

SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS (SIAM)
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

CONSTITUTION

RULES OF PROCEDURE

These Rules of Procedure (hereinafter called "Rules") apply to the SIAM University Chapter called "Washington University Chapter of SIAM."

The Chapter to which these rules apply is formed under the aegis of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and shall operate within the Bylaws of the parent organization. The Chapter shall not affiliate with any other organization without first obtaining the written approval of SIAM. No provisions of these rules shall be construed so as to contradict the Bylaws of SIAM.

Article I

PURPOSE

The objectives of the Washington University Chapter of SIAM are:

To increase the awareness of and appreciation for the applications of mathematics, statistics, and computational procedures to solving real industrial problems of a "non-textbook" nature. The word "industrial" is used to include corporations, businesses, firms, and government agencies.

To acquaint and increase interaction between those individuals both interested in applied mathematics (giving this term the broadest possible interpretation) and encompassed by the Washington University Chapter of SIAM.

To contribute to members' knowledge and exchange of ideas relevant to applied mathematics.

To generate a closer bond between faculty, students, and industry personnel interested in applied mathematics.

Article II

ACTIVITIES

Activities undertaken by the Washington University Chapter of SIAM shall include:

The scheduling of lectures and films on pertinent topics in pure and applied mathematics.

Visits to, and interaction with, industrial and governmental facilities in the area to broaden members' perspectives of the applications of mathematics.

Social activities to encourage non-academic interaction between members.

Awarding of academic honors to students in the Department of Systems Science and Mathematics.

Compilation of such information and resource material relating to both academic and industrial communities as is beneficial to members.

Article III

TERRITORY

The Washington University Chapter of SIAM shall encompass Washington University and the surrounding academic and professional community.

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person engaged or interested in mathematics and its applications shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter.

Section 2: There shall be three grades of membership, consisting of student members of the Chapter and of the parent organization, who shall pay in dues 10% of the current SIAM Student membership fee in addition to that fee; student members of the Chapter who are not members of the parent organization who shall pay in dues 60% of the current SIAM Student membership fee; and faculty and professional/technical members who shall pay in dues 10% of the current SIAM membership fee. All members meeting due requirements shall be in good standing with the Student Chapter for one academic year. Interested members shall also pay a refundable deposit in the amount of two dollars in order to obtain a key to the student lounge.

Section 3: Chapter members shall have the privileges of SIAM membership only if they are regular or student members of SIAM. All Chapter members shall have equal privileges in participation of Chapter activities. The Chapter shall coordinate at least one activity per academic year for SIAM members in addition to those privileges aforementioned.

Section 4: Membership may be terminated by voluntary resignation or by failure to remain in good standing with the Student Chapter as defined in Article IV, Section 2.

Article V

SPONSORSHIP

Section 1: The Sponsor is Washington University.

Section 2: Each sponsoring organization shall be an academic and/or Corporate Member of SIAM, and maintain membership for the life of the Chapter.

Section 3: An Advisor shall be appointed to the Chapter who must be a faculty member of the Sponsor. The responsibilities, rights, and duties of the Advisor shall correspond to the responsibilities normally assigned to Faculty Advisors of student organizations of the Sponsor. In particular, the Advisor is expected to take a leading role in the development of the Chapter's activities consistent with its objectives and those of SIAM.

Section 4: The Faculty Advisor will be nominated and elected by majority vote by the members of the Student Chapter. The term shall be for a length of two academic years. In the event the Advisor chooses to vacate his position, a special meeting will be called to elect a new Faculty Advisor to serve the remaining portion of the term.

Article VI

OFFICERS

Section 1: The Chapter shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Representative to the Washington University Engineers' Council. Officers shall be regular or student members in good standing with SIAM.

Section 2: The President shall preside at the meetings of the Chapter. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President. In the absence of the latter, the Corresponding Secretary shall assume said duties. In addition, the Vice-President shall serve as coordinator of committees.

Section 3: The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the affairs of the Chapter and submit an annual report of Chapter activities to the Secretary of SIAM, which report shall be suitable for publication in the SIAM News or its equivalent. The Corresponding Secretary shall handle correspondence and notify Chapter members of SIAM and Chapter activities and affairs.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall receive and take custody of Chapter Funds, coordinate the processing of membership, and submit an annual Treasurer's Report and other financial reports, as requested, to the Treasurer of SIAM. The Annual Treasurer's Report shall be prepared as of December 31 and shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of SIAM no later than January 15.

Section 5: The Representative to the Washington University Engineers' Council shall represent the Chapter in the Engineers' Council and shall help coordinate activities involving the Chapter and other Engineers' Council member societies.

Section 6: All terms of office shall be for the length of one academic year, where re-election of an officer for additional terms is permissible. If a vacancy occurs, the position shall be filled as per Article IX.

Article VII

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Washington University Chapter of SIAM shall consist of the incumbent officers. The President shall preside as Committee Chairman. The Executive Committee shall meet at its discretion to discuss finances, amendments, and other actions in the interests of the Chapter.

Article VIII

OTHER COMMITTEES

The Chapter, by majority vote, may create or terminate any other committees relative to the function of the organization consistent with Chapter objectives. All committees shall report to the Vice-President.

Article IX

ELECTIONS

Officers will be elected at the last business meeting of the academic year as stated in Article X. Any member in good standing may nominate any other member who is eligible as in Article VI for any of the Chapter Offices. Officers will be elected under the usual rules of parliamentary procedure. Only non-graduating members may vote.

Article X

MEETINGS

Section 1: There shall be at least four technical meetings per year. Meeting topics will be selected and meetings scheduled and implemented by mutual consent of the Faculty Advisor and the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The Chapter shall conduct at least two business meetings per academic semester. Other business meetings may be called by the President on one week's notice.

Article XI

CHAPTER FUNDS

Section 1: The Chapter will levy dues as specified in Article IV, Section 2.

Section 2: Voting privileges will be limited to those Chapter members who are in good standing, as defined in Article IV, Section 2.

Section 3: The Chapter shall deposit all unused funds to which it has legal title in excess of \$200 in an insured savings account, unless current operating commitments are in excess of that amount or unless the Chapter Treasurer obtains a written authorization from the SIAM Treasurer.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall maintain books of account that show income and expense items for all activities and balances for all accounts of the Chapter.

Section 5: The Chapter may request a grant or loan from the Treasurer of SIAM under the provision of Article XI, Section 8 of the Bylaws of SIAM. Such requests shall be made by letter to the Treasurer of SIAM and include a current financial statement for the Chapter and a proposed budget for the requested funds.

Section 6: No officer or member of the Chapter may apply for a grant to support Chapter activities or enter into any contract to support such activities or provide services, without approval of the President and the Treasurer of SIAM or the Managing Director acting on behalf of the Treasurer.

Article XII

AMENDMENTS

These rules may be altered or amended with the approval of the Board of Trustees of SIAM. Submission to the Board of proposed alterations or amendments shall be made only after approval by majority vote of members of the Chapter present (or represented by proxy) at a scheduled meeting. These rules shall be subject to review and possible revision every two years.

Article XIII

TERMINATION OF THE CHAPTER

Section 1: A Chapter may terminate itself by the unanimous vote of the members of the Chapter present (or represented by proxy) at a scheduled meeting, provided that notice of the proposed termination and the meeting at which it is to be considered has been given to all Chapter members at least 30 days in advance.

Section 2: A Chapter may be terminated by the Board if there has been no Chapter activity for one year.

Section 3: In the event a Chapter terminates, the funds to which it has legal title shall revert to the account of SIAM.