

Chair's Report

SIGSAM Annual General Meeting

July 27, 2005

Organization

Viability Review: renewed for two years

Officers terms extended 2 years to 2007.

Bylaws revision submitted

- Scope more accurately reflects community interests and activities.
- New election structure: members elect Executive Committee which elects Officers
- Advisory Board: elections at AGM

Awards

ACM Fellow: George Collins

Proposal to make the Jenks Prize an ACM
“named award” submitted

Please nominate for ACM Dissertation Award.

(Volunteer to help with a nomination!)

Support to ISSAC

ISSAC 2005 CD (Thanks to Tim Daly)

ISSAC 2003, 2004 invited lectures on ACM
streaming video server

Policy proposed to manage ISSAC returns

Possible ACM Journal?

Rising costs and “bundling” by certain commercial publishers make journal subscriptions harder to afford.

ACM operates publications to break even (non-profit), so its journals cost less.

ACM would welcome a proposal for a new journal, e.g., “Transactions on Symbolic Computation” (TSC).

Cost

Subscribers of the ACM Digital Library would receive this journal at no extra charge.

1700 libraries, 35,000 individual ACM members, total est. 100,000 world-wide have DL access.

Estimated subscription price:
institutional: 180 USD/year,
personal: 50 USD/year.

(Assumes small print run of about 200 copies.)

Cost increases are limited by ACM policy to 1 USD/year for individual subscribers, 5 USD/year for institutional subscribers.

ACM was the first publisher to allow self-archiving of journal articles and still has one of the most generous policies.

Question: Should SIGSAM investigate establishing a journal for symbolic computation (TSC)?