

SIAG/AG Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 6th, 5:30PM

- I. Announcements
 - a. 2015 Election
 - b. 2015 Charter Renewal
 - c. SIAG/AG electronic mailing list siam-ag@siam.org
 - d. SIAM News
 - e. SIAM Blogs
- II. SIAG/AG Conference History
- III. AG15 Conference
- IV. SIAM Fellows
- V. Conferences
 - a. Next Conference
 - i. Location
 - ii. Timing
 - iii. Program Committee
 - b. 2016 SIAM Annual Meeting
 - c. ICIAM 2015
 - d. 2017 Gene Golub SIAM Summer School
- VI. Join SIAM (Benefits)
- VII. AG Membership Report
- VIII. Possible other SIAG Activities
- IX. Adjourn

Minutes:

The meeting was chaired by Jan Draisma, with ca 50 members present.
Started at 17.30.

1. Draisma gave a short orientation.
 - a. Nominated candidates for the upcoming election were presented .
 - b. The Charter is up for renewal by SIAM, to be approved later this month.
 - c. -e. Members were encouraged to submit and propose material for the Newsletter, the SIAM news and the SIAM blog.
2. Draisma presented numbers showing slightly less participants this year than last, but more than the first one.
3. The current conference received a strong approval. Both for the local organization and the program.

4. Draisma presented the new SIAM fellows of the activity group, announced earlier this year.
5. Anton Leykin presented a proposal to organize SIAG/AG 17 at Georgia Tech in early August of 2017. Concern was raised only about dates and possible conflicts with other conferences (e.g. MathFest), but that seems to be avoided. A show of hands proved consensus in support for the proposal. It now has to be approved by SIAM.

The issue of allowing multiple talks at minisymposia was raised, with reasonable consensus of limiting the number to one minisymposium talk outside the ones organized by the speaker..

Furthermore it was recommended to have an introductory talk in each minisymposium..

For later SIAG/AG conferences the conflict in time with the conference series MEGA was raised by Ottaviani. A change of years to avoid this conflict had no vocal support, but Di Rocco suggested thinking about organizing a joint meeting with MEGA, whenever the SIAG/AG conference is in Europe.

Sottile proposed to ask the leadership of SIAM/AG to approach the leadership of MEGA and discuss this suggestion.

This motion received consensus in the meeting.

Draisma informed briefly about the Annual meeting in SIAM July 2016 and the 2017 Golub summer school. Deadline for proposals for the summer school will be announced in the newsletter.

6. Draisma informed about membership benefits, and encouraged in particular recruitment of students.
7. Draisma showed membership demographics in the AG, overall close to the average in SIAM
8. Sottile and Teobald informed about the progress in the proposal to start a SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry. It is up for approval by the SIAM Council and the SIAM Board of Trustees later this month. If approved there is a four year business plan prepared for the startup. Beside general approval from the members there were particular questions on editorial policy and acceptance procedure.
9. Meeting ended at 1900

Minutes by Kristian Ranestad