

SIAG/PDE Business Meeting agenda and minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 7 p.m.
Kiva ABC room
Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa

The meeting was chaired by Irene Gamba.

- I. Membership report: A review of the information supplied by the SIAM office was supplied.
- II. SIAG election for officers taking office 1/1/2009. Nominations to the SIAM officers for the SIAG nomination committee are to be sent to the current SIAG secretary.
- III. SIAG charter renewal due June 2008. It was acknowledged that this will be our next task. Personal comments about the effect of the SIAG and the increasing size of the meeting would be among the items presented in favor of renewal.
- IV. SIAG activities: various possibilities were discussed.
- V. Conference PD07: Overall satisfaction in the high level of the conference was frequently mentioned. Some thought that the very long days, from 8AM to 8PM, might be alleviated by more creative use of poster sessions. Meeting proceedings might be considered and poster presentations would be included, for example. Then the reception would be on night 1 instead of night 0 and posters would be presented then.
- VI. SIAG/APDE Prize: How this works was explained. Some improved coordination between the prize committee and the SIAG officers would be helpful.
- VII. Track at SIAM Annual Meeting. The deadline for minisymposia at the upcoming Annual Meeting is January 14.
- VIII. Communication
 - A. Emails from chair
 - B. Web
 - C. SIAG newsletter
 - D. SIAM News

IX. Next meeting

A. Location Should this be in the US or international? Many issues in this context were discussed. An enticing choice was seen to be Puerto Rico, offering an exotic atmosphere while not having any of the visa issues less of the cost issues which graduate students and young immigrant faculty may otherwise suffer. Other desirable locations suggested were Houston, San Antonio, or Austin, Texas and Miami, Florida.

B. Timing Aiming for December 2009.

C. Program committee To be arranged.

X. Possible other SIAG activities for the future. First of all, given the large number of student members of this group, there should be a special officer for student relations. Moreover, and this arose in the earlier discussion, Directors of Graduate Studies should alert students to SIAM and APDE membership possibilities. There is funding available for student travel, which may not be well known to advisors in PDE – style departments.

XI. Adjourn