

Question 1

In the spirit of the Bayh-Dole Act, why should tax-payers have to pay to access publications of federally-funded research?

- Of course not.
- But what about textbooks, monographs, continuing education products, etc.
- This is a public policy question, and like it or not, our record in such areas is not great.

Question 6

Are you interested in seeing organizations like ACM and the Computer Society adopt an open access policy? If they do, do you think that the “raison d’etre” for publications by independent groups would vanish? Is that good or bad?

- This is really your question, but
- We are certainly experimenting in the area
- If indeed our membership wants it, and there is a business model by which it can be done, of course we will do it
- I do not see publications by independent groups vanishing, but they may not be non-profit organizations.

Question 12

How important are revenues from publications to the financial viability of organizations like the Computer Society and ACM?

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You don't know?

- Times change, and societies must change too if they are to survive.
- But here again, we are moving into policy and the question is do we want to inform the debate or be carried along.

Question 13

There is a perception that as long as a conference is profitable, an organization like IEEE and ACM will continue to sponsor it. Would IEEE and ACM actually fund a conference or venue that loses money?

- We do it all the time.
- Here again, we do what our members want, but we need a business model that works. So conferences become part of a portfolio, and sum of all of these is our income.

And remember

There is overhead

There is risk

There are expectations

And all of these cost.

Questions 19

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What can organizations like NSF and CRA do to inform the tenure and promotion process? Should they step in? Are the issues with computer science really that much different than other scientific fields?

- This is really interesting and again is an issue of public policy.
- The real question is will tenure survive or is this another artifact of the past?
- One answer is strong use of impartial third party review for journals, conferences, etc, but certainly that is not the only one.

- The real question is what do all of us want to do, and can we sell it to the public?
- “We have always done it that way” just won’t work.
- CRA, (ACM and CS) can and should be involved here. In am not as certain about NSF which must respond to the political environment, not shape it.