

ACL 2019 Q3 Exec Meeting

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Agenda

- Q3 updates
- Q4 plans

Q3 Updates

- Designing & implementing reusable website/app/schedule resources (NAACL 2019)
- Advising EMNLP 2019 & ACL 2020
- SIGEDU website setup and management
- Set up ACL organization account on Amazon Web Services
- Requirements gathering and research

Q3 - NAACL 2019

- Create documented, reusable website & app resources
 - Website repository with detailed documentation and customized schedule generator (<https://github.com/naacl-org/naacl-hlt-2019>)
 - App repository with detailed documentation and instructions (<https://github.com/naacl-org/naacl-app-2019>)
 - Repository for target-agnostic ACLPUB order file parser. Used by NAACL 2019 website and app for automatic agenda population (<https://github.com/naacl-org/naacl-schedule-2019>)
- Blog post with details: <https://naacl2019.org/blog/digital-and-collaborative-materials/>
- Current use by ACL 2019 for app & planned use by ACL 2020 for website and app.

Q3 - Advising

- emnlp-ijcnlp2019.org using the same GitHub Pages setup for website as emnlp2018.org - help website chairs get set up.
- ACL 2020 planning to reuse a lot from NAACL 2019 - help website chairs get set up with with hosting and domain for acl2020.org
- Set up ACL 2020 Slack channels under ACL organizational account and set up restricted invites for program committee. To continue for future conferences.

Q3 - SIGEDU

- Serving as executive board member for ACL SIGEDU
- Design & setup SIG website and blog (sig-edu.org)
- Set up Slack workspace for SIG exec board communication

Q3 - Amazon Web Services

- Set up ACL organization account on AWS
- Create account for Matt to be able to use Amazon S3 for automated backups of the anthology.
- Set up so we can now use various AWS services and assign permissions in a modular fashion to different people.

Q3 - Other

- Requirements gathering for ACL IT infrastructure needs
- More detailed research on third-party service offerings for our needs
- Fellows nominations
- Online elections
- Subscription-based payments

Q4 Plans

- Draft an official conference website policy for feedback from ACL exec
- Run a test of fellows nominations process on a third party service
- Improve ACL web infrastructure (with volunteers)
- Continue liaising with other conferences and organizations to guide and advise

Q4 - Conference Websites

- No official policy conference websites – domains, hosting, storage, and URL formats
- Decentralized domain purchase, management, and renewal
- Expensive domain renewals & expirations
- No/Inconsistent archival
- Inconsistent TLDs
- Inconsistent hosting and storage of content
- Inconsistent look & feel / navigation / features from year to year

Q4 - Conference Websites

- Discuss trade-off between autonomy and consistency/standardization. Public/limited survey?
- If we do decide to have a policy, it should cover (at least):
 - Centralized domain purchase, renewal, & record keeping
 - Standardized conference URLs across ACL/EACL/NAACL/EMNLP (e.g., aclweb.org/conferences/acl2019 or conferences.aclweb.org/acl2019)
 - Archiving - in-house solution or perhaps something like Archive-It from the Internet Archive (which is already a lifesaver!)
 - Hosting / Version Control : GitHub Pages model provides both for free (and a URL to boot)
 - Scope : only major conferences or smaller workshops/conferences too?

Q4 - ACL Fellows Process

- Looked into third party platforms for awards, contests, grants, scholarships etc.
- Shortlisted two : judgify.com and evalato.com
- Corresponded with the founder of evalato.com to confirm that it can accommodate the ACL Fellows process
- Seems fairly reasonable except no mechanism to *automatically* email recommenders.
- Allows running entire pipeline in test mode. Need help from someone more familiar with process to run a test.

Q4 - Web Migration

- Build on proof of concept GitHub Pages website (acl-org.github.io) and integrate search & support for gated content
- Finished a first draft of the call for volunteers to help migrate ACL website and wikis to more modern infrastructure
- Plan to send it out either during the conference or right after it ends

Q4 - Others

- Running a SIGLEX referendum using a third party service on August 5th – will serve as a test for broader ACL use
- Advise ACL 2020 website and app chairs
- Modify code for website/app/schedule components based on feedback

