

## **July 19, 2021 - SIAG Business Meeting Notes**

Had 32 participants at the start of the discussion, 09:00 Central. Meeting started with a slide presentation with updates since the last SIAG Business meeting in 2017.

After the presentation, zoom polls were launched with discussions following each poll. SIAM staff and SIAG Officers did not vote in the numbers below.

### **Q1- Software as part of ToT Prize (23 submitted):**

66% yes  
27% no  
9% no opinion

Points were made for and against; some discussion was held on having a separate award for software.

### **Q2- OP23 location priority (23):**

61% easy to get to  
22% pleasant location  
18% No opinion

Locations such as Chicago, Dallas, Orlando and Hawaii were briefly discussed. Some points were made that for US conferences one does not need a local OC. A concern was raised that the locations are significantly restricted by virtue of SIAM doing the organization. *[After business meeting, SIAG/ACDA reached out about possible SIAG/OPT interest in co-locating with ACDA in spring/summer 2023 in US:*

- *ACDA23 cochairs are Lenore Cowen and Uwe Naumann*
- *PC cochairs David Shmoys and Jon Berry]*

### **Q3- Should we have job fair at OP23 and beyond (21):**

72% Yes  
0 % No  
29% No Opinion

A concern was raised that maybe the SIAG is too small to support a career fair. Location and cost (SIAM is now charging exhibitors to participate) was raised as factors that industry would consider in terms of whether they want to participate in a job fair.

### **Q4- Should future OPs be hybrid (20):**

40% Yes  
55% No  
5% No Opinion

Richard Moore spoke about Career fairs in other SIAG meetings and SIAM wanting to think carefully about over saturating career fairs given significant overlap in employers participating in SIAM career fairs (CSE, Data Science, ... ). He also mentioned that SIAM is currently reviewing different modality options for all future SIAM conferences.