Bylaws of ACM Multimedia Asia Steering Committee

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1. Goals and Mission

ACM International Conference on Multimedia in Asia (MM Asia) is an international conference to showcase the scientific achievements and industrial innovations in the multimedia field. MM Asia is sponsored by SIGMM and was initiated by SIGMM China Chapter. Its mission is to illuminate the state of the art in multimedia computing by bringing together researchers and practitioners in this field, especially in the Pan-Pacific regions.

2. Steering Committee

The MM Asia Steering Committee (SC) serves as the primary board guiding the direction and growth of the MM Asia conference. The SC's voting members consist of distinguished scientific and industrial leaders in the field of multimedia, including the chairs and the conference directors of SIGMM, the EiCs of leading multimedia journals, as well as the representatives from different districts (e.g., CN, JP, KR, AU, etc.).

The SC members are responsible for, but not limited to:

- voting for future conference organizers and locations of MM Asia,
- assisting the organization and publicizing the conference, and
- advising on the direction and growth of MM Asia.

MM Asia Steering Committee Chair is the main coordinator for MM Asia matters which are relevant to the future of the conference and community. He or she functions as a "Shepherd" to the MM Asia General Chairs regarding the direction of the conference, conference planning, and recommendations on improving the conference. Requests should be submitted to the SC Chair who will bring the matter to the SC for comments, discussion, and a decision by majority vote if one is required.

The Chair of SC may serve at most two consecutive terms (three years per term). Members and Vice Chair of SC are appointed by the Chair and approved by SC members, and the Vice Chair is expected to become Chair upon the expiration of the Chair's term. Members who have finished their duties automatically transit to the role of advisors within the Former SC Members. Member may also serve at most two consecutive terms (three years per term). This will help bring fresh and diverse scholars to the committee.

3. Voting Rules

To ensure objectivity and fairness in the decision process, the following rules should be followed:

- A majority vote is required. The selection of MM Asia bids is determined by the following process: 1) each voting member submits a ranked list of bids to the Chair; 2) the Chair collates the ranking lists and computes the average score for each bid; 3) the bid receiving the highest score shall be selected; 4) in the case of a tie (two or more bids with close scores), the SC will host another round of oral presentation for final voting (and discussion if needed).
- Members who are part of the General Chairs for a current bid should not participate in the voting or discussion process.
- All votes are cast anonymously, and committee members are under no obligation to disclose their votes.