

**Minutes of the CAIMS•SCMAI Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2008**

Pavillon Sherbrooke 2420, Université du Québec a Montréal
Montréal, Québec

The Past President, Professor Bill Langford (representing President Bob Russell), took the chair and called the meeting to order at 12.35PM. Approximately thirty members of the society were present.

Bill welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. He stated that Bob Russell was unable to attend the meeting due to ill-health.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Dhavide Aruliah and seconded by John Bowman that the agenda be approved as written **Carried.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of AGM of May 23, 2007:** It was moved by Jacques Bélair and seconded by Abba Gumel that the Minutes of the General Meeting of May 23, 2007 be approved. **Carried.**
3. **Matters Arising out of Minutes:** There were no matters arising out of the minutes.
4. **President's Report:** Bill Langford presented the report of the President. Highlights are reported below.

Thanks: Bill congratulated the Organizers of CAIMS•SCMAI 2007 (Peter Lancaster, Michael Li, and Jack Macki) for conducting a very successful meeting last year (May 21-24, 2007; Banff Centre). In addition to the quality of the Scientific Program, another impressive feature of the meeting is the fact that it recorded a financial surplus. Bill also expressed his appreciation to the Banff Centre staff for providing excellent facilities and for been very good host.

Bill also thanked the Organizers and hosts of the Canada-France Congress, particularly the professional staff employed by CMS (Gertrud Jeewanji) and MITACS (Jo-Anne Rockwood). He expressed special kudos to Anne Bourlioux for making the CAIMS•SCMAI Contributed Minisymposia an important part of the Congress, and to Jacques Bélair for speaking on behalf of CAIMS.

ICIAM 2007: Bill reported briefly on the ICIAM 2007 meeting held in Zurich, Switzerland, July 16-20, 2007. The level of Canadian participation was unprecedented for any ICIAM Congress; and provides a learning experience as we gear up to co-host ICIAM 2011. A notable innovation is the award of CAIMS•SCMAI Travel Bursary for a Canadian graduate student (Malcolm Roberts, University of Alberta) to make a presentation at ICIAM 2007.

ICIAM 2011: Bill reported that preparations for ICIAM 2011 are going on smoothly.

CAIMS-SIAM Reciprocity Agreement: Bill reported that the CAIMS-SIAM Reciprocity Agreement is in place, and some members have started benefiting from it. It is expected that this agreement will strengthen both societies.

NSERC Review: Bill briefly reported on the International Review of the Discovery Grants Program conducted by NSERC in 2007 (NSERC officials made a presentation to the Board on June 1, 2008).

Discussions with Mathematical Institutes: Bill reported that, in the past year, President Bob Russell has initiated important discussions with MITACS and the Mathematics Institutes aimed at having the Institutes provide some administrative support for CAIMS • SCMAI. These discussions are underway, and Bob solicits further advice and feedback from CAIMS • SCMAI members.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Muir presented his report regarding the Financial Statement and Membership Statistics, both of which are attached.

The bank balance as of 30 Apr. 2008 was \$92,778.05. Our total assets were \$115,032.02. Total revenues for 2007 were \$22,556.39. Expenses for 2007 were \$10,316.58.

6. **Secretary's Report:** Abba Gumel presented his report.

Abba outlined his main areas of responsibility as Secretary over the last year, including maintaining the web site, producing 7 electronic newsletters since last year's meeting, and producing the printed Annual Newsletter (these newsletters are all on the website).

Abba acknowledged the support CAIMS • SCMAI has been receiving from the Department of Applied Mathematics at the University of Waterloo in providing the platform for our website and membership database. Also, James Treacy at Waterloo has continued to do the typesetting for our Annual Newsletter. He urged members to be visiting the website periodically, and give some input.

Due to some unavoidable circumstances, elections into the three vacant positions on the Board (to replace Anne Bourlioux, Rob Corless and Paul Muir) were not conducted. Plans are underway to seek nominations and conduct the elections immediately.

7. CAIMS•SCMAI Prize Committees Reports:

Research Prize: Bill Langford reported that Alan George (University of Waterloo) was awarded the CAIMS•SCMAI Research Prize this year. He commended the Research Prize Committee on doing a good job.

Cecil Graham Doctoral Dissertation Award: Bill reported that the winner of the DDA award is Alysson Costa of the University of São Paulo (graduated from HEC Montréal). Bill thanked the DDA Committee for a job well done.

Arthur Beaumont Distinguished Service Award: Bill Langford reported that the worthy winner this year was Ken Jackson, for his outstanding work and tireless support for CAIMS•SCMAI over the years. Serpil Kocabiyik (Memorial University of New Foundland) presented the Arthur Beaumont Distinguished Service Award to Ken at the AGM.

8. **Nominating Committee Report:** Jacques Bélair reported that due to some reasons beyond its control, the Committee was unable to make nominations in time to fill the three vacant slots on the Board (one for treasurer and two Member-at-Large positions). Paul Muir is willing to stay on as treasurer. Anne declined to stay on, suggesting that it will be profitable for the Board to have representations from more institutions. The Committee is actively soliciting nominations for the vacant slots, to enable the conduct of elections very soon after the AGM.

Bill expressed his heartfelt thanks, on behalf of Bob Russell and the entire membership of CAIMS•SCMAI, to Paul for agreeing to stay on as treasurer and to Anne for her excellent service on the Board.

9. **Discussions with Mathematics Institutes:** Bill Langford and Paul Muir provided further details on the discussions Bob Russell has been having with MITACS and other Mathematics Institutes. The main areas of collaboration under discussion include:

- MITACS to help provide web support for CAIMS•SCMAI conferences and membership processing;
- MITACS to help improve CAIMS•SCMAI' investment opportunities through access to MITACS' robust (and lucrative) investments apparatus;
- Exploring possibilities for long-term administrative support from mathematics institutes with permanent full-time administrative support such as CMS, MITACS, PIMS and CRM (discussions with PIMS have been promising, and there may be some possibilities for support from CRM in the near future);

- Support for new (targeted) CAIMS•SCMAI Prizes: some discussions are underway with MITACS and PIMS to offer financial support for CAIMS•SCMAI's new prizes, such as the awards for junior researchers and industrial mathematics.
10. **ICIAM 2011 Report:** Jacques Bélair reported that plans for ICIAM 2011 are progressing well. The steering committee is headed by Arvind Gupta, and CAIMS•SCMAI is represented on it by Bill Langford, Bob Russell and Ken Jackson. A tree structure for the various committees has been setup
Some discussions on the need to start thinking about the CAIMS•SCMAI part of the meeting; and also think of members to be appointed to start working on this.
 11. **Future CAIMS•SCMAI Meetings:** Bill reported that next year's meeting will take place at University of Western Ontario, and that the Board formally accepts the offer from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of Memorial University of Newfoundland to host CAIMS•SCMAI 2010.
 12. **Membership Committee Report:** Ian presented the Membership Committee report, highlighting the following issues:
 - SIAM reciprocity agreement took effect in September 2007;
 - Setting up of a CAIMS•SCMAI Liaison Committee, involving representatives from nearly all mathematics departments across Canada (to help encouraging membership renewals, promoting CAIMS•SCMAI at local levels as well as provide feedback to the Board on any other relevant issues);
 - Some modifications made to the departmental/institutional membership forms in order to clarify existing, and include more, benefits. Departmental members now receive free membership for (i) students and post-doctoral fellows, (ii) new faculty member (for one year) and (iii) visitors.
 13. **Other Business:** Abba Gumel thanked Bill Langford for stepping-in for Bob Russell, who was unable to attend the Congress due to ill-health, to chair the Board meeting as well as the AGM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.

Banquet:

The banquet was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. At this time, the winners of the CAIMS•SCMAI Research Prize, the Cecil Graham Doctoral Dissertation Award and the Arthur Beaumont Distinguished Service Award were acknowledged. Jacques Bélair spoke at the banquet on behalf of CAIMS•SCMAI.

Committee Membership

1. Cecil Graham Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee: Ray Spiteri (Chair, Saskatchewan), Thomas Hillen (Alberta), Henry Wolkowicz (Waterloo), JF Williams (Simon Fraser)
2. Arthur Beaumont Distinguished Service Award Committee: Serpil Kocabiyik (Chair, Memorial), Bryant Moodie (Alberta), Sue Ann Campbell (Waterloo)
3. CAIMS Research Prize Committee: Mike Mackey (Chair, McGill), Anthony Pierce (UBC), Michel Fortin (Laval), Gordon Swaters (Alberta)
4. Nominating Committee: Jacques Bélair (Chair, Montréal), Dhavide Aruliah (UOIT), Serpil Kocabiyik (Memorial), Rob Corless (UWO)
5. Annual Meeting Handbook Committee: Bill Langford (Chair, Guelph), Abba Gumel (Manitoba), Paul Muir (St. Mary's), Huaxiong Huang (York), Jack Macki (Alberta)
6. Scientific Program Committee: Bill Langford (Chair, Guelph), Raymond Spiteri (Saskatchewan), Abba Gumel (Manitoba), Huaxiong Huang (York), Peter Lancaster (Calgary)
7. ICIAM Liaison Committee: Ken Jackson (Toronto), Jacques Bélair (Montréal), Bill Langford (Guelph)
8. Publications Committee: Abba Gumel (Chair, Manitoba), Rod Edwards (Victoria), Michel Delfour (Montréal), Jack Macki (Alberta), Xingfu Zou (Western Ontario), Dhavide Aruliah (UOIT)
9. Membership Committee: Ian Frigaard (Chair, UBC), Anne Bourlioux (Montréal), Paul Muir (St. Mary's)
10. Human Rights Committee: Ken Jackson (Chair, Toronto), Gail Wolkowicz (McMaster), Sue Ann Campbell (Waterloo)
11. CAIMS/SCMAI Representatives to Other Organizations:
 - Representative to ICIAM 2011 Congress: Ken Jackson (Toronto)
 - Representative to ICIAM (Council): Bob Russell (SFU)
 - Representative to the CMS: Victor LeBlanc (Ottawa)
 - Representative to the Fields Institute: Ken Jackson (Toronto)
 - Representative to PIMS: Ian Frigaard (UBC)
 - Representative to CRM: Jacques Bélair (Montréal)
 - Representative to MITACS: John Stockie (SFU)
 - Representative to the Canadian Forum on Education in Mathematics: Jacques Bélair (Montréal)
 - Representative to NSERC – Mathematics Liaison Committee: Bill Langford (Guelph)