SIGHCI Annual Business Meeting at AMCIS'09

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Friday, August 7, 2009
Place: Sierra Suite F, San Francisco Marriot
Notes taken by SIGHCI Secretary Na "Lina" Li

SIGHCI chair Khawaja A Saeed gave a presentation including the following sections:
1. Welcome
2. Update on SIGHCI officers
3. Update on SIGHCI sponsored conferences and workshops
4. Update on SIGHCI sponsored special issues
5. AIS Transactions on Human Computer Interaction (THCI)
6. Financial report
7. Online submission system, ISBN issue, and AIS e-library

Discussions:

Issue 1: online submission system

Khawaja showed two potential online submission systems for SIGHCI Workshop:

- BePress: free but limited user experience; hardly used by conferences.
  Fiona: Is it too risky to try it for one year?
  Khawaja: Need to check with workshop program co-chairs to see whether they are familiar with it or have the time to get familiar with it.
  Traci: Any new submission system could require much effort from program chairs.

- Manuscript Central – Khawaja is inclined to this one because users are familiar with it, but concerned about its cost – around $1600 for workshop submission every year.

  Question: Is there any consideration regarding submission fee like those accounting people do?
  Khawaja: No. We don't charge submission fees. But we'll raise the workshop attendance fee by $50 to cover the costs.

Issue 2: ISBN fee

Khawaja presented two options:
- Pay the ISBN fee once by once - $25/ISBN (please correct me if my memory is wrong)
- Pay for a set of ISBN all at once at a discounted price - $225/10 ISBN
  Khawaja proposed that we can pay for 2 sets (20 ISBN) = $450 in total.

Issue 3: Sponsorship

Ken Kozar: Is Melina looking for any cooperation for sponsorship, e.g., with book publishers?
Fiona: Maybe some sponsors in the Phoenix area would be interested in.
Khawaja will email Melina about this.