

OC ACM Executive Committee – online via Zoom

September 22, 2021 Meeting Agenda

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- Review and approve prior meeting minutes
- Officers and Volunteers
- Program Meetings
- Considerations with use of Knobbe Martin facilities
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Updates
- Other Business

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 August 25, 2021 Executive Committee minutes	Michael Fahy	Farhad	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
9/15/2021	Dr. Rand Waltzman	Automated Influence (AI?) - What Could Go Wrong?
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

September 15, 2021 Program Event

Dr. Rand Waltzman, Automated Influence (AI?) - What Could Go Wrong?

	Yes	No	Grand Total
ACM National Email Blast	10	10	20
Chapter Website	3	1	4
Chapter Website Next Event	18	25	43
Facebook	1	1	2
LinkedIn	1	2	3
Meetup	42	22	64
OC-SIGAI	3	5	8
Personal Email	5	6	11
Prior Webinar	3	3	6
(blank)	3		3
Grand Total	89	75	164

Professional Org Affiliations	
IEEE	23
ACM (any)	33
ACM Los Angeles Chapter	6
ACM Student Chapters	5

Requests to be registered with ACM	12
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Michael Fahy asked that we add IEEE Student Branch as a selection on the Prof. Org. Poll
Ask speakers if they are willing to join in on a Slack channel for post-meeting discussions

November 17, 2021

Deep Learning Hardware: Past, Present, and Future

Bill Dally, Chief Scientist, NVIDIA

The current resurgence of artificial intelligence is due to advances in deep learning. 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.



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

November Program Event Planning

In-person poll at Sept program event (see right)

Knobbe Martin usage considerations

- See Email below
- Refer to [usage document](#) and [agreement](#) forwarded from Knobbe Martin (attachments in review email)

Poll of September Program Event Attendees Sentiment of in-person attendance

Very Comfortable	8
Not Sure	28
Uncomfortable	14

Total Count of 50 responses

From: Adriana.Oregon <Adriana.Oregon@knobbe.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 7:54 AM

To: Amy.Durrant <Amy.Durrant@knobbe.com>

Subject:

We were all set to reopen our conference facilities, However, in view of the worsening COVID situation, it seems a bit touch and go. For sure, I think, everyone should mask up. We should do what is responsible and comply with both CDC and CA Department of Public Health recommendations.

Attached is a draft of our facilities license agreement, which was drafted before adoption of the latest guidance. Wendy is concerned that things are going to get worse before they get better. So, is it possible to wait a few weeks to see how things develop? Even still, I think we are going to have to let them know that we reserve the right to cancel to comply with government orders especially since they 100 people attending. Per Wendy Peterson, it is also possible that we will cancel even if the governor hasn't prohibit large meetings gatherings).

Adriana Oregon

Administrative Assistant

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Knobbe Martens

Dan proposed not having the November meeting as an in-person event, and to re-evaluate for our January or March meetings.

Knobbe technology can support hybrid format meetings and are willing to do dry runs with us ahead of time.

Dan will inform Knobbe of our decision to defer in-person meetings until next year.

Upcoming Program Events

Jan 19 Candidates

- Peter Coffee [Winsor]
 - Content likely similar to AITP-LA June 24 Zoom event

March or Later

- Caltech Professor Yisong Yue, ML [Dan]

Winsor agreed to contact Peter Coffee regarding speaking at our January meeting

Dan will vet speakers at tomorrow's Caltech Explainable AI symposium for potential future program meeting speakers, particularly the UCI researcher who is speaking.

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

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

ACM-OC Treasurer's Report EOM Aug 2021

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

Reports & Updates

Misc Updates

- 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

Nilo mentioned that the General Announcements portion of our webinars isn't working. We agreed to solicit announcements in Zoom reminder emails. Dan will set that up for the November meeting.

New Business