

iDeans Teleconference Conference Call

September 27, 2012

8:00 a.m. (EST)

Attendees:

Liz Liddy	Michael Seadle	Jenny Preece
Ron Larsen	Harry Bruce	Gary Marchionini
Jeff MacKie-Mason	Bill Moen	Clark Heideger
Larry Dennis	J.D. Ross	Herman Totten
Zvi Galil	Seamus Ross	Krishnan Ramayya
Deb Shaw	Wooseob Jeong	Kari-Jouko Rähä

iConference 2013 Update – Bill Moen, iConference '13 Program Chair

Primary submissions have closed as of earlier this week, with a couple of events that have submissions still coming in.

Total to-date – 395 active submissions

- 101 papers
- 66 short papers / notes
- 22 alternative events (fishbowl, etc)
- 26 workshops (can handle 16)
- 138 posters
- 40 for Doctoral Colloquium
- 11 Research Paper Development Round Table for junior faculty
- Social Media Expo hasn't closed – will be sending out reminders to Deans and Faculty sponsors
- We need to identify co-chairs for the Early Career Colloquium. Reviewing the submissions has started and should be completed for all in the next 2-5 weeks.
- Workshops will be decided by the middle of October.

Have confirmed 3 plenary speakers:

- V. Lane Rawlins, President of UNT – Wednesday morning;
- Myron Gutmann, Head of NSF Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences – Thursday
- Nancy Cantor, Chancellor of Syracuse University – closing talk on Friday morning

There will be an opening reception at Billy Bob's in the historic stockyards of Fort Worth.

Workshops will be held Tuesday.

Instead of the traditional banquet, we are doing an awards luncheon on Thursday.

The deans' dinner will be on Thursday evening and that will allow the CRA deans to attend as the CRA meeting with deans will be Friday morning.

The registration is being done with Conf Tool conference system. Registration will open early in November and you will get messages from Bill and Clark at that time, when the registration price will be announced.

Conference Sponsorship – Herman Totten – Honorary Co-Chair, Dean at North Texas

Number one priority as it relates to the conference right now is sponsorships. A new development person at UNT is starting on Monday, with a new list of people in the North Texas area who want visibility.

There are 5 national sponsorships we are pursuing vigorously; Google, Intel, Emerald & 2 others. All further suggestions are welcome.

Remembrance of Lee Dirks at iConference

There will be a dedication to Lee in the Program. In addition, Liz, Harry, & Tony Hey of Microsoft are in conversation as to how best to remember Lee – perhaps with an award in his name. We have invited Tony to attend the Awards Luncheon, where we will be sharing memories of Lee, and hopefully presenting an award in his honor.

Development Officers Meeting at iConference – Ron Larsen

Only 3 responses regarding having a meeting amongst the iSchool development officers at the iConference have been received. Ron will send out another email to all iDeans asking for participation. If there are only 3 with an interest, it will not be held.

Session with CRA Deans at iConference – Liz

This summer, a number of the iSchool deans attended the CRA Conference in Snowbird joined the CRA deans for a joint meeting. There was a great deal of interest expressed at this meeting in again trying a joint iSchools / CRA deans meeting during the iConference. A common opinion across the deans is that the work that Computer Science Schools are doing has a great deal of overlap with what the iSchools are doing. Also CRA has more financial resources, a broader base, and strong representation in DC. The outcome of the discussion there and online afterwards was that the CRA Deans will be invited to the entire conference. In particular, they will be invited to the Thursday evening poster session and reception, followed by a dinner with all deans, including iDeans and CRA and the key note speakers.

While there was some sentiment that having the CRA deans included in the Thursday night dinner will take away from the intimacy of an iDeans-only dinner, we will try this out and see how it works.

On Friday, the Deans' meeting schedule will be:

10:30 to 12:00	iCaucus, iDeans & CRA Deans Meeting
12:00 to 1:00	Working lunch for all Deans
1:00 to 3:00	Executive Meeting of iCaucus Deans

Thanks to Bill, Clark, and Herman for adjusting the schedule so we could accommodate this.

Jeff Mackie-Mason: He and Hal Stern, both attendees at the CRA Deans meeting in Snowbird, are in the process of planning the agenda for the joint morning & working lunch session.

Suggestions for iConference 2015 – Liz

A request was sent out to the Deans for those who are interested in holding the 2015 iConference to contact us. Clark has put together a very nice proposal manual for this, which was attached. While we have asked for people interested to respond by October 30th – we haven't received any. If any of you have suggestions of how we can elicit more proposals, please let Liz know.

Larry Dennis: A group have proposed to hold it in Tallahassee, but there is not a facility big enough so they are thinking of Jacksonville or Destin.

Liddy: Offline, we have learned that one other iSchool has identified to Clark that they are considering it.

New Website – JD Ross

Shared the link <http://test.ischoolsorg.syr.edu/> to the new iSchools web site. As this site is still in development, some links may be broken, and some features may not work as designed yet. Please send JD your feedback.

Treasurer's Report - Jeff

Our balance is \$293,000. Our annual revenues around \$115,000 and expect \$126,000 next year. Our net revenue is about \$60,000 currently and will go down to \$50,000 next year because we are adding expenses. Invoices are going out shortly and Drexel who handles the banking will be setting up the ability to take credit cards. I want to thank Larry and his staff for doing the work the last few years.

Membership Committee – Michael Seadle

Submitted applications for review:

- University of Amsterdam
- Ecole des Sciences de L'Information (ESI)

Michael will share information about them, along with a Doodle poll to collect your votes.

The Membership Committee is currently working on developing guidance to interested schools that will make the process simpler and more transparent, as well criteria to be used in evaluating applications.

Liddy: Very pleased that the Membership Committee is discussing the appropriate criteria. I have been in discussion with universities in Rwanda and Uganda that are very eager to become the first iSchools in Africa. Perhaps for schools in lesser developed countries, we can consider having an existing iSchool serve as a mentor or perhaps consider provisional levels of membership.

Seadle: Also a University in South Africa is interested in applying.

Larry Dennis: There are a few faculty from San Paolo, Brazil who have visited several US iSchools and are interested in becoming an iSchool.

Progress on 501c3 – Liz

I met with the law firm that represents Syracuse University, and they have prepared a preliminary draft, which have been shared with Harry, Michael, and Jeff and will be shared with all once we have completed our review and revising.

Seamus: I am assuming you are incorporating on the core iSchool members. There are a couple of those that come from outside of the U.S. How does that affect the 501c3?

This will be looked into along with other questions that have been raised by the team reviewing.

Lee Dirks & Microsoft – Liz & Harry

The question was asked as to whether we want to name an award or event in Lee's name?

Gary: I agree an award would be great.

Harry: I did speak with Tony Hey and he indicated that he would like to talk more about how Microsoft would continue the legacy support that Lee put in place for the iSchools. As reported above, after a conversation with Tony, we will know what their thoughts are on how best to honor Lee.

Seamus: if we decide to name a scholarship after Lee, we will probably have to get approval of the executors of his estate. Liz will follow up on this issue.

Gary: I have encouraged my faculty to directly make contributions to the education fund established for Lee & Judy's two daughters. The iSchool Organization is donating \$1,000 to the fund on behalf of us all, and individual schools are encouraged to also contribute to that fund
<http://leeandjudy.wordpress.com/2012/08/31/esme-and-lila-dirks-memorial-support-fund/> .

ALISE / ASIST / iSchool closer coordination conference call – Liz channeling Diane Sonnenwald

We ran short of time to discuss the report that Diane had sent to all Deans, but this would be a good topic for discussion at ASIST.

Breakfast meeting at ASIST

In the past, the Deans attending ASIST have gotten together for a chat, so if you are attending ASIST, go to the Doodle poll and indicate which times would work for you <http://doodle.com/9hb48githiv9ww7g> .

Liz

Please advise if there are necessary edits to these minutes.