**Minutes of MPE Business Meeting – August 6, 6 pm EDT**

-- Present:

* Lea Jenkins (Chair SIAG), Georg Gottwald, Arjen Doelman -- MPE Officers
* Nicole Gawel, Tim Fest – SIAM
* Chris Jones

-- Lea presents the slide prepared by Nicole & Tim (attached).

Discussions/Comments initiated by the presentation:

* Lea congratulates Georg and Jessica on organizing a great virtual MPE conference.
* Tim provides more information on the new online community/forum planned to replace email listservs for all for all SIAGs.
* Lea offers a number of ideas – social media, etc. – to kick start the MPE community.
* Discussion about the student-nonstudent ratio of SIAG members.
  + Does this SIAG attract more new members to SIAM? How do we get students more involved in MPE and in SIAM?
* Can we attract more members with a nonstandard SIAM background – such as sociology – to the community? Crucial for MPE.

-- Location 2022 MPE meeting & other activities.

* MPE organizes 6 mini-symposia in the 2021 Annual Meeting.
* Co-organize the meeting with another SIAG.
  + Which one? Life Sciences? Uncertainty Quantification?
* Organize the meeting in Europe?
  + Where? In the UK?
  + The UK has with its Mathematics and Climate Research Network a large MPE-type network.
* What’s the difference between a meeting in the US or in Europe from SIAMs point of view? (Within the US, SIAM needs a certain ‘magnitude’ to guarantee ‘financial stability’ (and to find a suitable location) – that’s different with meetings organized in Europe.)
* Organize the meeting along with another organization?
  + Lea suggests the Resource Modeling Association and will contact it.

-- Closes at about 6.40 pm.