

SIAG/DM Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Minutes

Chair: Bojan Mohar, Vice-Chair, SIAG/DM
Secretary: Lorna Stewart, Program Director, SIAG/DM

I. SIAG/DM Membership report
see powerpoint slides

II. SIAG Election 2009
Suggestions for members of the nominating committee and/or future SIAG/DM officers may be forwarded to any of the current officers (see <http://www.siam.org/activity/dm/>).

III. SIAG Charter Renewal 2009
SIAG officers will provide detailed information about the SIAG's activities during its present term as well as specific plans for future activities.

IV. SIAG Activities
Comments from members:
- members should be informed about the nature and purpose of DMNet (<http://orion.math.iastate.edu/rymartin/dm-net.html>)
- members should receive announcements for, and explanations about, the SODA conferences including details of dates and locations

V. Conference DM08
The chair thanked the organizers of DM08.

VI. Dénes König Prize
Members were asked to consider suggesting:
- possible additional sponsors for the König prize, since Google's contribution of \$5000 will fund the prize for only about 5 years
- future award recipients

VII. Track at 2009 SIAM Annual Meeting (July 6-10, 2009, Denver CO) will be organized by Lenore Cowen; suggestions for minisymposia may be e-mailed to Lenore (<http://www.siam.org/meetings/calendar.php?id=503>).

VIII. Track at ICIAM 2011 Vancouver, July 18-22, 2011.
International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics 2011 (see <http://www.iciam2011.com/>) is co-sponsored by SIAM. SIAM will not have an Annual Meeting that year. Should SIAG/DM organize a track at ICIAM 2011? Bojan indicated that he would investigate this possibility.

IX. Communication

A. Web DMNet

B. SIAM News

To suggest a SIAM News story, please contact Gail Corbett, Editor of SIAM News (<http://www.siam.org/about/staff.php>).

X. Next meeting DM10

A. Location

SIAG/DM may consider co-locating DM10 with the SIAM Annual Meeting (July 2010, Pittsburgh PA):

Pros:

- co-locating with AM worked well in 1998 in Toronto
- co-plenary speakers
- more excitement; possibility of attracting new members

Cons:

- since we'll have a significant presence through our track at the 2009 Annual Meeting, maybe 2010 is too soon to consider co-locating
- the DM conference alone is a good size for collaboration; co-locating might make a meeting that is too large
- if the fees would be combined, it could be a negative

Overall:

- we may consider co-locating for one day only, and/or using different hotels in the same city

Other comments on location:

- campus vs hotel: hotel easier for SIAM
- if hotel, better to choose one in a downtown area where there are choices of restaurants, etc
- suggestions: Chicago, Seattle
- need good/free wireless / Linux support at venue and hotels; computer support may be easier to arrange on a university campus

Organizing committee:

- having 2 conference co-chairs strongly recommended; if at a university, need one to be local

B. Timing

C. Program committee

Please forward suggestions or willingness to volunteer to current SIAG/DM officers.

XI. Possible other SIAG activities for the future

- try to get additional \$5000 from Google, in order to fund the Dénes König Prize in perpetuity
- broaden relationship with Google and other industrial contacts in order to serve industry while encouraging membership
- talk to SIAM about discounted fees for multiple year memberships; in some cases, members may negotiate such discounts on an individual basis
- Elsevier contacted CanaDAM about sponsorship - might they support SIAM DM as well?

- if we obtain sponsorship, use it to support student and early career people's attendance at DM conference

- Daniel Panario announced CanaDAM 09 (May 25-29, 2009, Montréal QC; see attached pdf document and

http://www.crm.umontreal.ca/CanaDAM2009/index_e.shtml)

Other comments from members, received after the meeting:

- DM conferences should end at noon on the last day to give people travel time

- suggested locations for DM 10: Chicago, Seattle, Banff, Ottawa, Texas