

September 4, 2012 PanIIT USA Board Meeting Minutes:

ATTENDEES

- Chair: Raj Singh
- President: Sid Chowdhary
- VP/Secretary: Arjun Sen
- DA Representative: Praful Kulkarni
- IIT Roorkee: Anoop Verma
- IIT Guwahati: Kiran Thota
- IIT Madras: Bob Nathan

The following invitees also attended:

- Conference advisory board
 - Monishi Sanyal (2003)
 - Suresh Shenoy (2005)
- Treasurer: Ashok Gupta
- IITAGH Team
 - Witty Bindra
 - Partha Chatterjee
 - Pratish Kanani
 - Roopa Gir

The following could not attend but sent their votes by email.

- Chapter Liaison: Smita Bagla
- Past-President: Gunjan Bagla

MINUTES:

- **AUGUST MINUTES**

The August minutes were circulated by Arjun Sen and approved.

- **Status of the Conference Chair in PanIIT USA. This was the only open issue from the conference advisory team's recommendation.**

The following motion was approved unanimously by the board:

"The Conference Chair or his/her representative will be non-Voting member of the Board Member of PanIIT USA, and will attending the meetings till conference is closed. The Conference Chair may invite other members of his/her team as invitees to attend the call to present specific content area."

- **IIT 2013 Update: Witty Bindra, IITAGH**

IITAGH team led by Witty Bindra took the team through the PowerPoint presentation (which has been already forwarded to Board Members). Partha Chatterjee, Pratish Kanani, and Roopa Gir joined Witty Bindra on the call. PanIIT USA was informed that Witty Bindra will be the conference chair and Roopa Gir will be the PanIIT USA liaison for the Houston conference team.

The key next step will be finalizing the MOU between PanIIT USA and IITAGH, and then IITAGH finalizing the rest of the team.

- **Executive Director Search Update: Raj Singh**

Raj Singh shared the process the selection committee comprising of Umang Gupta, Praful Kulkarni, Sid Chowdhary and him had gone through, emphasizing the key selection criteria for the role. Based on the key selection criteria, interview with alumni inside and outside the PanIIT USA Board, the selection committee unanimously recommended Roy Dasilva for the position of Executive Director, PanIIT USA.

The following motion was presented to the board and got the YES vote from all in attendance and all not in attendance (communicated over email):

"Roy Dasilva to be hired for the position of Executive Director, PanIIT USA."

Hence the motion was approved unanimously by the board.

- **Roorkie Reunion Update: Anoop Verma**

Anoop Verma, President IITRAANA presented an update on IIT Roorkee's reunion in Chicago. The event was marked by high level speakers, including Mr. Amit Singhal (Senior VP and Google Fellow). Going forward this event will have happen every even year, to continue the PanIIT momentum on the years the Global Conference is in India. Anoop recommended that all campus presidents share their learning from similar events to make future events even more successful.

- **PanIIT USA Social Media update: Arjun Sen.**

Arjun Sen presented an update on PanIIT USA social media. Thus far PanIIT USA was working on the following four areas:

1. PanIIT USA monthly newsletter
2. PanIIT USA social media site (run by IITPro)
3. PanIIT USA LinkedIn
4. PanIIT USA iit.org site

Based on the first six months of test, PanIIT USA will stop using its social media site and focus all its efforts on LinkedIn. Under the leadership of Priyank Saxena, PanIIT USA LinkedIn strategy involves identifying clear criteria for membership at the group, keeping the group spam-free and focusing on discussion threads in alignment with PanIIT USA vision. PanIIT USA is working updating its website under leadership of Gaurav Aggarwal. The newsletter team will continue its work, and the newsletter content will be communicated in LinkedIn too.