A Brief Note from the Chair

I hope this note finds you all well. There are several really exciting things happening for our SIG; let me get right to the point.

First, our web-site is finally up (www.nova.edu/~wwsig)! As you’ll see, it’s very basic; it contains links to the AERA web-site as well as their site dedicated to the 2005 annual conference. There is also information regarding the purpose and officers of the SIG. Please let me know if there is anything that you would like to see added. Personally, I think a page with links to relevant research and literature sources would be a good idea – let me know if you have sites you would like included.

Next, the editors of the Internet in Higher Education have invited us to contribute to a special edition of their journal. The entire issue will be devoted to our SIG members and they would like to receive papers that address the use of the WWW at the college or university level. You can find details of the call at the bottom of this newsletter as well as on our web-site.

Sky Huck has sent out several e-mails regarding nominations for the SIG Executive Committee. Per his instructions, I will forward those to you later today.

Lastly, our SIG membership numbers have dropped a bit over the past month. If, for whatever reason, you’ve not updated your records, please do so. I have contacted former members whose memberships have lapsed; hopefully that will soon add to our rolls! Remember, the number of members is tied directly to the number of sessions we’re allocated at the annual conference.

Speaking of the annual conference, our schedule is set for Montreal. We have our business meeting, Digital Library Session, two roundtables and a three-person paper session. Even at this early date, let me encourage you to try to attend as many of our sessions as possible.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, or if there is anything you would like to see included in future newsletters or the web-site, please let me know. Thank you all for your help and support; please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested.

Thanks,

Steve
Calls for Papers

Journal of Educational Computing Research

Michael Young, our SIG Program Chair, is a book review editor for this journal. If you are interested in submitting book reviews or manuscripts for consideration, please contact him: myoung@uconn.edu.

The Internet and Higher Education

The purpose of the Education and the WWW Special Interest Group (www.nova.edu/~wwwsig) is to promote the discussion, dissemination, and critical examination of a broad range of topics that relate to the use of the World Wide Web in instruction. The editors of the Internet in Higher Education are interested in publishing a special volume of their journal that presents research of this type at the undergraduate or graduate level. Interested SIG members should contact Steve Terrell (terrell@nova.edu). The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2005.