

# CSTA May Meeting Notes

## Saturday May 2, 2009 – 11:00am

Host: University at Buffalo

Attendance: Carl Alphonse, Debra Burhans, Adrienne Decker, Nadine Hanebutte, W. Scott Harrison, Dave Levine, Dave Murray, Linda Perel, Barbara Sherman, Deborah Sorrentino

### 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 provided that the “Fall” in the title changed to “March”.

Minutes posted at:

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

The draft of these minutes are posted at:

<http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/faculty/adrienne/CSTA/May2009Meeting.pdf>

## Old Business: Action Items/Updates from last meeting

### **Action Items (Conversation about Computing)**

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

### **Action Items (Chapter Administrative Details)**

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

### **Action Items (Rochester CSTA)**

- Contact Paul Tymann at RIT and check on status of this, look for opportunities to collaborate
  - STATUS: Unknown

Old Business: Event Update/Final Event Report

## 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

**Event Update:**

- Event occurred on the same day as the May administration of the SAT, therefore attendance was poor
- Rohini did not speak, but we have secured a rain check for her to speak at a future event
  
- Dave Murray created an extensive list of places to advertise events (for free). This list of places is appended to the end of these minutes for use for our future CSTA events.

**Items for future incarnations of this event:**

- Perhaps our intended audience is not Juniors looking to apply to college, but rather students earlier in the pipeline
- Shorten the time for the event. Perhaps only 1-1.5 hours needed for college table discussion with a keynote after.
- Start event later (no earlier than 10:30 or 11:00).
- Ask for people to sign up so we have an idea about attendance before the event.

**Action Items Remaining:**

- Billing needed for event to cover room rental costs

## General New Business

### **New information about chapter members**

- Chapter membership can include anyone interested. Local chapter members do not need to be members of national CSTA, but officers do.
- Therefore, everyone present at this meeting should be placed on list as members of WNY CSTA and should be receiving updates for future meetings and events.

### **NYSCATE**

- Should try to get involved in Fall conference – held around Thanksgiving
- Could give session, or have vendor table
- Adrienne has contact affiliated with NYSCATE – can talk to her about this

New Business: Upcoming Events Planning Update

## Summer Workshop

**General Chair:** Dave Levine

**Content Chair:** Steve Andrianoff

### **Report on Progress:**

- Alice people are totally booked for this summer
- Need people who can run workshop on Alice 3.0 (inclusion of the Sims)
- No one in our ranks has skill set to run a workshop on Alice 3.0
- Need someone from the Alice team or someone who has gone through a 3.0 workshop before to run
- Could get someone to go to an early summer and then hold ours late summer
- Alternatively, could book someone now for next summer (early booking would ensure a “big” name for the workshop)

Motion to table this event until next year was raised and approved.

### **Action Items:**

- Book date and person for next summer

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) – date should be set by June 1st
- Submission deadline for submissions should be end of April to Mid-May (need call for submissions)
  - Use Nifty Assignments as a template for submissions
  - Get some examples up on the web (Gail's example, CS Unplugged ideas)
- People to contact:
  - Colleagues at College Level who have examples they have used for HS/MS events
  - CS Unplugged
  - Buff State – Grad program in Educational Technology
  - UB – Grad school of Education people with Technology focus
- Need a location
  - NCCC & ECC being scouted as possible venue
  - Parking is not a problem (no passes needed at NCCC, not sure about ECC)
  - Need three rooms (one larger lecture hall for opening session, and two smaller for breakouts – larger room can be third breakout room)

## Membership Drive

More members are needed for our local chapter. Contact a K-12 teacher and work to convince them to come to our next meeting (and bring their friends too).

Google group – Barb Sherman has volunteered to moderate the group. Email sent by Carl on 5/3 talking about how to join up. All our members should be made part of this Google group. That way, we can easily keep track of our membership.

### **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?
  - National will send a list of people (or send an email to them) for elections and other announcements, but will not keep a list of our members for us. There is no easy way for us to contact people in CSTA regionally. There seems to only be an “email all” option available currently at the national level. However, we should take advantage of the “regional” email option for our elections and also use it as a marketing of our chapter.
- Will national put up information about our chapter on the national webpage?
  - No plans at this time

## Chapter Elections

Chapter elections process is complicated, need a nomination committee.

- Dave Murray elected to chair the nominations committee, Barb Sherman agreed to serve on it as well.
- Declaration of elections open starting today (5/2).
  - For the next 60 days, nominations will be accepted.
  - Potential candidates must submit their name, position they would like to run for, and brief bio to Dave Murray within the close of the nomination period to be considered for chapter offices.
  - Recall officers must be members of national CSTA.

## Next Meeting

June 4<sup>th</sup> at Canisius College (Deb Burhans host)

Agenda: 5:00 – 5:30 – Membership reception (meet and greet new members)

5:30 – 6:30 - Business Meeting

### **Action Items:**

- Deb B should send around directions to all present today
- Flier Gail made up after last meeting made available to everyone as recruitment tool
- Send email to all college contacts we've made talking about meeting
- Send email to HS contacts we have emails for regarding meeting

**Everyone is asked to “bring a friend” to the next meeting – find someone K-12 that would be interested in attending in hopes that they will be willing to join our organization.**

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Decker  
Secretary