

Notes of CACS/AIC meeting held on the
25/Oct/2012 – 5:30PM ADT

Attendance:

Committee Members (A=attending, R=regrets, ?=uncertain):

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1. Approval of Agenda – approved – Materials for meeting at website
<http://socrates.acadiau.ca/courses/comp/dsilver/Share/CACSAIC/>
 - Some items should wait for next meeting when greater number from committee
 - Doodle survey needed to arrange next meeting [Danny]
2. New Secretary - New secretary is needed. Curt Crane is not available to serve as secretary this year. Daryl has agreed to take notes for this meeting, but is not sure that he is the best choice.
3. Review of last meeting – April 30, 2012 (see agenda at website). Danny indicated that national scholarships are an important area that deserves consideration.
4. Business arising from last meeting
 - a. CACS/AIC AGM- May 17-18, 2012 (see slides at website) – recommendations (slide 18) were endorsed at AGM by chairs
 - b. Canadian CS ED Week - second week of Feb, 2013 (Danny) - General support for a Canadian Computing Day/Month. February is appealing because "Reading Week" at universities occurs in this month. There were concerns from Alberta reps about start of high school term and teacher availability. The benefit for choosing that week is that universities may be more able to accommodate groups of Grade 6-12 students on campus during that down time from classes. [Also, Feb. as the 2nd month, could it have the possibility for a play on binary numbers?]. Not all provinces may have the exact same schedule some there may be a need to have different dates for events with the month, but aim for a single day as focus for media attention. February 22 (Friday) was suggested for this day on 2013. The suggestion was made to contact csedweek.org and ask for some promotional support. [Is it possible to begin discussions with other groups - CIPS, CCICT, etc. about getting broader support for this day?]
 - c. Report on Panel event at SIGITE Meeting in Calgary in October (Daryl Hepting) - SIGITE was a

small meeting (about 100 people). Danny Silver, Peter King, Gerry Donaldson, and Daryl Hepting were the panelist for "CS/IT Outreach: A Canadian Perspective". Danny opted not to attend due to reduced panel time and Peter was hospitalized just prior to the meeting and also could not attend. Daryl met a number of CIPS Alberta people in trying to find a replacement (4 was too many panelists for a 30 minute panel, and 2 was too few) before Rick Gee (from Okanagan College) agreed to join the panel. It was well-received and it was good to raise these issues with the audience that was predominantly American. (ppt attached). Something that came up at the meeting: is there any tracking of outreach impact? Could outreach-related questions be added to CACS/AIC survey in order to set a baseline for measurement, to get a sense of all the events taking place, and to share best practices for events, etc.?

- d. Group meeting in winter or spring (Danny) - It was proposed that WCCCE [Daryl will contact Rick Gee, Danny will contact Randy Connolly] or ACSE might be good places to meet together and meet educators. It was also suggested to have the outreach committee meet at the CACS/AIC AGM (just before or after).
 - e. Outreach Website updates <http://cacsaic.org/> (Danny) -An appeal was made for all members to check their contact information on the website and to send updates as needed.
 - f. Committee to investigate CS scholarships (Danny) – Not discussed
- 5. CACSAIC support for adding P-12 CS education as an objective for CCICT, ICTC, ITAC, and CIPS organizations – Not discussed
 - 6. Commitment from Chairs to support formation of CSTA-like org in every province (Danny) - not discussed, but here is the situation - CSTA chapters in BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan; ACSE is CSTA-like group in Ontario. Other regions should move to create CSTA chapters in their provinces.
 - 7. Round table – CSTA updates, other events that have happened or are planned (All) - not discussed separately.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm ADT.