

Association of Transportation Professionals of Indian Origin
Teleconference Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2011; 7:00 PM EDT

The Board members of Association of Transportation Professionals of Indian Origin (ATPIO) met via teleconference on February 24, 2011. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a quarterly update on the ATPIO activities.

Board members in attendance:

Mr. Hardik Shah
Dr. Sudeshna Sen
Dr. Anuj Sharma
Mr. Arun Shirole
Mr. Salil Gokhale
Dr. Murthy Bondada
Dr. Shashi Nambisan
Dr. Sabyasachee Mishra

The individual board members presented the progress of tasks assigned to them in the duration of the teleconference. The detailed discussion of status of each task is summarized below.
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- Selection/Election of Officers from the newly elected Board
- Discussions about making amendments to the by-laws
 - a. Clarify about the officers election process
 - b. Add a clause about having at least one board member who has presence in India.
- Closing 2010 Treasurers Report
- Status on Annual Meeting Minutes
- Brainstorm about ATPIO activities for 2011
 - a. Webinar (ideas for topics)
 - b. Supporting upcoming conferences in India
- Update on ATPIO Logo
- Membership Drive in US/India
- Discussions about various committees
- Ideas to recruit professionals to help with various committees
- Any other items for discussion

Selection/Election of Officers from the newly elected Board

Mr. Hardik Shah commenced the teleconference. The board elected the following officers for the board for the year 2011-2012.

President: Mr. Hardik Shah

Vice-President: Dr. Anuj Sharma

Treasurer: Dr. Sudeshna Sen

Secretary: Dr. Sabyasachee Mishra

Discussions about making amendments to the by-laws

Dr. Murthy Bondada suggested to hold the amendment in the Byelaws until there are sufficient numbers of members from India. The board members agreed with Dr. Bondada's suggestion and requested to provide an informal letter documenting the possible courses of action to Mr. Hardik Shah. The board discussed to lower the membership fees in India, and to provide a user friendly papypal account where the users can pay without worrying about conversion in currency. Dr. Bondada also suggested to open a bank account in India, if members from India would like to pay in checks. The board recognized the importance of membership in India and spread the word India as much as possible in the coming year.

Closing 2010 Treasurers Report

Dr. Anuj Sharma presented the treasurers report, and suggested to make a transition to a national recognized bank. The board members agreed with the suggestion. Dr. Sharma suggested to close the account balance for the last year in the coming week. The account balance from the conference will be resolved with a discussion with Dr. Ram Pendyala. Dr. Sharma will work closely with both Dr. Pendyala , Mr. Hardik Shah, and coordinate all the efforts with the new treasurer Dr. Sudeshna Sen.

Status on Annual Meeting Minutes

Dr. Sabysachee Mishra already sent out the meeting minutes for review to Dr. Sudeshna Sen. Dr. Sen suggested to send out the meeting minutes to all the board members for review and finalize the minutes as soon as possible. Dr. Mishra will send out the meeting minutes to the board and will request to submit their reviews in a weeks' time. Mr. Salil Gokhale requested to finalize any meeting minutes soon after the meeting so that the board members can make changes as the discussion will be fresh in mind.

Brainstorm about ATPIO activities for 2011

Mr. Shah's suggested that the board need to be careful about hosting another conference this year, but to focus on a webinar. Dr. Sen suggested to explore who could be the possible presenters and then think about topics for website. Dr. Mishra will lead the efforts in suggesting possible presenters and coordinate with Dr. Sen and Dr. Sharma. Dr. Bondada suggested the

possibility of ATPIO hosting a conference in India. Mr. Shah mentioned the past ATPIO involvement in other conferences in India, and possibility of co-sponsoring the 1st Conference of Transportation Research Group in India, and with Urban Mobility 2011. Dr. Bondada said it is also possible to host a conference in India if we have sufficient members as sponsorship will not a problem. The board members recognized and agreed with Dr. Bondad's suggestion and requested him to submit a small report on few possibilities of hosting a conference in India.

Update on ATPIO Logo

The board has received a number of designs of logos, with coordinating efforts from Mr. Shah and Dr. Pendyala. Mr. Shah suggested to finalize the logo in next two months.

Membership Drive

The board will send an email to all the existing members, friends, and students. Mr. Shah requested Dr. Bondada to prepare a database of emails for professionals in India. The board will soon send an email to renew membership for old members and to add new members this year.