

SANER Charter

Adopted by the conference on March, 5th 2015

- 1) History. the International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER) is the continuation of both the European Conference on Software Maintenance and Reengineering (CSMR) and the Working Conference on Reverse Engineering (WCRE) conferences. These merged to form SANER. WCRE, founded in 1993, held its 21st meeting in 2014 jointly with the 18th meeting of CSMR, founded in 1996.
- 2) Name and Mission. The mission of SANER is to be the premier research-oriented conference dedicated to the theory and practice of analyzing, evolving and reengineering software and systems.
- 3) Frequency. SANER is held annually, normally in the Spring. The 2015 edition will be identified as the 22nd International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering.
- 4) Sponsorship.
 - a) Sponsors. The sponsors of SANER are
 - i) IEEE Computer Society's Technical Council on Software Engineering (TCSE), and
 - ii) the Reengineering Forum (REF).
 - b) Rules and Tax Status. SANER will abide by the rules of its sponsors for the conduct of conference business operations and will act in compliance with the non-profit tax-exempt status of its sponsors.
 - c) Changes in Sponsorship. One-time temporary changes in sponsorship, such as the addition of another qualified organization as sponsor for a particular year, may be made by agreement between the SANER Steering Committee and the sponsors in the normal course of annual conference approval.
- 5) Steering Committee.
 - a) Membership.
 - i) SANER will be managed by a Steering Committee consisting of:
 - 1) 6 elected members of the community,
 - 2) the TCSE Chair or its designee,
 - 3) the REF Board of Directors Chair or its designee.
 - ii) if more than one role would be filled by the same person, or if a vacancy exists in any role, the Steering Committee Chair should appoint a substitute with the consent of the remaining Steering Committee.
 - b) Duties. The Steering Committee will:
 - i) oversee the SANER conference operations and finances,
 - ii) create, maintain and post SANER conference policies and procedures, including:
 - 1) steering committee policies and procedures,
 - 2) conference organizing policies and procedures,
 - 3) program committee and reviewing policies and procedures.
 - iii) provide history and continuity for the conference,

- iv) select and confirm the appointment of conference chairs (including at least the General Chair, the Program Committee co-chairs, and the Financial Chair) and meeting locations, and
 - v) any other actions expected or allowed under the conference rules of its sponsors.
 - c) Election of SC members. Every year at the conference new members of the SC are elected in an open SC meeting following the procedures described in the steering committee policies and procedures document. One of the elected members each year must have served as General Chair, Finance Chair, or Program Chair in the last five years at SANER (including WCRE and CSMR).
 - d) Term of Membership. Elected SC members serve for a term of three years. At least two seats of the SC shall be available for election at each SANER, with terms to begin immediately following the elections. No person may serve consecutively for more than 2 terms.
 - e) Election of Chair. Every year after the conference, the Steering Committee will elect the Steering Committee Chair from among the elected SC members.
 - 6) Operational Roles.
 - a) General Chair. The General Chair is responsible for the conference budget, local arrangements, conference operations, and setting the general direction and parameters of the current meeting, including the appointment of conference positions other than Financial Chair and Program co-Chairs, and resolution of any disputes on technical papers. The General Chair is also responsible for compliance with conference rules of SANER's sponsors.
 - b) Program Chairs. SANER generally has two Program co-Chairs. The Program Chairs are responsible for:
 - i) the receipt, tracking, and refereeing of technical papers,
 - ii) the structuring of the conference program along with the General Chair,
 - iii) the editing of the SANER Proceedings,
 - iv) the conduct of the conference sessions, and
 - v) the assembly of post-conference results and summaries.
 - 7) Principles of Operation. SANER emphasizes discussion and follows the Working Conference format as was practiced by WCRE.
 - 8) Amendments. Changes to this charter shall be proposed six months in advance to the SC in consultation with SANER's sponsors and, if approved by the SC, must be then approved by a two-thirds majority of the attendees of SANER's open SC meeting.
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