

**Minutes of the XXII Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur**

Date of the Meeting: August 30, 09 Venue: IIT Kanpur (through conference)

Meeting commenced at 7:30 A.M. Indian Standard Time

**Minutes**

**Agenda Item 1: Roll Call**

**Members present:** Mr. Abhay Bhushan (President), Prof. Kripa Shanker (Secretary), Dr Sameer Khandekar, (Treasurer) Mr. Bhanu Kapoor, Mr. Rahul Mehrotra, Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Mr. Pawan Kumar, Anurag Sujania, Prof. Umesh Mishra  
Prof Manindra Agarwal joined in as the special invitee

**Members absent:** Mr. Rahul Shukla, Prof V Eswaran, Mr. Sanjeev Sinha, Mr. Rakesh Pandey, Mr. Manish Thakur, Prof. Sanjeev Aggarwal

**Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of minutes of the last BOD Meeting**

The minutes of the last board meeting held on June 28, 2009 were confirmed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3: Update by the President**

○ The President, Mr. Abhay Bhushan, informed the board about the PAN IIT Chicago meet scheduled to be held in October 2009 and urged everyone to work towards maximum participation.

**Agenda 4: Update by the Secretary**

1. Update by the Secretary

a. Golden Jubilee inaugural event

The main inaugural event was held on August 8, 2009 at IITK campus with Mr. Narayan Murthy as the Chief Guest. A one hour "IITK movie", a documentary on 50 years of IITK, made by Mr. Sunil Shanbag, was also released on this day. The Golden Jubilee campus walk was held on August 9, 2009 and was attended by a large number of participants (over 2000). A one day workshop on 'Challenges in Higher Education' was held and was attended by some well known names Like Mr Arun Shorie, Prof Ashok Misra Mr. Sam Pitroda (through video link) and others.

b. Database and Alumni Website: Number of new registrations in the last two months has been 180, which is an outstanding number compared to the earlier records and 212 alumni visited the site to update their own details.

c. Mails are being sent to all the batches starting from the first batch to 2008 for updating their contact details and nominating their batch coordinators.

## **Agenda 5: Action Taken Report**

### **i) Database Updation:**

○ The Secretary intimated the board about the latest status of database. This time it was a notable increase in the number of registered alumni. It was decided that alumni whose email addresses are there but have not registered should be asked to register on the website. As suggested by Mr Rakesh Sharma, mails and letters should be sent to all for registering on the AA website.

### **ii) Kelkar Alumni lecture:**

The Secretary informed the board that that we are in touch with the Director, IITK, to invite a speaker during this semester. For various reasons beyond our control, there have been some delay in finalizing the names.

## **Agenda 6: Progress of Golden Jubilee Related Items, and work to be done.**

### **a.) IITK Alumni Convention, Jan 2-4 at IITK Details in Annexure 4**

It was agreed by all the Board members that the Alumni Convention should be held as one of the prime events by the Alumni Association during the Golden Jubilee year on the campus. All the members of the Board were requested to provide their input to make this event a great success. The schedule of the three day event was discussed and it was mutually agreed upon;

A. The Distinguished Alumnus Award ceremony and the Satyendra K Dubey Memorial Award ceremony should be held on the First day of the event. The event 'Recognizing IITK @50' could be held on the second day.

B. For the cultural performances, there could be possible three options; Day 1: we have professional performance, Day 2: performances by alumni and students or

Day 1; we have performances by alumni and Day 2; we have performances by Students or vice versa. The details of this could be worked out in due course of time. Alumni have shown keen interest in arranging/ participating in the cultural events.

C. It is estimated that around 500 alumni along with their families will participate and the accommodation will be arranged accordingly.

D. Budget: The budget as attached in the annexure 4 was discussed and Dr Khandekar suggested that the budget will be tuned down as per the availability of funds. Prof Manindra Agarwal agreed that, after due consultation with the Director, he will be able to share the expenses worth Rs 8- 10 lakh from the Golden Jubilee Budget.

### **b.) Recognizing IITK Alumni @ 50**

The nomination process has started; major bugs of the nomination web-module have been removed. It was mutually agreed that the date to receive the nomination can be extended till September 30, 2009.

All the DA Awardees will be automatically considered for the IITK@50.

Alumni who are no more will also be considered for nomination posthumously.

c.) DAA: The call for DAA nominations has been made and will be repeated every fortnight. The last date for receiving nominations is October 30, 2009. Letter is being sent to the Director for forming this year's committee for selection of DAA and S K Dubey awards. After

due deliberations, it was mutually agreed that the DAA ceremony will be held at the time of the Alumni GJ Convention.

- d.) DA and Leadership Conference as part of the convention

This proposal was agreed upon.

- e.) Golden Jubilee Memorabilia

Dr Sameer Khandekar informed the board that a lot of new souvenirs were made for the Golden Jubilee year and the process is still on. The sales have considerably increased and there is an upward trend. He also informed that he is in touch with a couple of professional companies who specialize in customized institutional souvenirs and setting up of souvenir shops. Once he receives a proposal from their side he will forward it to the Board members. The idea was liked by one and all.

#### **Agenda 7: Progress on Reunions at IITK (Batch coordinators and projects)**

Invitations from the Secretary, Alumni Association have been sent to the batches twice and formal invitations from the Director are under process. The Batch coordinators have been identified. Alumni Office is constantly in touch with the groups and is arranging logistics.

#### **Agenda 8: Brief Progress report on the Bangalore, Wash DC and Santa Clara, CA conferences, and how Board members will get involved**

##### i) Bangalore Conference

- o Mr Pawan Kumar informed that for the Bangalore Alumni Conference to be held during June 2010, a detailed plan is being worked out, meetings are being held to finalize the plan; once done it will be circulated to the board.

##### ii) US East Coast Alumni Conference

- The East Coast conference is planned for July 9-11 in Washington DC, because of the easy accessibility of the Washington DC and its centralized location.

Mr Rakesh Pandey and Mr Vivek Malhotra have been assigned the task of organizing this event with a team.

##### iii) US West Coast Conference

- The West Coast Alumni conference is planned for July 16-18, 2010 in Santa Clara, California, and will concentrate on alumni networking and industry partnerships.

Mr Rajeev Singh and Mr Shamik Mehta will lead the effort for the West Coast Conference.

#### **Agenda 9: IITK Anthem being worked on by Alumni**

Prof Manindra Agarwal briefed the Board about the IITK Anthem which is being worked out by Saikat, Shanker, Amit and Saket are working on it. Mr. Prasoon Joshi the leading lyricist of India has been signed-up. Sonu Nigam and Shreya Ghosal would likely be singing with professional musicians.

The anthem is proposed to be ready by mid-October, and the Golden Jubilee committee is in touch with Prime Ministers' Office for requesting the Prime Minister for the launching of the IITK anthem.

It was also expressed by Board members that the PMO may also be contacted for asking him to visit the campus during the Golden Jubilee Year. If possible, a Video Conferencing with alumni during the Alumni Convention should be arranged.

### **Agenda 10: IITK Postage Stamp India and US progress**

Prof Manindra Agarwal informed that the Photograph has been submitted to the Postal department and the launch of postal stamp will be held soon. The matter is being pursued by the Golden Jubilee committee.

Mr Abhay Bhushan, President, Alumni Association informed that in the US stamp commemorative stamp sheet celebrating golden jubilee will be available by October during the PAN IIT 2009 in Chicago and will also help in fund raising.

### **Agenda 10(a): Publications - IITK Alumni @ 50 and Reminiscence**

A call for nominations has been made and the last date for receiving the nominations has been extended to October 1, 2009. The nominations will shortlisted by a committee similar to the Distinguished Alumnus Award committee to 150. These 150 names will be put forth for voting amongst the alumni. The top 50 voted alumni will be recognized during the Alumni Convention. Their profile will be published in the book to be released during the Bangalore event. We need to start active campaign to get nominations and involvement. We need to select/appoint an editor soon so work can start on it.

An editor is to be also appointed for Reminiscence and a time line is to be put in place. We should locate the Reminiscences material collected earlier in last two years for the History Book project and additional material by Students.

We need to send out email to Alumni and to batch coordinators to get additional material/anecdotes, etc.

### **Agenda 11: Feb 14, 2010 IITK Golden Jubilee 50K Run/Walk - all Batches participation and Fundraising.**

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur and the IIT Kanpur Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 50 K Ultra-marathon to celebration of IIT Kanpur's Golden Jubilee. In this event, scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2010, participants will run up to 50 kilometers on the IIT Kanpur Campus to celebrate the 50 glorious years of IIT Kanpur.

This will be the first ever 50 km ultra-marathon walk/run in North India, and will take place on the large IIT Campus. The event will also feature other distances, from 2km (for kids) to 21 km half marathon, as well as a 50 km relay (up to five participants running 10 km per leg).

The event will promote fitness, as well as raise funds for the betterment of IIT Kanpur. Each participating batch relay team will raise Rs. 1 lakh or more, as their Golden Jubilee contribution, for a total of Rs. 50 lakhs or more. In addition, individual participants are encouraged to utilize this as an opportunity to raise additional funds. More details will be provided later.

### **Agenda 12: Duties of Secretary for IITK AA**

(Dr. Kripa Shankar requested to leave the meeting for deliberations on this Agenda Item; Dr. Khandekar conducted the meeting during this period). The situation was discussed in view of the fact that Dr. Kripa Shankar has been appointed the Vice Chancellor of the UP Technical University. Taking into consideration the present circumstances, which included, amongst others, the ongoing intense Golden Jubilee activities, time remaining for the next AA elections, proximity of Lucknow, the new office location of Dr. Kripa Shankar, his continued availability in the IITK campus for a major portion of the working week and also during weekends, Patron's input received, logistical difficulties in arranging new elections at a short notice at this time, etc., it was unanimously decided by all the members that Prof Kripa Shanker will be requested to continue as the Secretary, Alumni Association till the next elections scheduled to be held in February 2010. All the members heartily acknowledged the active involvement of Dr. Kripa Shankar in the ongoing activities of AA activities and resolved for the continuation of his complete term as Secretary, AA-IITK.

### **Agenda 13: Action by subcommittees**

Because of the time constraint the matter was differed till the next meeting

### **Agenda 14: Any other item with the permission of the chair**

Presentation by the student team of the Students Placement Office.

The Overall Placement Coordinator Mr Anand Thareja made a presentation to the Board and requested for their advice for the current year placements. The Board members assured him of their full support and advised him to search for companies through branch wise and area wise.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks at about 10:00 AM

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