

SIAG/DMA Business Meeting Minutes  
April 26, 2014  
Sheraton Society Hill Hotel  
Philadelphia, PA, USA

Chair Zoran Obradovic opened the SIAG/DMA business meeting.

Zoran Obradovic introduced NSF Director of Information Intelligence Systems, Deborah Lockhart, who addressed the SIAG/DMA members. She announced that NSF is interested in new ideas in big data and is seeking grant applications by June 9 in data and knowledge management, data and knowledge analytics, and computational science for the program Critical Techniques and Technologies for Advancing Big Data Science & Engineering (BIGDATA) In Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering. NSF is also seeking people from the community who would be willing to serve a rotating term as a program manager (especially in the Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (CISE/IIS) starting September 1. NSF is also seeking people from the community who are not submitting any proposals to serve as reviewers or panelists for IIS. If interested in either opportunity, talk to Frank Olin or Chris Clifton.

Obradovic thanked the outgoing SIAG officers and made several announcements:

The activity group has a moderated listserv [siam-dma@siam.org](mailto:siam-dma@siam.org).

SIAG/DMA has limited web presence and the SIAG/DMA officers are asking the community for input on what they want on the SIAG/DMA website.

*SIAM News* is seeking story ideas from the SIAG/DMA community that would be of interest to the great SIAM community.

SIAM Blogs offers another opportunity for reaching the greater SIAM community.

Obradovic announced the new SIAM Fellows who are members of SIAG/DMA and encouraged people to nominate their colleagues in the DMA community for the next class of SIAM Fellows.

Obradovic compared statistics from meetings of KDD, SIAM, and ICDM, and noted that SIAM has the lowest rates and the highest citations. He encouraged conference participants to join SIAM and SIAG/DMA.

Obradovic announced that in 2015 there will be no SIAM Annual Meeting as there will be a meeting of the International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM) in Beijing. He announced important dates for ICIAM participation including August 30, 2014 early decision, and September 30, 2014, regular decision. This is a good opportunity to connect with potential collaborators.

SIAG/DMA would like to host a track at the 2016 SIAM Annual Meeting in Boston. The track would consist of at least three minisymposia, each with three to six speakers.

Obradovic encouraged SDM14 attendees to make SIAM their professional home as SIAM offers many benefits including lobbying to encourage government funding of research in applied and

computational mathematics; and support of students at many levels with free and discounted memberships, conference discounts, and a high school modeling competition.

Obradovic reported that SIAG/DMA membership is growing and includes a high percentage of students. He challenged the attendees to go to their colleagues and invite them to join SIAM. After reviewing demographic slides about SIAG/DMA members, Obradovic said that their activity group should include more engineers and statisticians.

The meeting was opened up for public comment and it was suggested that there be more people from industry at the SDM conference. It would be interesting to have companies present what they are doing and discuss with the attendees.

The business meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm so that everyone could attend the scheduled poster event.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Whitehouse".

Susan Whitehouse  
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