



Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Southeastern Atlantic Section (SIAM-SEAS)

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SIAM-SEAS was formed in 1977 to serve as a link among scientists, engineers, applied mathematicians and graduate students in the Southeast and with SIAM. The official geographical coverage is Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, but membership is open to any interested SIAM member. The main activity of the SIAM-SEAS is its annual meeting which contains a full program of invited and contributed talks, including student presentations.

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New Secretary-Treasurer/President-Elect, Lili Ju

In voting at the Spring 2007 meeting and by mail, Lili Ju of the University of South Carolina was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and thus is also President-Elect, due to take over that office after the 2008 section meeting.

Call for Nominees

In anticipation of the election at the Spring 2008 section meeting, we invite nominations for the next Secretary Treasurer/President-Elect.

Upcoming 2008 SIAM-SEAS Meeting: March 14 and 15 at the University of Central Florida, Orlando

The 32nd annual SIAM-SEAS Meeting will be held March 14 and 15 2008 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The local organizers are Jiongmin Yong (Chair), Piotr Mikusinski (Co-chair) Joseph Brennan, Constance Schober, Qiyu Sun, and Kuppalapalle Vajravelu.

The plenary speakers are:

- Akram Aldroubi of Vanderbilt University
- Lisa Fauci of Tulane University
- Ioannis Karatzas of Columbia University
- Neil Robertson of Ohio State University

Details may be found at <http://math.ucf.edu/~siamseas/siamseas08.html>.

Highlights of the Spring 2007 SIAM-SEAS Meeting

The 31st annual SIAM-SEAS Meeting was held at the University of Memphis in May 2007. Plenary talks were given by Pete Casazza (University of Missouri), Erica Flapan (Pomona College), Yuriko Renardy (Virginia Tech) and Michael Shearer (North Carolina State University). Our thanks to the organizers, Thomas Hagen, Fernanda Botelho, and James Jamison.

Ideas Sought to Increase Section Membership

Our membership is rather low, far lower than attendance at the annual meetings, and this is perhaps because there is no self-interest in joining: the annual meeting is our main activity, and it costs the same regardless of membership. All you get for joining is this newsletter!

We would like to change this, as our membership fees help to support student participation at the meeting, and regional conferences like this can be a good opportunity for students, partly due to the lower travel costs of what is often a “drive-in” event.

Please contact us with any suggestions. One thought is having differential meeting fees for section members and non-members, with membership purchasable with meeting registration for SIAM members. If the difference matches the membership fee, all “economically rational” SIAM members attending our meeting would join the section, greatly increasing its membership.

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P. S. Remember that information about the section is posted on the SIAM web-site at <http://www.siam.org/join/seas/seas-section.php>