



Pan IIT USA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. Pacific / 9:00 p.m. Eastern

Attended by: Gunjan Bagla, Roy da Silva, Sid Chowdhary, Amit Kumar, Ram Kelkar, Raj Singh, Umang Gupta, Anil Bhandari, Gautam Advani, Kanwal Rekhi, Ram Kelkar, Smita Bagla, Arjun Sen, Purnima Gupta (notes by Deb Jordan)

Future of Pan IIT - Leadership Taskforce Update

Raj Singh gave an update that he has done some outreach but wants a more diversified group. Requested volunteers to get a few more involved. Sid Chowdhary and Raj will speak off line in more detail. Gunjan Bagla will review the list of PLC Members and determine if there are any volunteers.

PLC Update

Roy da Silva gave an update on the PLC activities. The 2010 PLC Annual Report link was sent out to PLC members. We are in the process of renewing memberships and registering PLC members for the first PLC Retreat. The Retreat will be held April 30th and May 1st in Sonoma, CA. And we are in the process of starting a membership drive for new PLC members. Board member assistance will be required for new members. Please submit a list of potential members to Roy da Silva. We are putting together a packet for the new membership recruitment that will include the qualification information and how to apply. Potential members can attend the Retreat for \$250 (per person cost of the event). PLC dues will cover the costs of the Retreat, although hotel and travel is the responsibility of each attendee.

Alums in Academia

We now have a number of alums in very senior positions in research and education - "torchbearers." We have a few education summits and workshops - with a plan to

move our plan into tangible action items. We need folks to become “bearers of the IIT brand.” Gunjan and Purnendu Mandal are working on an “alumni in academia” database.

Chapter Updates

With the focus on the eastern part of the country, and with an effort to raise awareness of the PLC membership and the 2011 IIT Conference in NYC, we are planning to have some pre-conference events. Boston - March 26; Washington, D.C., - April 7; Chicago - May 12.

It was suggested we engage Toronto and Houston as well in pre-conference meetings.

We need to focus on promotion around the conference to attract more registrants.

Who is the new Rookie President? Smita Bagla reported (after the meeting) the elections are still taking place, and at this time Purnima Gupta is still acting as the National IIT RAANA President. Once the new president is elected, Purnima will introduce him/her to the Board and invite him/her to participate in the monthly calls.

IIT 2011 Update

Anil Bhandari gave an update on the conference planning. He is in the process of lining up the speakers and the corporate sponsors. He needs some additional help lining up the high-level speakers - from those that have direct access to speakers. Gautam Advani gave an update on the pricing - \$219, plus \$100 for the dinner; with additional optional add-ons. They both gave an update on the sponsorships that have been confirmed and the overall financial goals. Confirmed speakers and invited speakers were discussed. There might be a switch for the VC proposal competition - from General Atlantic Partners to Microsoft. More details to come.

One suggested theme for the conference is - building on the U.S. - India Alliance; with the idea of inviting some politicians, Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke - to talk about trade between the U.S. and India, e.g. technology, defense, exports, etc.

IIT 2011 details can be found at <http://conference.iit.org> and <http://iit2011.org>

According to Gautam, the registration section with the pricing info will be live by March 10th.

Pan IIT Notable Alumni Project

Arjun Sen updated the group on the Pan IIT Notable Alumni Project - where we will create a list of approximately 500 distinguished IITians. He asked for a \$10,000 allocation to start the outreach and research needed to create the list. It was approved by the Board to allocate \$10,000 .

Miscellaneous Business

Although not discussed, per Ashok Gupta, the suspension has been lifted.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting conference call will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.