

# SEPTEMBER 2014 PANIIT USA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(CONFERENCE CALL HELD ON September 2, 2014)

## ATTENDEES

1. Chair:	Shailesh Mehta - Present
2. President:	Arjun Sen - Present
3. VP/Secretary:	Witty Bindra - Present
4. Chapter Representative:	Pratish Kanani - Present
5. Past President:	Sid Chowdhary - Present
6. Kharagpur Rep:	Roy da Silva - Present
7. Kanpur Rep:	Sanjiv Sahay - Present
8. Bombay Rep:	Sandeep Pandya - Not Present
9. Guwahati Rep:	Kiran Thota- Not present
10. Varanasi Rep:	Dr. Manu Vora - Present
11. Roorkee Rep:	Anoop Verma - Not Present
12. Madras Rep:	KV Reddy - Present
13. Delhi Rep:	Amit Kumar - Not Present
14. DA Rep:	Sundi Sundaresh - Not Present
15. DA Rep:	Suresh Shenoy - Present
16. DA Rep:	Pradeep Khosla - Not Present

Invitees: (to talk about Women's Group)

1. Priyank Saxena
2. Mandy Pant

## MINUTES:

- **AUGUST 2014 MINUTES:** The minutes were confirmed.
- **LIST OF DELIVERABLES:** The Board decided to make a list of deliverables for all the past meetings and make sure they are closed before they are taken off the list.
- **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Sai Sandeep Tallam (treasurer and CFO) was travelling and will produce a complete financial update in person in the October 11, 2014 Board Meeting in San Jose.
- **IIT BHU 2014 CHICAGO CONFERENCE UPDATE :** Dr. Manu Vora  
It is planned for Sept 13, 2014 in Chicago, IL. 183 people registered and 250 are expected. Prof. Rajeev Sangal – IIT BHU Director and Hon. Manoj Sinha – Minister of State for Railways, Govt. of India are some of the distinguished guests who have confirmed their participation. Dr. Vora personally invited all the board members to attend the Conference.
- **PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE PLAYBOOK BY HOUSTON CONFERENCE TEAM:** Pratish Kanani and Witty Bindra presented the Playbook developed by the Houston Conference Team. The board applauded the work of the Houston Conference Team and discussed how to best use this in future.
- **CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE:** Witty Bindra  
The board was informed that all progress is being made to have a new chapter representative by the end of the year.
- **IIT WOMEN'S GROUP UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS:** Mandy Pant and Priyank Saxena delivered an update on the women's group and shared with the board how the PanIIT USA Board can add value to the IIT Women's Group.
- **MOU FOR THE BAY AREA CONFERENCE:** The Board urged the President to work with Finance team to get this done asap.

- **2016 PANIIT CONFERENCE DECISION:** The Board passed the following motion in granting the 2016 PanIIT USA Conference to the Boston:  
PanIIT USA will have its 2016 national conference in Boston, run by the Boston PanIIT Chapter (IITSine), subject to the fact that MOU will be in place by the end of 2014. At this point Pan IIT will not commit to any financial assistance till we execute a MOU, clearly defining the role & responsibilities of Pan IIT and the Conference team. The MOU also will clearly define what happens if there is a loss. The PanIIT USA Board will request the Boston Conference team to find creative ways to reduce the food cost.
- **NETWORKING THRU DATABASE UPDATE:** Not Discussed. Sky Basu will provide update in the next meeting.