Minutes for the Manchester SIAM Student Chapter Annual Business Meeting 14:00-15:00, Wednesday 27th July 2011, Frank Adams Room 2, Alan Turing Building

July 31, 2011

Present

Luluwah al-Fagih, Rüdiger Borsdorf, Dr Younes Chahlaoui, Michael Crabb, Jhonny Gonzalez, Andrew Gordon, Prof. Nick Higham, Ramaseshan Kannan, Citlalitl Nava Gaxiola, Kyriakos Paridis, Jonathan Schachter, Prof. David Silvester, Lukas Steiblys, Phillip Taylor

Apologies

Samuel Relton

1 President's report – Andrew Gordon

Andrew Gordon gave an overview of the Manchester SIAM student chapter since its establishment in 2009 by original committee, second committee formed in September 2010 and new committee due to take over in September 2011. The chapter currently has 56 members (from Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science, Engineering and Social Sciences departments).

Andrew then listed the chapter activities since the start of the academic year. To begin with, the chapter was advertised in a poster session at the Mathematics Research Students Conference (Sept 2010), the chapter also advertised and hosted a poster session at SIAM UKIE meeting (Jan 2011). In Feb 2011, students were sent to present at the Oxford and Edinburgh chapter conferences, as well as a SIAM conference in Reno, Nevada (March 2011). The chapter also hosted an afternoon of talks from members of all UK SIAM chapters (March 2011) and held its second annual one-day conference (May 2011). Finally, the chapter hosted a poster session at 'A Workshop in Honour of Sven Hammarling' (July 2011).

Andrew followed this by pointing to some of the achievements for the year so far. There has been an increased awareness of the chapter with staff and postgraduate students in the School of Mathematics. There was good attendance at the chapter's annual conference, with a large number of presenters (10 talks, 8 posters) and an external staff speaker. The chapter was able to obtain an industrial sponsor (Thales) for the conference. We have seen increased relations with Oxford and Edinburgh chapters, with the afternoon of talks being a potential starting point for an annual UK SIAM chapter conference. Finally, Andrew mentioned some possible future goals for the new committee, which could be to: increase awareness of the chapter with undergraduate students in the mathematics department, increase awareness of the chapter with other departments within the university, increase interest with industrial companies and maintain relations with Oxford and Edinburgh chapters.

2   Webmaster's report – Rüdiger Borsdorf

Rüdiger Borsdorf demonstrated the chapter website and pointed out some of the main features for the new committee such as how to view and sort chapter members, conference attendees, event lists. The new committee will be able to access all of the previous committee's files such as conference programme, name tags, etc which can all be easily modified for future events. Rüdiger then demonstrated the online election process on the chapter website, including how a person can nominate themselves for any of the positions (or more than one position), how the president can activate/end an election for an assigned period, how members can vote for nominees and finally how committee members can edit their details such as photo, etc.

3   Treasurer's report – Citlalitl Nava Gaxiola

Citlalitl stated that the chapter started with £942.17 (this was obtained from SIAM, MIMS, Thales). Of this, £941.60 was used to fund all event costs. As of 27th July 2011, the chapter account balance is at 51 pence.

4   Comments

Prof. Nick Higham praised the collaboration between UK student chapters and announced that an application from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow to form a student chapter has been approved. Prof. David Silvester noted that the Manchester chapter website is a very good model for other chapters and has been useful in helping to encourage other universities to form their own chapters (such as the case of Charles University, Prague). Some concerns were raised on the security of the chapter website, to which Rüdiger pointed out that the website is on the university server which is backlogged regularly. Rüdiger

advised all members to use a password which they do not normally use for other (important) accounts as a precautionary measure.

Minutes taken by,
Luluwah al-Fagih
Vice President