

Association of Transportation Professionals of Indian Origin
Teleconference Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2009; 7:00 PM EDT

The Board members of Association of Transportation Professionals of Indian Origin (ATPIO) met via teleconference on June 3, 2009. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a quarterly update on the ATPIO activities.

Board members in attendance:

Mr. Arun Shirole (President)
Dr. Ram Pendyala (Vice-President)
Dr. Lalita Sen (Ex-President)
Dr. Sudeshna Sen (Secretary)
Dr. Anuj Sharma (Member)
Mr. Hardik Shah (Treasurer)
Mr. Salil Gokhale (Member)
Mr. Sabyasachee Mishra (Student Member)

Mr. Arun Shirole suggested a review of the status of tasks outlined in the last teleconference on April 20, 2009. 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.

1. Update on list of members

Mr. Hardik Shah briefed the board on the membership status. He indicated that about 16 memberships were renewed in 2009. Overall, 60 members paid their dues this year. Mr. Shah discussed his continual effort to get in touch with all the members. He will further update the membership list in two weeks.

2. Update on bank accounts

Mr. Shah indicated that he has been working with Dr. Mohan Venigalla to get authorized online access to the existing bank accounts. Mr. Shah has asked Dr. Venigalla to respond to his request by June 15, 2009. Dr. Lalita Sen suggested that the board should have online as well as paper checks. Mr. Shirole and Mr. Shah will consult with the bank in the next two weeks to minimize the delay in bank account updates.

3. Update on 501 c (3)

Mr. Shah will enquire more about 501 c (3) after getting authorized access to the bank accounts.

4. Update on ATPIO website

Dr. Sudeshna Sen requested the board members to provide updated profile details. Mr. Shirole proposed that all the past conference and important information web links be archived on the ATPIO website. Dr. Lalita Sen indicated that she will information on the recently held “sustainability” conference in New Delhi. Mr. Shirole requested Dr. Sen to prepare one/two paragraph(s) on the “sustainability” conference objectives and provide links of a few presented papers. Dr. Sen and Mr. Shirole proposed to add a new section onto the website with links of papers/research on transportation in India . Mr. Shirole requested

Dr. Sen to take the lead on this. Mr. Sabyasachee Mishra will upload the links/information onto the website.

5. Proposed ATPIO conference

Dr. Ram Pendyala proposed details of the ATPIO conference. He recommended that we host the conference every two years, alternatively in India and USA. Also, he suggested that the first conference should be held in India. He shared his past experience of recently held conferences at IIT Bombay and IIT Guwahati.

Dr. Lalita Sen proposed that we collaborate with European transportation community of Indian origin for hosting this conference. Dr. Sen recommended that we initiate more participation from Indian Universities and faculty members. Dr. Anuj Sharma proposed that we consider the possibility of generating revenue from Indo-US Science and Technology Forum. The Board members discussed the pros and cons of hosting the first conference in India instead of US. Mr. Shirole suggested that the Meetings/Conferences and Events Committee should take the lead in putting together detailed information on hosting this conference. The committee members also proposed possible venues both in India and in the US.

6. Preparation of a list of potential members

Mr. Mishra updated the board about the progress in preparation of the list of potential members. Mr. Shirole asked Mr. Mishra to send the list to Dr. Sudeshna Sen and continue expanding the list. Dr. Lalita Sen and Dr. Ram Pendyala discussed ways of getting potential members from the TRB annual meeting reports (or database). Dr. Sudeshna Sen proposed short-listing names from the 2009 TRB annual meeting CD.

7. Web conference

Dr. Sudeshna Sen provided an update on the web survey intended to identify topics of interest for web conferences. She suggested that we publicize the webinar and record it.

8. New logo for ATPIO

Dr. Sharma and Mr. Salil Gokhale indicated that they will outline the logo details and will send out the invitation in two to three weeks.

Closing suggestions:

Mr. Arun Shirole proposed to organize the next quarterly meeting in next one and half months.
The teleconference ended at 8:20 PM EDT

Teleconference minutes prepared by: Mr. Sabyasachee Mishra
Teleconference minutes reviewed by: Dr. Sudeshna Sen and Mr. Arun Shirole