

David Spoelstra Candidate for Treasurer

The ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee needs a strong treasurer who has worked with multi-million dollar budgets and can manage financial oversight, bookkeeping, budgeting, forecasting, and create easily understandable financial reporting so they can make the best data-driven decisions possible. That is exactly what I have been doing for the past eight years as Vice President and General Manager of Algaeon Inc, a biotech startup. In that role I am in charge of finances and regularly report to the Board of Directors and shareholders. Since it's a startup, I have also learned how to make a dime spend like a dollar.

Another role of a treasurer is fundraising. I will work to increase the prestige of ACM SIGGRAPH Awards by finding endowments for the ones that currently don't have them (Service Award, Art Award, etc.) and funds to raise the amount awarded for the rest. Lastly, I will work to nurture and financially support all of our communities in any way possible - especially Chapters and students. The SIGGRAPH conference is only once a year and Chapters are what bind people together the other 11-1/2 months of the year. Students are the future of ACM SIGGRAPH. I have several ideas about endowments for students and Chapters that I will aggressively pursue.

BIOGRAPHY

For the past 20 years I have served in executive and senior engineering management roles responsible for multi-million dollar budgets at both start-ups and Fortune 500 companies. Before that I was a hardware/software design engineer. I have a BSE (IDE - CS & EE) from Purdue University. As a way of giving back, I teach C, C++, and microcontroller programming in the evenings at Ivy Tech Community College. I'm also the President of two amateur radio clubs with several hundred members.

Member-at-Large, SIGGRAPH ASIA Conference Advisory Group 2015 - Present

GraphicsNet Chair, SIGGRAPH 99, 06, 09, & 14

GraphicsNet Subcommittee, SIGGRAPH 97 - 98, 00 - 05, 07 - 08, 10 - 13, & 15 - Present Networking Chair, SIGGRAPH ASIA 08, 09, & 10 Computer Chair, ACM97 Conference Electronic Support Chair, SIGGRAPH 96 Donations, SIGGRAPH 95 A/V Support, SIGGRAPH 93 & 94 A/V Chair, SIGGRAPH 92