

## LS20 Business meeting agenda – Held via Zoom July 2, 2020, 9:30am-10:15am (Pacific time).

Around 14 people in attendance.

- SIAG/LS Officers
  - Chair: Victoria Booth
  - Vice Chair: Suzanne Lenhart
  - Program Director: Angela Reynolds
  - Secretary: Lisette de Pillis

Victoria Booth leading, Lisette taking notes (in American Typewriter font): VB used updated slides, thanked people. There is a YouTube playlist with the invited plenary speakers posted. Some MS have recordings as well.

Solicit comments and feedback about virtual series:

- Alla suggested getting broader feedback from all SIAM-LS members, perhaps with help from SIAM with a survey emailed to members and/or posted on SIAG/conference website
- Lisette suggested asking about accessibility and ease of setup of the virtual MS.
- Mimi (Miranda) said they had great participation from overseas, especially African students, so being online made the meeting more accessible.
- Alla suggested having some online events throughout the year, not just a hybrid conferences setup.

SIAG activities, resources and statistics:

- There is increasing interest/attendance in the SIAM-LS meetings
- Victoria covered SIAG/LS resources available and reminder of summer schools.
- SIAM ENGAGE will replace the email list-serves. Launch in July 2020.
- SIAG/LS is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest SIAG, and we have a good number of students: 390 students, 440 non-students this year. Total fraction of Non-US members is about 22%. Gender: 25% female, which puts SIAG/LS in the top 3 of female membership across all SIAGs. There is a big drop from the student population (which has 40% women) to the non-student population. We are 87% academic, 6% industry. We may wish to look at opportunities to engage industry participants in our SIAG. Math department members make up 70% of SIAG/LS.

Future plans:

- For the 2021 Annual Meeting in July 2021 in Spokane WA we'll sponsor a minisymposium track to help everyone who was not able to hold their MS this year.

- For 2022 we plan to hold our LS meeting with the SIAM Annual Meeting. Date and location still TBD.

#### Outreach to Society for Mathematical Biology (SMB):

- SIAG/LS has meetings in even years. SMB has annual meetings odd years in US, even years outside US. In 2021, SMB will be held at UC Riverside June 13-17, 2021.
- VB has been in contact with the presidents of SMB to discuss how we can interact more, and have some presence at each others' meetings.

#### SIAG officer elections:

- Election to be held Fall 20
- Nominating Committee has been formed
  - Victoria Booth, Chair
  - Mary Ann Horn, Case Western University
  - Tim Lewis, University of California, Davis
  - Samuel Isaacson, Boston University
  - Blerta Shtylla, Pomona College
  - Jae Kyoung Kim, KAIST
- Self-nominations are also encouraged.

#### Open floor for suggestions and comments:

- Alla: for the nominating committee – it's important to make sure that the program director (Angela in this case) can work with whomever is nominated, so it's important to have the SIAG program director involved.
- Mary Ann Horn will likely have suggestions about connecting with SMB. VB has been in contact with Denise Kirschner and the current SMB president. Sharon Lubkin is on the call and has suggestions about not conflicting with SMB (she writes: It would be important to avoid date conflicts with the SMB meeting, which has happened quite recently It could be challenging to coordinate a joint meeting, since SIAM always does hotels, and SMB does inexpensive venues like colleges).
- Suzanne: We should think about trying to get more folks from biology, and ecology and medicine involved, since we are currently so dominated by math departments. Think about diversity of plenary speakers.
- Angela – having virtual sessions available can help with engagement of a more diverse population.
- Lisa Fauci was able to join some MS talks and thanks everyone who worked to get this together. There is now a paradigm shift, we won't be able to go back to just face to face meetings. We'll likely have a lot of hybrid sessions, just as with our classes at our universities.
- Alla shared that this year our organizing committee has been stellar.
- Jeffrey Moehlis echos his thanks to the organizers. The dynamical systems SIAG has recorded and posted some of their MS. If we return to in-person meetings it would be a nice idea to record and post those in-person

presentations as well. VB agrees that now with new technology, it may be easier to record in-person talks.

- Tim Fest shared: Recordings are available here:  
<https://www.siam.org/conferences/about-siam-conferences/featured-lectures-videos>
- Lisa Fauci said to let her know if you have some strong opinions about this and would like to be involved in the SIAM Programming Committee. Richard Moore is the Director of Programs in the SIAM office, and Tim Fest works closely with him. Jim Nagy as well.
- Lisa reminded everyone that business meetings are supposed to have free wine ☺
- VB invited comments about the 2022 meeting. The current officers feel that holding with SIAM Annual Meeting is a fine idea. Lisa Fauci says it's a great idea.
- VB noted that SIAM is willing to consider holding meetings at university sites if we are going to coordinate with SMB. The Raleigh NC meeting in the past was successful. The SIAG/LS group needs to just talk to the conference coordinator for SMB.
- Angela will meet with the SMB folks (Santiago Schnell, Amber Smith, Heiko Enderling). Each of the different SMB subgroups will have particular days on which to present. Angela is a chairperson of one of the subgroups and will help pass along information on SMB's virtual conference in August 2020.
- Thank you, Victoria, for running our business meeting.
- Lisa Fauci: Don't forget that next week is the Annual SIAM meeting!