

ASA TCMU Committee Meeting Minutes -- Winter 2022, Nashville

Attendees: 20 in person + 10 remote

No audio for remote - but got by in small room

- Meeting introductions from students
- Andy Morrison will take over as membership rep
- Andy Piacsek gave an overview of full membership.
 - I asked people to indicate membership status on the sign-up sheet
 - The typical next step after student is to become an associate member
 - Trying to make the process easier to bring associate membership into full member status, many people may forget/not know they are not full members
 - Can't vote or be appointed to the committee if an associate member
 - Membership rate goes up to full member rate after 5 years for associates regardless, even if you stay as an associate
 - [Transfer to full membership form](#), just need names and e-mail addresses of full members, no signatures
 - You can put Andy Piacsek and Thomas Moore info for membership
 - Two attendees are Associate - will submit form!
- Tutorial committee no longer exists
 - Probably no more tutorials in their previous form
- Judy Cottingham - Women in acoustics awards can help with funding for Chicago, \$500 each
 - Not gender specific
 - Application form online
 - Young investigator travel grant is more specific, slightly more competitive
 - Dependant care subsidiary is very easy to apply for with a short cover letter
 - Not only for children, could be other people you care for
 - Awards for Australia will be \$1000 each
- Dan Russel - Education
 - Big extravaganza education demos at CHicago
 - Dan + Gordon Ramsey exploring possibilities of Friday night workshop for teachers
 - Education exploring the option of splitting into smaller administrative committee and a TC focussing on education. Try to get a more prominent status
- Additive manufacturing session, unfortunately it was running at the same time as an MU session so not many could attend
- Scott Hawley - SP session was good, had Josh Reiss come and give a great talk
- Possible idea to explore MU JASA special issue on signal processing
 - Bozena
- Contact authors of session and encourage them to submit to POMA
- Tour of Belmont was good!
- Andy will send a form to judge student paper competitions
- Hybrid session
 - Thom Moore - Hybrid session went really well and smooth, no reason not to do it

- Dan Russel - went to one and only had one remote speaker but 6 watching online. Meeting ran well.
- Upcoming meetings
 - Spring 2023 Chicago coming up
 - Fall 2023 Sydney coming up in Fall 2023
 - Spring 2024 will be in Ottawa
 - Fall 2024 will be intentionally fully virtual
 - 2025 Spring New Orleans
 - Spring 2026 - Philadelphia or Baltimore
 - 2026 Fall - Hawaii
 - Bruce Olsen has volunteered to chair the organizing committee for ISMA joint with ICA in New Orleans 2025
- Chicago info
 - Call for papers already out
 - Lots of sessions and events planned
 - Reminder to try to get people registered for session, deadline 12/20
 - Need to request money for possible NIU steel pan band
 - Colin - want to do it but no info on availability and cost
 - Andy - could request funding
 - Colin - Possibly request a pan builder to come, could give a talk, and could also give a concert maybe
 - Let's request money. Higher the amount, the more likely they can come. NIU would be a lot of people and a trek, so maybe more money is better.
 - Andy - between 1500-2000 might be the right place to start for a request
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 - Harp concert for meeting
 - Harp duo from Dec 2020 still in Chicago, they will still play. Ready to go.
 - Want formal ok for contract
 - Probably a Tuesday afternoon, the hour before the social
 - Tour of Lyon and Healy Harp factory
 - Jim - had a plan last time
 - Only cost would be transportation
 - Conditions of tour, not more than 15 people at a time. Could do two groups of 15
 - Transportation cost
 - Possible days of the week would be better, but can't remember which
 - Scott - Belmont tour budget was \$1000-1500
 - Judy - One previous tour, same bus did two trips
- Sydney
 - Have 4 sessions planned already
 - Need to finalize the sessions, a couple weeks after the meeting
 - Not sure about Vocal tract session with Joe Wolfe and Noel Hanna, need to reach out
 - Indigenous instruments - Jim Cottingham - need someone in Australia to help reach out to people

- Kimi Coaldrake - instruments are few and far between
- Andy - doesn't need to be Australian indigenous instruments
- Need to confirm Australian co-chairs
- Special events?
 - Tour of Sydney opera house?
 - Scott Hawley - heard it may be tough but it is a known entity
 - Andy will ask for money for a tour, can't hurt
 - Concert?
 - Kimi - will think about it, perhaps under the organization of the Australian committee?
 - Andy - proposing Japanese musical instruments?
- Spring 2024 - Ottawa tentative ideas
 - SP is going to have one on Bayesian and ML applications
 - EA doing a session on computations using tools like matlab, Symscap on acoustical systems that don't need FEA, multi-domain modeling of acoustical systems
- TC notes and discussion items - from Andy
 - Meetings reimagined committee final report
 - Try to get meetings to the break-even point
 - Try to cut back and reorganize non-technical events
 - One social on Wednesday
 - No more accompanying person program or ticketed luncheons
 - Earlier TC meetings
 - Consider fully remote meetings
 - Revenue reimagined committee
 - No-show policy approved
 - **Comments:**
 - The concern of slow/steady decline in membership to headspin down
 - It looks like all of the opportunities to meet people outside the TC are taken away. Lose opportunities for friendships outside TC (ticketed luncheons, socials)
 - Dan - society luncheon only has 80/1000 people and there is a talk so not much opportunity to meet new people
 - Cutting back small opportunities is okay
 - More concern about cutting free meals and people being upset, could be upset about free meals
 - Socials cost a lot of money! (\$100 a person?)
 - Socials used to be cheaper food, put in to feed people to keep them around so they show up to TC meetings
 - Concern that meetings will become something different, perhaps that is not well thought through to see if it will work
 - Jill - what about the socials? What about charging for the socials? Maybe cut back on food etc.
 - Andy - Changes will happen regardless
 - Andy M. - comments are important, but it's not so simple when there is a big meeting to set up a banquet and scale it back.

- Minimum charges from hotel etc. Willing to try it and hope they are open to tweaking it as they move forward
 - Along with changes, what changes are going to be done to help counteract the negatives of the changes? Increased marketing or outreach?
 - Outreach reimagined?
 - Andy - still discussions of efforts to broaden membership
 - Hard to isolate factors of why people come/don't come
 - Mark Rau's added thoughts - meetings twice a year is a lot, I honestly feel like once a year would be better, get more people and more of a concentrated mass
 - Communication from EC to members could have been better
- Virtual meeting 2024
 - Shorter than usual meeting
 - Emphasis on shorter sessions
 - Platform is undecided
 - Suggestion from Scott Hawley - have virtual acoustic simulations, go nuts
 - Scott - don't make the meeting a month long
 - Doesn't work if the software is not very good
- Across acoustics podcast
 - Episode recently talking about the special issue on modeling musical acoustics
- POMA, can go as far back as you want
 - POMA student paper competition
- Ad hoc committee on practitioners and industry
 - Solutions showcase may have some benefits in the long run or make some people mad
 - The session is specifically for commercial enterprises. Give technical info, not an outright ad, demonstrates how to make products better, separate session
 - Idea to get more industry people to come to meetings
- Best student paper award judging process
 - Other TCs changing as well
 - One model has an online form and there is a QR code you can scan and judge
 - Judging live so everything is fresh in memory
 - Anyone can be a judge (except students in competition)
 - BM and PA have a separate session with a poster
 - Eric - one on one from posters is valuable
 - Andy will set up a form for future conferences
- Andy will finish term at end of Chicago meeting
 - Nomination committee has been formed
 - Normal timing is sometime in Feb/March
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