers - In no prioritized or feasibility order

- 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, 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
- **Dr. Anthony Chang of St. Joseph's/CHOC/AiM (Shirley / Cynthia)**

Topics

- Interest in potentially having a future talk focused on Privacy By Design and related best practices identified in March meeting



Committee Business



Volunteer Updates

- **Chair:**
 - Will need Oct sub for pro
 - ex comm mtgs
 - Annual Report by 8/31/2
- **Comm:**
 - Do we have a process/ov
 - Meetup updates and com
- **Webmaster:**
 - Site reflects last May pro
 - event. Next event listed :

New/Other Business

- June Chapter Newsletter Spotlight

- Would make sense to have comm send out meetup notification (as an official plan, we tried this with the may talk successfully), Allen to follow up with Dawn
- Allen got a startbucks card for last speaker, would like to make this a process going forward, retro active approval for May, Allen to send receipt to Michael, Michael to attempt to reimburse via paypal
- June chapter spotlight – we should highlight our may talk and our youtube channel
- ACM California chapter meeting – good to attend and have someone attend with slide summarizing youtube and programs, waiting for more details from ACM
- SigAI has resumed meetings, last month used Ansel's zoom but would like to use OC ACM Zoom acct
 - - Zoom acct is owned by national ACM
 - -Unsure how long we'll have national acct (just in general whether national will provide and manage for the long term)
 - -Just ensure we don't have any conflicting meetings
 - -Have one person from sigAI to work with chapter on sharing acct info
 - -Make sure it looks ok from national's radar (i.e. like we're not permissively sharing widespread)
- Michael has reached out to local schools for award/recognition, has not heard back from UCI yet, will try to get for the next program meeting

