

Friday April 24 2020 EdCom Meeting Notes

(Revised/Corrected by Mark Steffka – May 4 2020)

Attendees: Daryl, Bob, Bogdan, Randy, Louann, Frank, Chuck, Vignesh, Jerry, John McCloskey, Tom Jerse, Mark Steffka, Domenico Festa

Bob – Welcome to the meeting. We need to focus on where we are with regards to plans for Reno.

Daryl – John Howard grant status. Meeting was on March 6 and developed plans – follow up meeting was cancelled. Daryl will provide update later. Things being discussed are how can grant be expanded to potential awardees. Comments from group that requirements from EMCS are that \$5k grants are best instead of one \$10k award. They are also exploring how to do sequential \$5k awards for total of \$10k. Bob – we need to re-scope the award process to identify deliverables and process.

Bogdan – Student Hardware Competition – Have one submission and they are asking for a deadline extension. Bob will contact Reno committee to request link be updated, new deadline is end of May.

John McCloskey – Experiments and Demo Manual – had a meeting a few weeks ago. Tutorial speakers have confirmed they will be there except for Eric Bogatin. Unknown if John can attend Reno.

Frank – Fundamentals status – working on recordings of speakers and posting on resource center by end of this month. Currently have recordings from last year (except for one). John McCloskey – still pursuing that we want presentation materials from everyone for this year. Frank will send list of items submitted to resource center to be included in these notes, and Frank will distribute the RC Overview Slides.

Bob – CRP GU. Bob has been unable to contact Lee Hill; it is Bob's understanding that all speakers have been confirmed except for Flavia Grassi.

Bob – Student papers, none have been submitted yet. Todd is leading the reviewing of it.

Chuck asked Bob for comments on what the plans could be to prepare for cancellation of Reno event.

Bob – Anyone have any comments on what options could be done?

Vignesh – We are working through when we should cancel convention center – or wait for medical facility conversion, due to financial liabilities that EMCS would incur if we cancel. Are looking at a virtual conference using “On 24”. There is a panel discussion coming up in May that will show the capability of could be done. Other options could be a production stage format. Looking how to provide content in the best way to registered virtual attendees. Daryl – any idea for registration fees for students in this on line format? Vignesh, this is being worked.

Group had discussions of how to make virtual “hallway interactions” methods? Jerry M. - Could do electronic break out rooms?

Bob – plan is to restart meeting schedule that we had published.

Frank – will send material to Mark regarding the resource center information. Discuss during next meeting?

Chuck – website needs to point out logistics of what we are doing, and details are in resource center.

Meeting essentially ended at 11:00 AM Eastern Time.