

SIAG/OPT Business Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017
Vancouver

Meeting chair: Tamás Terlaky
Secretary (writer of these minutes): Jim Luedtke

I. The new officers were introduced, and thanks were given to the outgoing officers.

New officers:

Chair: Tamás Terlaky
Vice-Chair: Andreas Waechter
Program Director: Michael Friedlander
Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Luedtke
Newsletter Editors: Jennifer Erway and Stefan Wild

Departing officers:

Chair: Juan Meza
Vice-Chair: Martine Labbe
Program Director: Michael Friedlander
Secretary/Treasurer: Kim-Chuan Toh
Newsletter Editors: Jennifer Erway and Stefan Wild

II. The chair asks anyone with news items to share to contact the newsletter editors.

III. The SIAM Fellows who were inducted in 2016 and 2017 and are members of SIAG/OPT were acknowledged:

2016: Gang Bao, Thomas Coleman, Michael Hintermüller, Andrew Knyazev, James Nagy, Cynthia Phillips, David Williamson

2017: Rama Cont, Bart De Moor, Andreas Griewank, Monique Laurent, Lois McClines, James Renegar

IV. The chair encourages SIAG/OPT members to nominate fellow members to be SIAM fellows, and also to other optimization related prizes, such as the INFORMS Optimization Society prizes (see <https://www.informs.org/Recognition-Excellence/Community-Prizes/Optimization-Society>)

V. The 2017 SIAM Conference on Optimization organizers. Juan Meza and Michael Friedlander, were acknowledged.

- Participation this year included at least 709 registered participants, which demonstrates a steady increase.

VI. The SIAG/Optimization prize was announced. The 2017 winners are: Jérôme Bolte, Shoham Sabach, and Marc Teboulle.

VII. The possibility of forming a new SIAG/OPT prize for young researchers was discussed. A poll was taken and the majority in the audience appeared to be in favor of the idea.

VIII. A proposal for the 2020 SIAM Conference on Optimization was presented by Anthony Cho.

- Proposed dates: May 26-29, 2020.
- Local co-chairs: Xiaojun Chen and Defeng Sun
- Location: Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Features: Accessible via subway, many food options, many hotels nearby.
- Registration fee proposed to be same as OP17.
- Question from audience: Maximum size of lecture hall is 497 people. How to accommodate 700 conference participants for plenary talks?
 - Answer: A satellite room live streaming video of the plenary talks would be provided.
 - Question from audience: Do organizers plan to organize tours for the visitors?
 - Answer: Not at this time.

- Other proposals might be considered, and a decision will be made soon.

IX. The SIAM Annual Meeting was announced: July 10-14, 2017, Pittsburgh.

- SIAG/OPT members are always encouraged to participate in the SIAM annual meeting.

X. The Gene Golub SIAM Summer School was announced: May 29-June 7.

- SIAG/OPT members may consider applying to host a future summer school.

XI. SIAM Membership

- Attendees are encouraged to become SIAM members.
- Difference in member/non-member conference registration fee can be applied to membership fee.
- Students can always join 2 SIAGS for free.
- Regular SIAG/OPT membership has been steady between 550-600 for the past 10 years.
- Student SIAG/OPT membership dipped in 2011-2014 due to a technical issue, but is rising again, and is currently above 600.
- SIAG/OPT is third largest SIAM activity group.

XII. Chair encourages SIAG/OPT members to contact officers with ideas for other activities.

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XII. Meeting adjourned.