

SIGMOD Officers Election Process

As I am sure you are well-aware, we are in the midst of an election to identify the next set of officers to run SIGMOD. It is even possible that you may have learned the results of the elections by the time you read this. In this short note, I explain the process that we followed in this process.

In Fall 2008, the current SIGMOD Chair, Raghu Ramakrishnan, asked me to chair the Nominating Committee. Together we selected the other members. In addition to the two of us, the Committee consisted of Susan Davidson (University of Pennsylvania), Gustavo Alonso (ETH Zürich), and Kyu-Young Whang (KAIST).

The Committee issued a public call for nominations through DBWORLD. We did get some nominations in response to our call, and committee members also gathered lists of potential candidates. We conducted a number of rounds of email discussions before we developed a short list. In the end, I was charged with contacting colleagues on the short list and asking them if they would be willing to be candidates. ACM regulations require at least two candidates for each position, and at the end of this process the election slate consisted of the following colleagues:

Chair candidates:

Amr El Abbadi, University of California, Santa Barbara
Yannis Ioannidis, University of Athens

Vice-Chair candidates:

Anastassia Ailamaki, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Christian Jensen, Aalborg University

Secretary/Treasurer candidates:

Alexandros Labrinidis, University of Pittsburgh
Wang-Chiew Tan, University of California, Santa Cruz

The Nominating Committee is very pleased with the slate that we have been able to present to the SIGMOD membership, and we feel confident that SIGMOD will be in very good hands for the next four years regardless of the results of the election. The candidates are active members of our community and represent the growing international nature of SIGMOD.

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