



Pan IIT USA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 – 6PM Pacific | 9PM Eastern

Attended by:

Chairman: Umang Gupta
DA Representative: Kanwal Rekhi
Presidents of IIT Alumni Associations/Foundations
IIT Bombay: Ram Kelkar / Sandeep Pandya
IIT Kharagpur: Roy daSilva
IIT Madras: Seshan Rammohan
PanIIT USA Past President: Dilip Venkatachari
Chapters Representative: Vinay Karle
PanIIT USA Executive Team:
President: Gunjan Bagla
VP / Secretary: Siddhartha (Sid) Chowdhary
CFO / Treasurer: Ashok Gupta
Website: Suresh Bazaj

Summary:

- The November 2009 meeting minutes have been approved and posted online on IIT.ORG.
- The Board welcomed Mr. Kanwal Rekhi as the new Distinguished Alumni Representative for the PanIIT USA Board. Mr. Rekhi will be replacing Mr. Rajat Gupta, effective January 1st, 2010.
- The Board also welcomed both Mr. Ram Kelkar and Mr. Sandeep Pandya, who have been elected as the IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation President and Treasurer respectively. Mr. Kelkar will be replacing Mr. Anil Kshirsagar as the IIT Bombay Foundation representative effective immediately,
- The Board formally recorded its deep appreciation for Mr. Rajat Gupta and Mr. Anil Kshirsagar for their contributions to the PanIIT USA Board and past PanIIT global conferences.
- The host-location selection process for IIT 2011 conference was discussed. A formal proposal has been received from New York, in addition to those already received from Houston and Toronto.
- It was agreed that each host-committee will be asked a set of follow-up questions, based on the selection criteria defined at the November Board meeting. A survey to solicit the alumni preference for the location of the 2011 conference is also being planned to aid the decision process.
- The Board revised the timeline for the selection of the IIT 2011 conference site to the February meeting (02/02/2010), with a decision to be made and ratified by the March meeting (03/02/2010).
- Mr. Gunjan Bagla provided an update on the plans for creating a PanIIT USA Secretariat and Endowment. Mr. Bagla and Mr. Chowdhary have both pledged to contribute \$5K each to PanIIT USA, to launch a part-time secretariat for an initial period of 90 - 120 days.
- The Board approved the plan for the part-time secretariat and passed a resolution to contribute \$5K from the general budget, thereby creating a preliminary fund of \$15K to support this initiative. The board also recorded its formal appreciation to Gunjan and Sid for their contributions.
- The board requested Mr. Bagla, to prepare a draft proposal and financial plan for the proposed PanIIT USA Endowment and Executive Director, and present it to the Board in February 2010.
- Mr. Ashok Gupta provided a summary of the finances and announced that funds of \$284K+ were available as of end of November 2009. The board was also notified that the IIT 2009 conference financial books will be closed by middle of December 2010, to enable tax-filing for Fiscal Year 2010.



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- Mr. Roy DaSilva provided an update for the PanIIT Leadership Circle (PLC). The PLC has 103 members, of which 60 attended the Founders Meet in Chicago. Four working groups have been formed – IIT 2011 Diamond Jubilee, IIT Branding, Alumni Services, and PanIIT Chapters.
- PLC next-steps include publishing the minutes of the Founders Meet, populating the PLC LinkedIn group, conducting membership drives, and providing working group quarterly updates.
- Mr. Jai Rawat provided an update on the PanIIT USA Marketing initiative and on the success of the PanIIT Leadership Awards.
- The Board accepted a proposal to promote the PanIIT branding under the name of “IIT Alumni Association”, subject to approval of marketing guidelines on the use of the name “PanIIT” versus “IIT Alumni Association”. Mr. Jai Rawat will present the marketing guidelines by January 2010.
- Mr. Sid Chowdhary provided an update on the PanIIT Chapters initiative, and noted the progress that has been made in engaging Chapters in PanIIT initiatives and making PanIIT operations transparent.
- The Board approved of a selection committee, consisting of Mr. Abhay Bhushan, Mr. Dilip Venkatachari, and Mr. Gunjan Bagla to assist in the selection of the PanIIT USA “President Elect”. Their nomination will be presented to the Board for ratification by the end of First Quarter 2010.
- The Board approved Mr. Sid Chowdhary to conduct the election of the PanIIT USA Chapters Representative to replace Mr. Vinay Karle, who has resigned effective January 2010.
- The January 2010 PanIIT USA Board meeting has been postponed till the 2nd Tuesday of January (01/12/2009). The February 2010 Board Meeting will occur on the February 2nd, 2010 as scheduled.