

CSTA March Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 – 6:30pm

Host: St. Bonaventure University

Food provided by: St. Bonaventure University

Attendance: Carl Alphonse, Steve Andrianoff, Adrienne Decker, Gail Kaminski, Dave Levine, Dave Murray

Agenda:

- Adoption of Minutes from last meeting
- Old Business
 - Action Items from last meeting
- New Business
 - Upcoming Events Planning Update
 - Future Meetings
 - Membership Drive
 - Chapter Elections

Adoption of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes adopted – no changes noted.

Minutes posted at:

<http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/faculty/adrienne/CSTA/January2009Meeting.pdf>

The draft of these minutes are posted at:

<http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/faculty/adrienne/CSTA/March2009Meeting.pdf>

Old Business: Action Items/Updates from last meeting

Action Items (Conversation about Computing)

- Gail to find list of Business Teachers and make available to group for future emailing.
 - STATUS: Complete – Carl has list currently

- Post slides from event
 - STATUS: Carl still needs to do this.

Action Items (Chapter Administrative Details)

- Updates to Google group about recent events
 - STATUS: Carl needs to do this

- Chapter wiki
 - STATUS: Currently, the wiki is winning. Need to get more training on how to work with the wiki's interface.

Updates

- SIGCSE workshops of interest:
 - Workshop 17: Roadshow Roadmap: Getting Started with K-12 Outreach
 - Carl and Dave L attended
 - Received \$200 mini-grant from AVON for pitching CSTA events/ideas while attending

- State-level advocacy for computing education
 - The CSTA website notes the need for someone to push computing education at the state level
 - Suggestion is that we try to find someone in our ranks that is keen on this, and suggest them to the CSTA
 - Lee Ann thought there was a New York state rep, but unconfirmed at this time

General New Business

- From Gail Kaminski
 - Attending two events where she can promote WNY CSTA
 - Would like a flier to distribute at these events

- Rumors of a Rochester CSTA Chapter
 - Should try to confirm and offer support and find ways to collaborate

Old Business: Finished Event Report

St. Bonaventure's Student Programming Contest

NOTE: This is not a formal CSTA event, but Dave L and Steve A are the chairs of this event and have reported on it to the group.

Report:

Held on Friday, February 27th at St. Bonaventure.

- Only 1 team from Buffalo area, but many from Rochester area.
- Did discuss CSTA with teachers
- Have names of teachers who brought teams

Action Items:

- Give names to Carl to keep with our other set of names of teachers for these events.

New Business: Upcoming Events Planning Update

Spring College Computing Fair and Student Research Showcase

General Chair: Adrienne Decker

Content Chair: Dave Murray

Report on Progress:

Date: Saturday, May 2

Venue: University at Buffalo Student Union

Cost to Universities/Colleges: \$30 per table

Cost includes one table for department/school and as many student participants as the school wants to bring

Schedule:

8:30 - setup for schools begins

9:00 - doors open to prospective students;

9:00 to 12:00 – Exhibits from colleges that can include a showcase of work from students at the schools (poster-like session with demos encouraged).

12:00 - Keynote by Rohini Srihari

Action Items:

- More advertising to University-level and High School level for participation
- Already know that RIT is not available this time because of conflict with an RIT event

New Business: Upcoming Events Planning Update

Summer Workshop

General Chair: Dave Levine

Content Chair: Steve Andrianoff

Report on Progress:

- Talked to Don Slater and SIGCSE
 - There is a chance Wanda Dann could come up and present the workshop
 - No funding available from Alice people at this time
- Proposed schedule
 - 3 hours workshop morning
 - 1 hour lunch
 - 3 hours workshop afternoon

Action Items:

- When should this be held?
- Where can we get materials?
- Contact publishers to get books to give away to participants
- How can we get this to count as a continuing education requirement for teachers, is that something we can do or is it dependent upon the whim of the school district?

New Business: Upcoming Events Planning Update

Fall Conference

General Chair: Gail Kaminski

Content Chair: Carl Alphonse

Report on Progress/Discussion

- Should be held on a Friday in October
- Raffle off something at the end (Wii accessory or robot kit (ready to use))
- 15 minute presentation including questions
- Can have longer (30 minutes) – will ask presenters when they submit what time slot is better for their presentation
- Website/Disk of all assignments available that day to participants

Proposed Schedule: (Morning workshop)

Opening/Welcome/Light Breakfast (?)

3-4 presentations in A-B-C tracks

Break

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Action Items:

- Produce 1-2 modules in advance as a template for other ideas to show faculty what we are looking for.
- Set date (October)
- Submission deadline for submissions should be end of April to Mid-May (need call for submissions)
 - Use Nifty Assignments as a template for submissions

Scheduling of Future Meetings and Chapter Elections

The following meeting will take place after the Spring Computing Fair – at this meeting Chapter Elections will be held. Nominations accepted previously or will accept nominations from the floor.

Carl sent around a link to several movies with tips and techniques for K-12 outreach and suggested a movie night. We should try to plan this event as well.

Membership Drive

More members are needed for our local chapter.

How can we engage K-16 members of our community more effectively? How can we reach them?

- Email them once, email them again. K-12 especially are busy, things fall off radar, so reminders are good.

Other action items regarding membership:

- Can we get a list of CSTA members in our area, or if national will not provide a list, can they send a mail to those people on our behalf?
- Will national put up information about our chapter on the national webpage?

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Decker
Secretary