



Alumni Association Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Minutes Joint Meeting of Outgoing (2010 - 2012) and Incoming (2012 - 2014) Boards of the Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur

Date of the Meeting: 15th April 2012
Held through Teleconference
Meeting commenced at 07:30 hrs (IST)

Members present:

1. Prof Ashok Gupta, President (2012 - 2014)
2. Mr Rakesh Pandey, President (2010 - 2012)
3. Mr Salil Dave, Vice President (2012 - 2014)
4. Mr Sashi Singhania, Vice President (2012 - 2014)
5. Mr Rakesh Sharma, Vice President (2010 - 2012)
6. Prof Sudhir Misra, Secretary (2012 - 2014)
7. Prof. Kripa Shanker, Secretary (2010 - 2012)
8. Prof Mukesh Sharma, Treasurer (2012 - 2014)
9. Mr Dharamvir, Member (2012 - 2014)
10. Mr Saurabh Sharma, Member (2012 - 2014)
11. Mr Anil Srivastava, Member (2010 - 2012)
12. Mr Abhay Bhushan, Member (2010 - 2012)
13. Prof Sameer Khandekar, Member, (2010 - 2012)
14. Prof Manindra Agarwal, Member (2012 - 2014) and (2010 - 2012)

Leave of absence:

1. Prof Jayant K Singh, Treasurer, (2010 - 2012)
2. Mr Ashok Bajaj, Vice President, (2010 - 2012)
3. Mr Vijay Misra, Member, (2010 - 2012)
4. Mr Ajay Bhardwaj, Member, (2010 - 2012)
5. Ms Keya Sur, Member, (2010 - 2012)
6. Dr Ajay K Shukla, Member (2012 - 2014)

Minutes

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

Prof Kripa Shanker, the outgoing Secretary called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members of the Board (2010-2012 and 2012-2014) to the meeting. There were no announcements.

Agenda Item 2: Message from the Patron

Prof S G Dhande, Director, IIT Kanpur and Patron, Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur addressed the Board members. He thanked the outgoing team for their efforts and wished the incoming team well and assured the Association all help and support from the Institute. He emphasized the need for a healthy and mutually beneficial relationship between the two bodies. Prof Dhande also offered the institute's support in setting up a nodal/satellite office of the Alumni Association at the upcoming Extension Centre of IITK at Noida, which may be used to further the relationship between the alumni and the AA and IITK.

Prof Dhande called upon the AA to develop a long-term 'programmatic' approach in its activities also besides the present 'event based approach', which centres around specific events, such as reunions, etc. For example, the AA should try to strengthen alumni networks in India and abroad through local chapters, and develop a mechanism through which the local activities are encouraged and duly recognized.

All members of both the Boards thanked Prof Dhande for his message and assured him of all the cooperation from the AA in the future and expressed their confidence that direction and help would always be forthcoming from the Institute in AA activities.

Agenda Item 3: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous BOD meeting

The item called for the confirmation of the meeting held on December 24, 2011. Prof Kripa Shanker drew the attention of the members to the comments circulated by him (Annexure 1, page 2) and invited comments from all those present before the said minutes could be confirmed. He also informed the boards that informal deliberations are also being held within a group consisting of last three DRPGs, Alumni Association Secretaries and Treasurers (namely Prof Kripa Shanker, Prof Binayak Rath, Prof Manoj Harbola, Prof Sameer Khandekar, Prof Jayant K Singh, Prof Manindra Agarwal and Prof Sanjeev K Aggarwal) and that the group will submit its feedback to the AA within a fortnight.

After a detailed discussion, it was unanimously agreed that

- the Boards take a note of the minutes as circulated
- the incoming board takes 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.

Agenda Item 4: Report on the proceedings of the AGBM

Prof Kripa Shanker briefed the board about the Annual General Body Meeting held on March 18, 2012. He informed the Board about the proceedings of the AGBM and highlighted the main

points in the Secretary's report presented in the AGBM (Annexure 1, page 10), including the activities of the AA and some issues that need to be taken up for further deliberation by the BOD and the AA.

Agenda Item 5: Remarks by the outgoing President and Secretary

Mr Rakesh Pandey, the outgoing president congratulated the new team, and emphasized that he looks forward to work with the new team in working towards the goals of the AA. Prof Kripa Shanker mentioned that he had already provided his input under Item 4 above.

Agenda Item 6: Remarks by the incoming President and Secretary

The incoming president Prof. Ashok Gupta at the outset sincerely expressed his appreciation for the work done by the outgoing Board. He mentioned a need to draw up an immediate plan of action including the Budget, increase the coverage of the existing database, election reforms, and formulate programmes in line with the objectives and mission of the AA as laid down in the constitution. He emphasized that the Alumni Association and the DRPG need to work together in pursuance of these goals. Prof Gupta proposed that that some working groups be created to take the agenda of the Alumni Association forward.

Prof. Sudhir Misra, the incoming Secretary, also thanked the members of the outgoing team and mentioned that he looked forward to working in BOD to further the activities of the AA. He mentioned that in order to be carry out its functions meaningfully, Alumni Association needs to evolve a strategy to generate funds and not be dependent on the institute for all the activities. He also mentioned that though the constitution of the AA could be amended to reflect changing realities, it should be borne in mind that the basic structure of the constitution which defines the spirit of the Association should not be changed. He mentioned that a lot of work needs to be done at different levels to make the AA an effective organization and a force to reckon with.

Prof Kripa Shanker invited all the other members to make a brief intervention and some of the important points made by the different members are given below:

Mr Dharamvir: congratulated the outgoing board for the work done and emphasized the need for a plan for action for future activities to make the activities of the AA more effective.

Mr. Anil Srivastava: welcomed the new board and mentioned that there was a need to carry out reforms in the election process. He offered his help to the AA in pursuing its activities.

Prof. Manindra Agarwal: congratulated the outgoing Board members while saying that the AA has been growing rapidly and the last Board did a very commendable job. He also said that he looked forward to working with the new BOD and added that there was a need to carry out reforms in the election process.

Prof. Sameer Khandekar: mentioned that in the last four years AA had made good progress on several fronts, and now have definite goal points have been set, and that there is a need to not loose momentum and continue to work towards making the AA a more vibrant organization. Some of the things he pointed out included the need to remove the disconnect with the alumni at large. He expressed that his willingness to always be there for the Association.

Mr Rakesh Sharma: made the following suggestions that may be considered: (a) there be an id given to alumnus given by AA that may be 'permanent', (b) ceremony for the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Satyendra K Dubey Memorial Award, which have not been conferred yet for 2012, may be held in US in June, (c) Student Alumni Interaction Day be continued as a regular activity.

Mr Abhay Bhushan: while thanking every in the AA made a special request that the AA should continue to organize the Marathon/half marathon, and these events be given wide publicity.

Mr Salil Dave: could not be clearly heard on phone. He was requested to send his note to the members, which will be circulated and included in the minutes. Unfortunately such a note has not been received till date.

Agenda Item 7: Nomination of ex officio members to the Board

Prof Kripa Shanker sought the opinion of the members on nomination of a Distinguished Alumnus Awardee on the BOD as required by the constitution. He also mentioned that a clear cut procedure for this nomination was not laid down.

After a detailed discussion it was unanimously agreed that the BOD members (2010-2012) and (2012-2014) should send in four names of their choice from the list of the Distinguished Alumnus Awardees to the Office of the Alumni Association in 10 days time, where these will be collated and circulated. Consent for joining the board will be sought from the awardees after this by the Secretary.

For the other ex officio positions, the members in the BOD (2012 - 2014) would be as follows:

- a. Past-President: Mr Rakesh Pandey
- b. Past-Secretary: Prof Kripa Shanker
- c. Nominee of the Patron: Prof Manindra Agarwal

Agenda Item 8: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

It was brought to the notice of the members that since none of the nominations received for the post of Member 4 were found to be 'acceptable' the position was still lying vacant. It was decided that the board (2012 - 2014) may take up the matter in an appropriate manner.

Towards the end of the meeting, Prof Kripa Shanker thanked all the members for their support and cooperation, and requested Prof Sudhir Misra, to take steer the meeting.

Prof Sudhir Misra in his closing remarks once again thanked everybody and closed meeting with a mention that the first meeting of the BOD (2012 - 2014) would be held on April 29, 2012 at 07:30 am (IST) and a formal announcement to this effect would be made later.

(Sudhir Misra)

Secretary, IITKAA

(Ashok Gupta)

President, IITKAA