

## **ATPIO BOARD Tele-Conference Minutes (June 7, 2014)**

### **Members in attendance:**

Mr. Arun Shirole  
Dr. Shashi Nambisan  
Dr. Anuj Sharma  
Dr. Sabyasachee Mishra  
Mr. Puneet Singh  
Ms. Padmini Gudipudi  
Dr. Murthy Bondada

**ATPIO Board of Director's teleconference meeting was called to order by President Arun Shirole' at 4:04 P.M.**

### **The Board members discussed the following agenda items:**

#### **1. Membership Fee Structure & Upgrade from current one-year membership**

The ATPIO Board had previously approved, via email ballot, the following fee structure:

One Year: \$30.00 (unchanged)

Three Year: \$80,00, and

Five Year: \$125.00

The Board discussed the feasibility of current members upgrading their one year membership to 3or 5 years by paying the difference between current year fees paid and fees due for 3 or 5 year membership. This will enable the membership committee to focus on getting new members. The Board unanimously approved this change.

The Board also discussed what can be the benefits as of being an ATPIO member. Few points discussed are: (1) societal benefits to give back to the profession and assisting prospective professionals, (2) discounted registration fees for ATPIO co-sponsored conferences, (3) setting aside some resources to help Indian students to attend TRBAnnual Meetings, (4) collaborating with Indian counterparts such as IUT, etc . (5) work with Indian counterparts such as TRG, and TPMDC to obtain a reduced registration rate at their activities for ATPIO members.

#### **2. Election of non-voting Board Member**

The Board unanimously elected Dr. Mohan Vanigalla as a non-voting Board member. Motion was made by Arun Shirole' and seconded by Dr. Sabyasachee Mishra.

#### **3. Action Plans (what will be accomplished in 2014 & how) for:**

*a. Maintain Website (Sushant & Padmini):*

The Board members discussed the possibility of hosting a website on a public domain (e.g. weebly, or google, etc.). The website team will work various possibilities. Work on upgrading existing ATPIO website is on-going.

*b. Communications - internal and external (Sabyasachee & Anuj)*

The ATPIO Linked-in website is active and all updates are made regularly. ATPIO members will be encouraged to contact Dr. Anuj Sharma with their comments and updates for Linked-in website. This site will be only for the benefit of ATPIO members.

*c. Membership Drive (Vijaya Gopu)*

At this time only personal contacts are made but the team in charge will look for various options on getting the membership drive more vibrant.

*d. ATPIO Finances (Salil)*

The treasurer update will be provided in the next conference call.

*e. Webinars (Arun & Shashi)*

The team is organizing a webinar on the “Delivery of complex projects”. This webinar will present findings of one of the recently completed NCHRP project.

Naturalistic driving simulator data are released and it will be a good topic for 2015 webinar. Dr. Shashi Nambisan will be pursuing this further.

*f. 2015 Annual Meeting Prep. (Vijaya Gopu & Sabyasachee)*

The officers will explore venues for Annual meeting within or near convention center later in the fall.

**4. Student Support Program (Anuj)**

The Board members will discuss the proposed student support program during the next conference call.

**5. Other Business:** Dr. Anuj Sharma and Dr. Bondada Murthy will meet in Orlando, Fl next week in connection with the ASCE Conference and come up with a definitive plan to secure funding assistance from some professional groups in order to facilitate collaborative activities, including student support.

## **6. Next teleconference & adjourn (all)**

Next conference call is going to be in the early part of next month. Dr. Sabyasachee will get a poll with tentative dates.

The teleconference meeting adjourned at 4:58 P.M.