

ACM Mile High Video (MHV)

Steering Committee Bylaws

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Mission

ACM MHV is a technically focused conference, open for industry leaders, service providers, researchers and engineers in the broadcast, cable and over-the-top (OTT) communities at large. MHV provides a forum for the participants to share experiences from and demonstrate their latest deployments, best practices, research findings and views on future directions as well as present the developing standards in content encoding, delivery and consumption. MHV's mission is to illuminate the state of the art in anything related to content.

While several other events exist in these subject domains, they are either purely research oriented (mainly attended by academia) or marketing oriented (mainly hosted by trade shows). MHV uniquely aims to fill this gap by offering a technical event that brings together the researchers, service providers, engineers and practitioners.

Steering Committee

Composition

The ACM MHV steering committee was created to serve the community through leadership of the MHV conference series. The initial members of this committee are selected from individuals who spoke at or attended MHV in previous years, or based on their domain expertise and to strike a good balance between the industry and academia. The list of the members is given in the Appendix.

The steering committee is responsible for the overall health and direction of the MHV conferences. In particular, the steering committee should:

- Oversee the long-term planning of the conference (conference style, venues, organizers, etc.),
- Guide the overall direction of the conference, encouraging and catalyzing new areas to ensure the continued importance and relevance to the MHV community,
- Help create a welcoming, respectful and diverse environment during and after the conference, and
- Oversee the fiscal well-being of the conference.

The steering committee shall consist of no fewer than five and no more than 15 members of the community. Members of the steering committee are expected to be distinguished scientific and/or industry leaders in the community, and committed to serving and improving the MHV conference series.

Meetings

The steering committee should meet twice a year preferably once at the conference and once online. The meetings should go over the status of the current conference (making sure things are going well, changes that the organizers had to make, and other information vital to the current conference). The meetings shall

also consider changes to the current steering committee membership as needed. It is expected that in addition to the steering committee members, the program chairs from the following and current year's conference attend these meetings.

The minutes of each meeting shall be taken, circulated among the members and after a short review period, the minutes shall be approved.

Member Responsibilities

Each committee member is responsible for:

- Growing the MHV community through leadership and engagement with academic and industry partners,
- Attending steering committee meetings (online or in person),
- Ensuring that the MHV conference is an inclusive, safe and respectful environment for all attendees,
- Assisting the organizers in identifying people to serve on program committee roles,
- Selecting the venues and primary organizers for future MHV conferences,
- Identifying sponsorship opportunities, and
- Helping publicize the calls and conference program on social media, through personal contacts, etc.

Chair Responsibilities

The steering committee chair is the main coordinator for matters that are relevant to the future of the conference and community. He/she (or another member if assigned by the chair) functions as a shepherd to the future MHV organizers regarding the direction of the conference, conference planning and recommendations on improving the conference. In addition to the member responsibilities, the chair is responsible for:

- Calling and organizing steering committee meetings,
- Being a strong advocate for the community and inclusion at the MHV conferences,
- Preparing and presenting the annual report for the SIGMM meeting or arranging an appropriate proxy to do so,
- Seeking consensus on all issues that the steering committee may bring up for discussion, and
- Keeping the bylaws up to date for historical purposes.

The chair does not possess any special veto or voting rights. The chair is, by and large, the main organizational and historical tracker for the MHV conferences. The chair role can be filled by two co-chairs, if desired.

Adding or Removing Members

Nominations for new members can be made by an existing steering committee member at a steering committee meeting. Each nominee is expected to have either presented in a past MHV event or attended at least two of the last four MHV events. In addition, exceptional nominees can be submitted for those who have not actively participated in MHV conferences in the past but made significant contributions to the field. Through a majority vote of the existing steering committee members, the nominee(s) can be confirmed onto the steering committee. Note that there are no limits to the number of nominees that can

be added in a given year, assuming each meets the criteria. Also, there are no limits to the number of terms a member can serve in the steering committee.

Members can ask to be removed on a voluntary basis. Members who have not fulfilled their responsibilities are subject to removal upon voting and through a majority vote.

Chair Replacement

When the steering committee chair has served for five years or if the chair wishes to step down, a new chair needs to be selected. The following procedure will be followed:

- The current chair (who will not vote) takes an anonymously submitted rank ordered vote of the current steering committee members for nominees.
- Tallying the average rank of each of the nominees voted for, the top two are voted on.
- An anonymous vote for one of the top two is conducted.
- Should there be a tie, the current chair votes for one of the two.

Note that there are no limits to the number of terms a chair can serve in the steering committee. That is, the current or a past steering committee chair can be nominated again.

Decisions and Voting Rules

To ensure objectivity and fairness in the decision-making process, the following rules have been adopted for the steering committee members. Each member has one vote.

- Majority vote is required for all decisions. Votes can be in absentia if the member has been apprised of all the discussion related to the matter being voted on.
- Voting for conference venues. If a vote for multiple future venues is to be taken, each member ranks order each of the prospective sites. The chair collates the ranked lists and computes the average rank for each venue.
- All voting is anonymous. Members may reveal their votes if they wish, but there is no obligation to do so.

Bylaws Revisions

Modifications to the bylaws can be made at a steering committee meeting with a two thirds majority of affirmative votes.

Acknowledgements

The initial version of this document has been primarily based on the ACM ICMR and MMSys Steering Committee's Bylaws.

Appendix

Appointed Steering Committee Members (May 1, 2021)

1. Mr. Balu Adsumilli (YouTube, USA)
2. Mr. Ali C. Begen (Ozyegin University, Turkey), Co-chair
3. Mr. Alex Giladi (Comcast, USA), Co-chair
4. Ms. Sally Hattori (Walt Disney Studios, USA)
5. Mr. Jean-Baptiste Kempf (VideoLAN, France)
6. Mr. Thomas Kernen (NVIDIA, Switzerland)
7. Mr. Scott Labrozzi (Disney Streaming Services, USA)
8. Ms. Maria Martini (Kingston University, UK)
9. Ms. Hatice Memiguven (beIN Media, Turkey)
10. Mr. Ben Mesander (Wowza Media Systems, USA)
11. Mr. Mark Nakano (WarnerMedia, USA)
12. Ms. Madeleine Noland (ATSC, USA)
13. Mr. Yuriy Reznik (Brightcove, USA)
14. Ms. Tamar Shoham (Beamr, Israel)

Document History

- June 21, 2021: Switching from workshop to conference
- May 1, 2021: Updates based on the SIGMM executive board
- Apr. 13, 2021: Initial version

History of MHV

1. MHV 2020 (Dec. 1-4, 2020 - Online)
 - 51 talks, 58 speakers from 45 different companies
 - >1600 registrations from 57 countries around the globe
 - Live broadcast watched for more than 2500 hours by approximately 1000 unique viewers
2. MHV 2019 (July 30-31, 2019 - Denver, CO)
 - 42 talks from 30 different companies
 - 350 attendees from 16 different countries
 - 91% found the workshop very or extremely valuable to attend
 - 90% found the talks high or very high quality
 - 98% definitely/likely to attend a future workshop
3. MHV 2018 (July 31-Aug. 1, 2018 - Denver, CO)
 - 32 talks, 30 speakers from 21 different companies
 - 200 attendees (room limit)
4. Mile High DASH Workshop 2017 (Aug. 10, 2017 - Denver, CO)

- 10 talks, one panel
 - 150 attendees (room limit)
5. DASH Workshop 2016 (Aug. 2016 - New York, NY)