

# July 2016 PANIIT USA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(Conference call)

## ATTENDEES

1. Chairman: Vacant
2. President: Witty Bindra
3. Past President: Arjun Sen
4. VP/ Secretary: Jassi Chadha
5. DA Rep: Arvind Jain – Not Present
6. DA Rep: Prabhat Hajela
7. KGP Rep: Roy Da Silva – Not Present
8. BHU Rep: Manu Goyal – Not Present
9. Bombay Rep: Ron Mehta
10. Guwahati Rep: Kiran Thota
11. Delhi Rep: B D Goel
12. Madras Rep: Sagar Pushpala – Not Present
13. Kanpur Rep: Priyank Saxena
14. Roorkee Rep: Sanjay Keshwani – Not Present
15. Invitee: Puneet Agarwal - Chief Strategy Officer
16. Invitee: Raj Laad
17. Invitee: Raj Menville

## MINUTES:

### **Boston Conference 12-14 Aug 2016 in Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI**

Raj Laad explained that Registration is low, about 330 registered. 32 Panels finalized, 120 speakers have confirmed. They are expecting 800 attendees. The early bird ended today and one can go to the website [www.iit-2016.org](http://www.iit-2016.org) to register. The total projected cost is \$550k and need to raise \$190k. \$330k already committed through donations and sponsorships.

### **PaniIT App Update**

The board members asked for some more time to go over the draft and upload the app to make an informed decision. B D Goel will request Amit Kumar to give access to all the board members.

### **Database Update – Puneet Agrawal**

The board passed a motion to go ahead and sign the agreement with Your Membership for the job portal. Also it was decided to move ahead with the merchandise sale and find a vendor who can supply the merchandises.

### **Chairman Selection**

It was decided to approach Sudhakar Shenoy, IITB to be the Chairman. Witty was told to contact Sudhakar and find out if he was willing to accept the role.

## **Governance and Confidentiality Agreement**

All board members were requested to sign the Confidentiality agreement and send it back for records.

## **Chapter Strategy – Jassi Chadha**

Large chapters should mentor the small and new chapters. It was suggested to have the chapter presidents meeting at the Boston conference. We should be contacting Houston, Bay Area, Capital IIT and Chicago chapters and come up with a common plan for the current large chapters which eventually will be implemented for the smaller chapters.

## **PR Update – Jassi Chadha**

Social media is the best way to promote PanIIT in the country. The strategy perspective proposals were reviewed and they seem to add no value in the process.

## **PanIIT 2017 Global Conference Venue update**

Sill in discussion with the Southern California chapter if they are willing to host the 2017 Conference.