

MINUTES

PanIIT USA Monthly Board Meeting Call Tuesday October 3, 2017.

Attendees:

1. President: Witty Bindra
2. Vice President: Puneet Agarwal
3. Governance Chair: Kiran Thota
4. Prominent Alumni: Hajela Prabhat
5. Chapter rep: Mandy Pant
6. IIT BHU Rep: Abhijeet Solanki
7. IIT Delhi Rep: Rishi Bhargava
8. Invitee: Huzefa Shakir (Treasurer)
9. Invitee: Divya Gupta (PR Consultant)
10. Admin: Swati Deshpande

The call commenced with exchange of greetings and the following discussions:

- ❖ Last meeting Minutes - September 2017 meeting minutes were approved.
- ❖ Finance Update
 - 2016 tax returns ready for filing.
 - On track with the expenses.
 - It is feasible to have a 501(c)(3) structure in place; few requirements will have to be met.
 - Discussions were held on how to fulfil the requirements.
 - An absolute majority will be required to pass this initiative.
- ❖ Academics Update
 - Initial preliminary work on the Directory of Experts completed.
 - Template for CV work in progress.
 - Letter will be sent out once the the template is ready.
- ❖ Update on Marketing & Branding from PR consultant.
 - Social media engagement has gone up.
 - Will be conducting interviews for news content for upcoming newsletter.
 - Discussions were held to improve FaceBook visibility with a new feature on Startups.
- ❖ Governance Update
 - Framework guidelines for new IIT's is work in progress.

- ISM Dhanbad is active on the East Coast & is work in progress.
- ❖ Chapter Update
 - Discussions were held on reviving the Portland Chapter.
 - Chapter Mentor-Mentee programme progress was discussed.
- ❖ Angel Network Update
 - Progress on this initiative was discussed.
 - Discussions were held on the Bay Area Chapter working on a similar initiative. However the Bay Area Chapter's focus was mainly the Bay Area.
- ❖ A new initiative of eliminating GMAT testing for IITians was proposed.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all the attendees.