

SIAG/DM Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 17, 2014, 5:50-6:50 pm
Greenway C-H, Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

Attendance: Doug West, Lenore Cowen, Guantao Chen, Rick Brewster, plus 60 SIAG Members/Conference attendees.

The *Why Join SIAM* video played as the attendees assembled.

Doug West called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

- I. SIAG/DM officers
 - a. Introduction of current offices. **Action:** List of officers and e-mails to be sent of SIAG/DM mailing list.
 - b. Meeting thanked previous SIAG officers – Karen Collins, Ryan Martin, Jacques Verstraete, Debra Boutin.
 - c. Elections of SIAG/DM officers will be held in 2015. **Call for people to serve.**
- II. Communication:
 - a. DM-Net is no more;
 - b. SIAG/DM mailing list is now the preferred communication method;
 - c. Website www.siam.org/activity/dm is relatively quiet. SIAG/DM has **called for website volunteer.**
 - d. Siam news always looking for stories.
 - e. (New) SIAM blogs. Bojan Mohar volunteered to blog about the meeting. Location of blogs is SIAM website on side bar. It was suggested that minisymposia organizers could also blog about their sessions with highlights (new results, conjectures, etc.)
- III. Conference:
 - a. Attendees thanked Bojan Mohar and DM 14's program committee.
 - b. Attendance: 319 registered for this year's conference.
- IV. Dénes König Prize
 - a. Doug West encouraged people to think about nominations for 2016 meeting.
 - b. John Schmidt asked about the state of funding for the prize. Google originally funded 5 prizes. This will fund the prize to DM 16. Karen Collins announced that future funding is being pursued. **Action:** An announcement on future funding will be made.
- V. ICIAM 2015. Beijing. SIAG/DM has been asked to sponsor some minisymposia. **Action:** Guantao Chen will organize submissions. Contact him if interested.
- VI. SIAM fellows. The list of members from our SIAG who are fellows was presented in the slide show. **Action:** Ryan Martin to organize nominations. Talk to him with suggestions.

- VII. Gene Golub SIAM 2016 summer school. A call was made proposals for 2016. The schools run 1-2 weeks. LOI due in January, full proposal due in March. There is a preference for proposals with computational components.
- VIII. Membership
- a. benefits – (1/3 of meeting not members.) What way can we make SIAM more appealing?
 - b. membership report. DM membership is mid-pack relative other SIAGs. In the last few years there is a drop due mostly to student memberships. Encourage students to join. Free if institutions are members.
- IX. Next meeting DM 16.
- a. Presentations were made for hosting DM 16 at Georgia State University by Yi Zhao and at U of Colorado at Denver by Mike Ferrara.
 - i. Both universities are downtown campuses.
 - ii. Both are air hubs with rail from the airport to downtown.
 - iii. There are many hotels near campus and dorms on campus.
 - iv. Both cities have strong DM groups.
 - v. Both could host the goal of 400 attendees.
 - vi. Tom Trotter spoke about the history of alternating the event at universities and hotel venues (to reflect industrial part of SIAM). Both Atlanta and Denver have large hotels near campus.
 - b. Cost: Historically the registration fee has been roughly the same at universities as hotel venues. The main advantage is cost of dorms. Both schools have offered free use of facilities (rooms and AV). Support from GSU (\$10,000) has been secured and support at Denver has been promised by the dean.
 - c. Other sites discussed included Albuquerque and Memphis.
 - d. Overseas – Jerry Griggs reminded the group that discussions of hosting the event in Europe were made at the DM 12 business meeting. Both Prague and Paris were mentioned. A suggestion was made to develop a concrete proposal for overseas. Specifically, about 1/3 people suggested they would be willing and able to attend DM 18 if held in Paris.
 - e. Dates: Meeting needs to be mid to late June. SIAG date cannot be within 2 weeks of SIAM annual (July 11-14, 2016). June 20-24 is the latest we could hold DM 16. June 7-10 dates are available at GSU, but too early for some attendees.
 - f. Length of meeting. A pitch was made at DM 12 to extend the meeting to 4 1/2 days. Membership supported the idea at that time. There was positive support for this idea again provided the result was a reduction in parallel sessions.
 - g. Votes for cities – Atlanta 18, Denver 33, Either 25. **Action:** SIAM will continue discussions with both GSU and U of C at Denver to further develop proposals.
- X. Comments and concerns –
- a. Life membership option for SIAM was mentioned and confirmed.

- b. Food at coffee break for meeting would be appreciated.
- c. Sectional meetings based on geography (like AMS) would be a good idea. There are some sections now. Mike Ferrara suggested SIAM create geographical sections.
- d. Cost of meeting. Questions about cost of advertising were raised although communication of meeting deadlines was recognized as being important.
- e. Applied content in meeting. Doug West raised the question of how can we increase Applied content in our meeting. The possibility of co-chairs (one pure, one applied) for the program committee was made. **Action:** Appoint program committee co-chairs for DM 16.

Holding joint sessions with other SIAG meetings was suggested. There has been a push to include sessions on algebraic combinatorics/enumerative combinatorics at our meeting. The suggestion was made to continue this practice.

- f. Welcome Reception is preferred on Monday.

XI. Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Rick Brewster, SIAG/DM Secretary