

## **Executive Committee Resolution of SIGDOC 2020 Annual Conference**

We, the undersigned, being all members of the ACM Special Interest Group on Design of Communication (SIGDOC) Executive Committee, consent and agree that the following organizational resolution was made on April 21, 2020 on a Zoom meeting hosted by the Chair.

We do hereby consent to the adoption of the following as if it was adopted at a regularly called meeting of the SIGDOC Executive Committee. In accordance with the bylaws of this corporation, by unanimous consent, the Executive Committee decided that:

*The 38th ACM International Conference on the Design of Communication (herein "SIGDOC '20") scheduled to held October 3rd and 4th, 2020 in Denton, Texas, USA is shifting from an in-person event to a re-envisioned online event due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the travel restrictions, public health concerns, and negative economic effects brought about by the pandemic.*

The Executive Committee in collaboration with the Conference Chair deliberated between and voted upon the following options.

1. Continue to run an in-person event;
2. Transition to a virtual event;
3. Cancel the event; or
4. Postpone and meet in Denton in 2021.

These options were weighed against our articulated organizational values, which are: valuing human well-being; engaging in financial stewardship; respecting labor; foregrounding accessibility; supporting early-career scholars; establishing continuity; managing community and network-building; supporting innovation; valuing industry practices; and maintaining and facilitating interorganizational and international relationships.

As such, the primary factors driving this decision are:

1. Prioritizing the health and safety of attendees;
2. Acknowledging that many attendees are facing economic and time constraints that may prevent them from traveling at this time; and
3. Honoring and valuing work already done by the conference committee and the authors who plan to attend, present work, and participate.

The details of the online event are still emerging as the Executive and Conference Committees design that experience for attendees and presenters. We will plan to:

1. Publish the 2020 proceedings as planned;
2. Hold the SRC and present awards;
3. Consider how to present and engage with the work our community is doing;
4. Provide opportunities for networking and mentorship; and
5. Create an inclusive and accessible online space.

Therefore, it is resolved, that the organization shall:

*Carry out this organizational resolution to run SIGDOC '20 as a virtual event in October 2020 in concert with the appointed SIGDOC '20 Conference Committee, consisting of: Stacey Pigg (conference chair); Chris Lam and Autumn Hood (local co-chairs); Josephine Walwema and Daniel Hocutt (program co-chairs); Sonia Stephens (student research competition chair); and Jordan Frith (sponsorship chair). Support will also come from the other appointed members of the Board.*

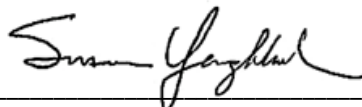
The Executive Committee Members of ACM SIGDOC are authorized through organizational bylaws to perform the acts to carry out this organizational resolution.



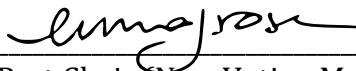
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