

Business Meeting – Minutes

2019 SIAG/APDE, La Quinta, CA.
December 11, 2019.

It was announced that SIAM will start streamlining websites for all activity groups soon, and these would be uniform for all groups and friendlier to use.

Congrats to the SIAM Fellows of 2018 and 2019 and thanks to the co-chairs and organizing committee of the SIAM- PD19 conference.

The SIAG/APDE Prize selection was announced at the meeting.

Also, it was announced that a new prize, SIAG/APDE Early Career Prize, will be awarded to a young researcher (within six years from the PhD) for his/her outstanding and influential work, and will be given at every SIAM APDE conference starting from the next one. Nominations will be open on May 1, 2020. The effort toward establishing this prize was initiated by the previous leadership of officers of this SIAG, and it was recently approved by SIAM.

There is one proposal for the next SIAM APDE conference to take place in Berlin in March 2022. This is not approved yet. Emil Wiedemann presented this proposal at the end of the Business Meeting. It was noted that, if this is approved, it would be better to have the following conference held in the US on December 2023 to return to the usual two-year term in US, and probably on the East coast.

The 2nd Joint SIAM/CAIMS Annual meeting will take place in Toronto in July 2020, and the Gene Golub SIAM Summer Camp will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2020.

The benefits of membership in SIAM and in the activity group were recalled, and a report on the statistics of it was presented, as well as the numbers of participants for this conference according to the available registration info. This SIAG is healthy, the membership and conference participants numbers are good, and there is encouragement to continue the effort to increase them. A comment was that being “loud” would help to increase the number of participants of the conference.

Regarding the posters, there was a suggestion to fit into the schedule a poster blitz so that young people would have the opportunity to let senior researchers be abreast of their contributions. This suggestion was approved, and there were also comments to include poster prizes (one or more); the prizes could be SIAM membership or books.

The Co-Chairs of the conference made it clear that gender balance was taken into account during the organization of the conference.

As mentioned above, Emil Wiedemann presented the proposal for holding the next conference in Berlin, from March 21 to 25 of 2022. It will be held at the Technical University of Berlin, which is easily reachable and also includes rooms equipped with the necessary equipment for the conference. The local organizers have experience with organizing large meetings, the Weierstrass Institute will finance the conference, and it is expected that the registration fee will be lower than the usual due to the local funding. A concern was raised that the period falls during the academic semester for US institutions. The reason for proposing to have it then is because there is a break from classes on campus in Berlin, so the rooms at Tech Univ can be available for the conference. All required rooms are already reserved for this purpose.