

Statements from SIGecom Officers Candidates

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SIGecom elects members of its community to various officer positions. Below you will find statements from this year’s candidates. All positions have two-year terms, with two-year renewal pending approval of all officers. Members of SIGecom will be notified of voting by email from the ACM. To join the SIG online, visit <https://www.acm.org/special-interest-groups/sigs/sigecom>.

Michal Feldman (Chair). I am deeply honored to be considered for the position of SIGecom Chair. With internet-based systems increasingly governing our economic and social interactions, the work of SIGecom has become increasingly more important and relevant.

Over the past two decades, ACM SIGecom has made significant contributions to research at the intersection of computer science and economics. Looking ahead, it is crucial that we continue to foster an inclusive environment, welcoming different subareas within CS, including theory, AI, and ML, as well as economics, game theory, and operations research. With its unique position at the forefront of this field, ACM SIGecom is ideally positioned to help its members discover new scientific avenues, develop new tools, and train the next generation of researchers and practitioners.

As SIGecom Chair, my goal will be to ensure that our community remains vibrant, welcoming, and focused on tackling the most important challenges and opportunities at the interface of CS and economics. I aim to foster deeper interactions with related areas of science, creating a more collaborative and interdisciplinary environment that will enable us to make even greater strides in this exciting field. To achieve this, it is essential that we build a safe and inclusive community.

Federico Echenique (Vice Chair). My research has dealt with algorithmic questions in economics for many years, and I was one of the first economists to attend, and become involved, in the EC conference. I have been on the program committee for most years since 2012, and served as co-chair (with Shuchi Chawla) for the conference in 2021. If I am elected, I hope to continue the work of the current group of officers, who have overseen an expansion of the EC community, with added diversity of fields and people involved. I am aware that the growth of the SIG presents some challenges, and look forward to thinking about solutions with the new chair and the new slate of officers.

Alexander Teytelboym (Vice Chair). I’m Alex and I’m an economist who has been adopted by the EC community. Although my wonderful “opponent” has an absolute advantage over me on every dimension, I’m nevertheless running for Vice

Chair for three reasons (where I might possibly have some comparative advantage). First, I want to do more to improve the mental health of the members of our community and focus more on the well-being of junior researchers during conferences and the job market. I'm currently a mental health champion and a harassment advisor at the economics department at Oxford. Second, I want to scale up the existing mentorship programme. I've been involved in organising the EC Mentoring workshop and I believe that many students outside elite CS departments are still missing out on the best networking opportunities. Moreover, I think we need to build stronger mentorship programmes for junior researchers approaching tenure. Third, I hope to encourage much more involvement of the community with the third sector (non-profits, NGOs etc). My experience of working with NGOs (on refugee resettlement in particular) has been simultaneously challenging and rewarding, but I think our community has at least as much to add to the third sector as it does to industry collaborations. Thank you for your consideration!

Brendan Lucier (Secretary-Treasurer). It is an honor to be nominated for Secretary-Treasurer of SIGecom. This SIG and the EC conference have been my home base for many years, and I would be thrilled to better serve the EC community in this role.

I believe that SIGecom serves a crucial role in creating opportunities for our members to engage with each other and be recognized for their accomplishments. To that end, I co-chaired the inaugural SIGecom Winter Meeting in 2021. I also led the award committee for the Best Presentation by a Student or Postdoctoral Researcher at EC the first year that award was offered. If elected I will strive to continue the SIG's work of engagement and recognition.

I'm also very familiar with the ACM EC conference itself, having served as Local Arrangements Chair and Conference Treasurer, as Tutorial Co-Chair, and as Theory Track Co-Chair. I am excited to put that experience to use as the executive committee manages EC and other activities in the coming years.

SIGecom is a unique group that brings together researchers across many backgrounds. If elected secretary-treasurer, I will work to strengthen the relationships between and within disciplines that make SIGecom thrive.

Matt Weinberg (Secretary-Treasurer). I'm very honored to be nominated for the SIGecom Secretary-Treasurer position! The EC community has been my research home since I started my PhD, and I'm excited about the opportunity to serve. I've previously served as co-editor for Exchanges, and treasurer for EC, and on the EC Program Committee (as a PC member, SPC member, and AC). I also co-organized this year's SIGecom winter meeting. Finally, I also co-organized the first three EC Mentoring Workshops, and am still active in assisting current organizers. As an officer, I'd be especially excited to continue providing logistical support for similar initiatives, and helping to amplify the vision of other officers and members of the EC community.