



Alumni Association Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Board of Directors Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur

Date of the Meeting: 29th April 2012
Held through Teleconference
Meeting commenced at 07:30 hrs (IST)

Members present:

1. Prof Ashok Gupta, President
2. Mr Salil Dave, Vice President
3. Mr Sashi Singhania, Vice President
4. Prof Sudhir Misra, Secretary
5. Prof Mukesh Sharma, Treasurer
6. Mr Dharam Vir, Member
7. Dr Ajay K Shukla, Member
8. Mr Saurabh Sharma, Member
9. Mr Rakesh Pandey, Member
10. Prof Manindra Agarwal, Member

Leave of absence:

1. Prof. Kripa Shanker, Member

Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Welcome of the members and announcements, if any.

The Secretary, Prof Sudhir Misra, called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members to the meeting. He made the following announcements:

- Prof K Vijay Raghavan (BT/MT/CHE/75/77) who is currently the senior Professor and Director of the National Centre for Biological Sciences, has been elected as Fellow of Royal Society.
- Prof Arvind (BT/EE/69), MIT's Johnson Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, has been named the chosen for the IEEE Computer Society's 2012 Harry H. Goode Award "for fundamental contributions to research in dataflow computing, memory models, and cache coherence protocols."
- Fortune magazine has listed Infosys co-founder Shri NR Narayana Murthy (MT/EE/69) among the 12 "greatest entrepreneurs of our time" along with Apple's late chief Steve Jobs, Microsoft founder Bill Gates and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.
- Prof Rahul Jain (IITK/BT/EE 1997) is one out of the four Indian American academics, who by the Office of Naval Research has been honored with the 2012 Young Investigator Award through its Young Investigator Program.

It was decided that the AA should send a congratulatory note to each of these alumni, who have done the AA and the Institute proud.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous BOD meeting

The minutes of the joint Board meeting were confirmed with the modification in the minutes on the Agenda No 3 as given below:

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"After a detailed discussion, it was unanimously agreed that

- *the Boards take a note of the minutes as circulated*
- *the incoming board take into consideration the note circulated by Prof Kripa Shanker on the matter*
- *the incoming board await the report of the group above*

It was decided that based on the above input, the BOD of the AA will take a fresh look on the matter."

Will be replaced by the following:

- The minutes of the meeting be confirmed were confirmed by the members of the BOD (2010 - 2012). -
- While confirming the minutes, the boards also noted (1) the contents of the note circulated by Prof Kripa Shanker on the matter, and, (2) that the report of the above group was awaited.

It was decided that based on the above input, the BOD of the AA will take a fresh look on the matter."

Agenda Item 3: Updates from the Secretary

The Board took note of the following information provided by the Secretary:

- Nostalgia- The farewell function of the graduating batch is scheduled for May 3, 2012.
- The Distinguished Alumnus Award ceremony may be held on June 16, 2012 in the Bay Area in the USA, when the Patron and some other functionaries of the Institute are in USA. More updates as received will be circulated to the Board. While noting the information, the BOD felt that holding the ceremony in the USA will provide visibility also to AA activities.
- The note prepared by the President on the overall list of tasks ahead - While taking note of the details therein, it was felt that the AA should try preparing a unified document incorporating the 2 year and 4 year plan document being drafted by Mr Salil Dave and Ashok. Others members could add to that document. The BOD could take up different items from this list depending on priority and the resources available.
- That the 44th convocation will be held on June 2, 2012.

Agenda Item 4: Constitution of working groups

It was unanimously agreed that some working groups should be formed to enhance the efficiency in the functioning of the AA. After detailed discussions, the following groups were constituted:

1. Framework for working with the Institute (including nature and extent of grant to support AA activities), including MOU

The group will comprise of Prof Sudhir Misra, Prof Manindra Agrawal, Prof Mukesh Sharma, Mr Sashi Singhanian, Prof Kripa Shanker and Dr Ajay Shukla. The group will submit its report within 3 months.

2. Constitution of the AA and its review

The group will consist of Mr Dharam Vir and Prof Kripa Shanker. It was also decided to request Mr Anil Srivastava, a member of the last BOD, to join the group. It was also noted that Mr Dharam Vir has already done a lot of homework matter as is clear from the documents attached in the Agenda papers. The group will submit its report within 3 months.

3. Election reforms

This group will consist of Mr Dharam Vir, Mr Navpreet Singh (Election Officer 2010) and Prof Y N Singh (Election Officer 2012). It was also suggested that input may be sought from the chapter coordinators and other alumni. The group will submit its report within 4 months.

4. Chapter development

This group will consist of Prof Ashok Gupta, Mr Salil Dave, Mr Dharam Vir, Dr Ajay Shukla, and Prof Sudhir Misra. It was also decided that Mr Anurag Goel be requested to join the group. It was also agreed that coordinators of the various active chapters may also be requested to provide input.

5. Website development

There was a unanimous view that the AA website needs immediate attention, and Mr Salil Dave was requested to take the lead and possibly seek help from others such as Mr Ramki

Balasubramaniam. It was noted that an allocation of Rs 3 lakhs has been made in this financial year for the website revamping.

6. **Database management**

It was felt that there was an urgency to take action to enhance the registration of alumni with the AA and also remove deficiencies/inaccuracies in the existing databases. While discussing the issue of database management, the following two issues emerged for consideration and detailed examination:

- (a) Whether the AA is legally bound to share with its member(s), addresses and email ids of the members in view of privacy related laws, and what regulatory / legal requirements for associations such as the AA are in this regard and
- (b) Technical or operational issues including database maintenance and up gradation and how they can be resolved.

After due deliberations, it was agreed that for (a) above appropriate legal opinion may be sought before any data of any alumni is shared. Further, the process followed earlier for information sharing (i.e. instead of sharing the information directly with someone who requests it, an appropriate mail/information be forwarded by the Office of the Alumni Association to the concerned). In this context it was pointed out that the technology may be so used that networking without sharing is made possible.

A group consisting of Prof Sudhir Misra, Prof Manindra Agrawal, Mr Sashi Singhania, and Mr Saurabh Sharma was formed to discuss the matter in greater depth and submit a report to the BOD in about 6 to 8 weeks time.

It was also decided that utmost care and caution should be exercised in sharing data and information made available to the AA by the alumni with other individuals, institutions and/or organizations / societies.

7. **AA publications, newsletter**

Due to lack of time, it was decided that the item be taken up in the next meeting.

8. **Creating a local advisory group**

Prof Sudhir Misra proposed that a local 'Advisory Group' be set up to help the AA office in its day-to-day functioning. It was decided that the proposal outlining the scope and constitution of the group proposed to be set be brought before the BOD in its next meeting for consideration.

It was further decided that each of the groups formed above should be free to add and / or consult other members and chapters, if required and will try to keep the BOD abreast of the progress made in the assigned tasks.

Agenda Item 5: Nominations for the DA on the BOD

The Secretary provided a summary of the nominations received from the BOD members for the Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient on the Board. It was decided that the AA office should contact Mr David Thomas and in the event, he is unable to accept, contact Prof Jayathi Murthy.

During the discussion, Mr Rakesh Pandey wanted his objection to the process of nomination followed be placed on record (See Annexure 1). It was further decided that the response to this mail sent by Prof Sudhir Misra (Annexure 2) be also placed on record.

Agenda Item 6: Nominations from AA to the PANIIT

No names could be finalized for nomination to the PAN IIT Board. It was decided that all members will send their choices to Prof Ashok Gupta, who will make the final decision. .

Agenda Item 7: Proposed activities for 2012 and their budget

The BOD noted the calendar of events circulated (Annexure 3). The budget proposed by Prof Mukesh Sharma, Treasurer, Alumni Association, for the events to be held during the first quarter was accorded an in principle approval.

Agenda Item 8: Current financial position of AA

Prof Mukesh Sharma informed the financial position to the Board as on April 1, 2012 (when the new Board took over). He mentioned that the situation was very grim and needed immediate attention.

The Board noted with concern that the 'grant' for the last year from the Institute through the office of the DRPG had not been received so far. The Board was informed that a letter for reimbursement of the expenses that are to be covered under the grant, has been sent to the DRPG. Prof Manindra Agrawal informed the Board that the issue would be resolved within a week.

Agenda Item 9: Mobilization of funds for immediate activities (2012)

Looking at the current financial position, it was agreed that funds need to be mobilized for the immediate use, and policy needs to be framed for generating funds for the AA activities to make it a self sustaining entity in the future. Prof Sudhir Misra pointed out that roughly speaking the AA required about 20 lakhs annually for the normal expenses including salary of staff, office expenses, travel, etc. and had a corpus of about Rs 1.25cr, which therefore needs to be taken to about Rs 2 crores as quickly as possible. It was decided, *in principle*, that a resource mobilization drive needs to be undertaken. Prof Sudhir Misra was requested to present to the BOD some options which could be discussed in a subsequent meeting of the BOD.

Agenda Item 10: Long term mobilization of resources

The agenda will be taken up in the next BOD meeting.

Agenda Item 11: Any other item

No item was taken up.

The meeting ended at about 09:30 AM (IST).

(Ashok Gupta)
President, IITKAA

(Sudhir Misra)
Secretary, IITKAA

Annexure 1:

From: [Rakesh Pandey](#)

To: [Sudhir Misra](#)

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Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:57 PM

Subject: Re: DAA names for BOD (Annexure 1 page 93)

Dear Sudhir,

There are members who have, in the past, raised issues of following the IITK AA Constitution. I am raising the same issue now. The IITK Constitution does not say that the out-going board cannot nominate the DAA after their tenure.

I would have raised this issue at the last board meeting. But I was not successful in connecting and I did not get a call from the calling company. In fact both Salil Dave and I wrote an email while the meeting was going on about this lack of connectivity. I finally had got connected 3 minutes before the meeting ended. You had acknowledged the connectivity problem as well.

While we all want to contribute to IITK AA and its success, I protest this change in approach; it is a violation of the IITK AA constitution. Violations of the IITK AA Constitution, by the way, cannot be over-ruled by a non-constitutional vote.

Thanks,
Rakesh

Annexure 2 :

On Sat, Apr 28, 2012 at 12:56 PM, Sudhir Misra <sud@iitk.ac.in> wrote:

Dear Rakesh,

i am not a legal expert and would like to look at the issue in a common-sense manner. the facts as see them are:

1. the previous BOD did not complete the nomination process.
2. the new BOD took over on 1.4.12 and a jt meeting of the BODs took place on 15.4.12
3. in the meeting on 15.4 it was decided that taking cognizance of the situation, it will be best if all the members (of the previous and new BODs) participated in the process
4. no objection to that discussion was raised in the meeting - in fact Prof Kripa Shanker raised specifically this question and all present agreed to it.
5. As things stand, the erstwhile BOD has ceased to exist (as on 31.3.12) and cannot discharge any of its functions and hence in a manner of speaking it could be looked upon as an impasse, and we need to take a 'reasonable' stand, and we are doing that in the collective wisdom of BOTH boards appeared best.
6. having said all that, i would strongly feel that rules and procedures should be facilitators and not impediments in functioning.

I am copying this mail to the BOD.

With regards

sudhir

Annexure 3

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013

S. No	Event	Date	Venue	Invitees	Coordinators /for details
1	First BOD Meeting	Sunday, April 29, 2012	Through teleconference	All BOD Members	
2	Nostalgia (farewell function of the graduating batch)	Thursday May 3, 2012	OAT, IIT Kanpur	All the graduating students of 2012	alumni@iitk.ac.in
3	Nomination process for the Distinguished Alumnus Award	Starting date 15 June, 2012	NA	Nominations are open to all	http://www.iitkalumni.org/daa/daamain.asp
4	Nomination process for the Satyendra K Dubey Memorial Award	15 June, 2012	NA	Nominations are open to all	http://www.iitkalumni.org/sda/sdamain.asp
5	Golden Jubilee Reunion Batch-of-62	November 23 to 25, 2012	IIT Kanpur	All the graduates of the Class-of-67, all those who entered in 1962	alumni@iitk.ac.in
6	10 th Year Reunion Class-of-2002	November 10- 11, 2012	IIT Kanpur	All the graduates of the Class-of- 2002, all those who entered in 1998	alumni@iitk.ac.in
7	PAN IIT	December 7-8, 2012	Kolkata	All IITians	
8	Silver Jubilee Reunion Class-of-88	December 27- 29, 2012	IIT Kanpur	All the graduates of the Class-of-88, all those who entered in 1984	alumni@iitk.ac.in
9	Golden Jubilee Reunion Batch-of-63	March 8-10, 2013	IIT Kanpur	All the graduates of the Class-of-67, all those who entered in 1963	alumni@iitk.ac.in

EVENTS YET TO BE SCHEDULED
FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013

1	Distinguished Alumnus Award (DAA) 2012	To be scheduled	IIT Kanpur	All the members of the Alumni Association, faculty, students
2	Satyendra K Dubey (SKD) Award 2012	To be scheduled	IIT Kanpur	All the members of the Alumni Association, faculty, students
3	35th Year Reunion Class-of-78	To be scheduled	IIT Kanpur	All the graduates of the Class-of-78, all those who entered in 1973