

Vis 2004 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Hyatt Regency Austin, Austin, TX
Tuesday, October 12, 2004

PRESENT

Loretta Auvil
Greg Nielson
Ken Joy
Bill Ribarsky
Robert Moorhead
Torsten Moeller

Baoquan Chen
Amitabh Varshney
Thomas Ertl
Arie Kaufman
Kelly Gaither
Hanspeter Pfister

MEETING

1. Vis 2004 Update: Kelly Gaither

Kelly Gaither reported on Vis 2004. The budget is balanced. Registration was similar to last year. 10% can be paid to IEEE. 475 people attended symposium reception.

Loretta Auvil. Brief attendance report. The number of attendees at the infovis tutorial varied throughout the day from 77-91-53-34, attendance did drop after Infovis Symposium started. Infovis symposium count for Sunday was between 170 – 134, Monday was between 180-233 and Tuesday was between 155-269. Volvis symposium count for Monday was between 94-123 and Tuesday was between 94-149.

Bill Ribarsky/Loretta Auvil/Kelly Gaither agree that a Saturday workshops during Vis are too difficult and shouldn't happen again.
Proposal: Move tutorials to later in the week. There needs to be more communication with symposium liaisons to make this happen.

The Infovis Symposium committee still wants to start on Sunday next year. The Steering Committee appreciated Tamara and Matt's help this year in dealing with issues that came up.

Motion by Hanspeter to invite selected infovis person to certain Steering Committee meetings.
Approved unanimously.

Proposal by Kelly: The Vis conference process needs to be documented. There was discussion by Bill and Kelly on how to handle whether we grow or not?

2. Publication Report: Torsten Moeller

The steering committee congratulated Torsten and agreed that the Proceedings look great. They also recognize the help by Pat Moran, Allen Kay, and Claudio Silva.

Discussion: Do we want Eurographics style publications process? Have the University print/design/format publication for all vgtc conferences

Action item: Torsten will look into what it will cost.

Cost of proceedings (Loretta):

15K InfoVis 24-25/copy

7K VolVis 14-15/copy

37K Vis 40-45/copy

VR proceedings cost need to be added to the VR TMRF. Proceedings should improve for next year. Deadline schedule for all (content) chairs is available on the web.

Torsten proposed that Vis papers go on line and will be available for IEEE CS and vgtc members before conference. IEEE CS is up to date but IEEE Explorer is not yet up to date with actual paper (pdf) files. They are still using scanned versions of the papers. Torsten was promised they would be up to date by the end of the year.

Action Item: Hanspeter: bring up IEEE Explorer on-line paper quality problem to IEEE.

NVAC report is complete and all Copyright issues are fixed. The report will go on the web as a preliminary version. There was discussion on whether to sell the report via IEEE CS. Perhaps \$10/proceeding for shipping & handling. There was more discussion about whether to have the report in digital library. It will be available via the NVAC web page. Copyright for report is IEEE. The Committee would like to see the vgtc logo on the report. The final decision was to use digital library, also have them printed and sold for \$35 (including shipping and handling) by IEEE.

Action item: Hanspeter will look into having designinformation do all vgtc graphics.

3. Finance Report: Loretta Auvil

Loretta reported that the registration procedure for Vis was successful this year. The final numbers are expected to be around 700+. Expenses have been what was expected and reception and breaks were bumped up to handle increase in attendance. The proceedings are on sale and some are selling.

4. Vis 2005 Update: Bauquan Chen

Baoquan Chen gave an update on next year's conference. The hotel contract is being finalized. The committee is also still being finalized. The assignments will be done by the end of the week. There is no local arrangement chair yet, but looking to find someone through the center.

There was a deadline discussion regarding the paper deadline for Vis/infovis. The committee feels it should be the end of March but is concerned that infovis will want to move it in order to correspond to SIGGRAPH deadlines. The PCS system works best when all the deadlines are the same. This will be brought up with the infovis liaisons tomorrow at the vgtc lunch meeting.

There was also discussion about having the conference on the last week of October every year, for consistency.

5. Vis 2006 Update: Amitabh Varshney

Amitabh Varshney gave an update on Vis 2006. He would like to consider hiring a local chair from the IEEE chapter (in D.C.). Amitabh is looking into another Hyatt hotel but will need to book it with in a month if that's what is decided he use. The date will be Oct 22nd, 2006.

Action Item: Bill and Loretta will look into the cost of using IEEE to act as local chair.

Action Item: Bill will send Conference Center Procedures to Amitabh and the steering committee.

6. Euro Vis Update: Ken Joy

Ken Joy reported on EuroVis 05 and 06. The location and program committee has been chosen for 2005. Things are going smoothly. The call for participation will be distributed at Vis tomorrow. 2006 will possibly be in Pisa, Italy, but dates are still being determined.

Ken Joy proposes chairing Vis 2007 in Davis/Sacramento. There is discussion about having Vis 2008 at Ohio State.

Motion by Hanspeter: Email updates from conference chairs before the conference and meetings.

Approved unanimously.

7. Future Vis 2004 Format: Hanspeter Pfister

The visualization steering committee discussed the role of the PVG symposium with respect to the conference. Hanspeter and Tom argued that the symposium should be folded into the Vis conference, and that the Vis conference should be extended by one day (Tuesday). Arie suggested that the call for paper for Vis should clearly state the PVG topics. There was discussion about the effect of this change on the papers process and the conference program.

Motion by Hanspeter: Fold PVG into the Vis conference. Extend Vis conference by a day. Vis will start Tuesday with paper sessions (expect during the infovis capstone), opening session on Wednesday, and run until Friday as usual. Infovis will start Sunday afternoon and end Tuesday.

Approved unanimously.