
• Community (Lisa Avila and Meghan Haley)
  - Amitabh announced vgtc.org at the beginning of the Vis conference
  - Collecting slides
  - Recording videos with Echo 360 system
  - Blogging feature currently on hold until spamming issues can be solved
  - Resources, CFP, news, events, jobs
    - Contact Jim Thomas for more resources
  - Mailing lists / membership issues
    - How best to collect this information?
  - Remind session chairs to tell speakers before hand that they are being recorded and going to be asked for their slides after their presentation
    - Also remind them that the slides are needed in PDF not PPT – maybe more willing to hand them over
  - How to deal with Workshop and Tutorial who do not have chairs
  - Contact organizers
  - Can we view/show number of visitors to site?
    - Meghan can get these numbers – they are recorded on the community site

• Finances (Loretta)
  - VisWeek 2008: 90 – 100 attendees less this year than last year
  - Still in the black due to higher registration costs
  - Strict budget for 2008 – important to stay in the black
    - Exhibits and sponsorship up
    - Less lunches and meetings paid for by the conference
  - Banquet was successful
    - 460 people
  - High attendance to sessions
    - Keynote: 325
    - Information Design papers session: 350
  - Future years
    - Watch the economy – cut down on attendance and budget
    - 2007 changes caused conference budget to go over
      - Addition of IEEE CMS
      - Mistakes made
      - What VGTC vs. conference paying for last year was not clear / laid out
      - If you go over budget it has to be approved
  - 2008
    - no real surprises so far
    - not all budgets turned in

• Publishing (Meghan Haley)
  - Conferences
    - Things are great ... we have produced 12 conferences this year
      - PacificVis, VR, 3DUI, Haptics, GI, SMI, VG/PBG, IRT, ISMAR, InfoVis, Vis, VAST
    - Moving conferences to electronic means
      - Looking into Texterity for our conferences
      - Hoping to implement for VisWeek 2009
VR 2009 is going to move forward with a hardcopies opt-in policy with DVD/USB the norm for all registrants

- **Program (Rachael)**
  - Placement of 2009
    - It's important to have the Vis Week Executive Committee make decisions from a VisWeek point of view, not just from their own venue's point of view. This issue was rocky last Fall/Spring, but became a very unified group by this Fall.
    - For Vis 2009, we'll have Vast/Workshops/Tutorials the first 3 days and Vis/InfoVis in parallel the last 3 days.

- **Amitabh**
  - Motion to add a member to the Vis Week Executive Committee from VGTC
    - Seconded
    - Discussion
      - Should it only be one person?
      - Good to have small group to get things done
    - All in favour

- **2008 conference chairs update**
  - **Roger Crawfis – Vis / VisWeek 2008**
    - 1 banquet
    - budget constraints - buffet which received a lot of good feedback
    - hotel was well layed out
  - **Daniel Keim – InfoVis**
    - Good turn out for InfoVis
    - A few minor things that went wrong
      - Vis had 2 speakers and InfoVis had 1
      - Choosing location
        - InfoVis left out of this decision/process
      - InfoVis held at the same time as the workshops/ Tutorials and attendees had to choose to either attend paper sessions or Workshops/Tutorials
      - Changing for 2009
        - SRM issues for InfoVis chairs and authors
          - Chris North and Sheelagh Carpendale are forwarding these comments to Meghan
  - **Thomas Ertl – VAST**
    - Keynote speaker
    - Proceedings went over well
    - Good turn out of VAST exhibitors
  - **Registration started the night before the conference began**
  - **We will continue this in 2009**
  - **Should a publicity announcement be made to make attendees aware**
    - Possibly on the website
  - **Option of Registration for Banquet**

- **VAST 2009 (Jörn Kohlhammer & Richard May)**
  - **Challenge, posters, papers**
    - Challenge was very successful in 2008
      - It became a challenge for the chairs who are discussing how better to manage this in the future
      - The challenge results are being used in real-time

- **Amitabh**
  - **Should VAST have a charter for its Steering Committee?**
    - Moving forward –Jim Thomas
  - **Should VisWeek go International?**
• Possible trial in Canada
• Europe
• Visa issues
• Exhibitors issues
• Equipment over border issues / slow ups
• VR has been to Europe and Japan
• Backed by someone local to help guarantee no loss in money from exhibitors
• There are funds out there to help us make this move

▪ Should we send out a survey to attendees on going international?