

ATPIO Annual Meeting Minutes

**Sunday, January 23, 2011, 5:30-7:30pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Nathan Hale Room
2660 Woodley Road NW • Washington DC 20008**

Agenda

Agenda Part -1 (5:30-6:30pm)

1. Introduction and Opening Remarks – Ram Pendyala
2. Review of 2010 ATPIO Activities – Hardik Shah
3. Report on the 2010 ATPIO Conference – Ram Pendyala
4. Treasurer’s Report – Anuj Sharma
5. Report on Board Nominations and Elections – Sudeshna Sen
6. Special Presentations
 - a) Economic Development in India: Opportunities and Challenges, *Mr. V.S. Senthil, IAS, Honorable Minister (Economic), Embassy of India, Washington, D.C.*
 - b) Enhancing Indo-US Partnership in Science and Technology, *Michael Cheetham, Executive Director, Indo-US Science and Technology Forum and India Science and Technology Partnership*
 - c) Elsevier’s Interest and Initiatives in Indian Transportation Research, *Chris Pringle, Executive Publisher – Geography & Transport, Elsevier, United Kingdom*
7. Future Activities and Directions for the Association: Open Discussion – Hardik Shah

Adjourn

Agenda Part -2 (6:30-7:30pm)

- *ATPIO Reception and Social Gathering for Members and Non- Members: Networking opportunities with professionals of Indian Origin from USA, India and other Countries around the World*

Meeting Minutes

Introduction

Dr. Ram Pendyala commenced the annual meeting with the following key points about ATPIO:

- Founded in 2004 as a non-profit organization,
- Aimed to serve as an umbrella organization assisting and promoting ATPIO in India and US.
- Forum to discuss transportation problems in India
- Mentoring younger professionals in India
- Significant growth of ATPIO over the years

Dr. Pendyala then introduced all the board members to the audience and encouraged all to know more about ATPIO from the website: www.atpio.org. In the opening remarks, Dr. Pendyala mentioned about current members and past presidents of ATPIO.

Quick Review of 2010 ATPIO Activities

Mr. Hardik Shah described about the major achievement of the year as approval of 501c(6). Mr. Shah mentioned about ATPIO's participation in the Urban Mobility conference, first International Symposium on Advances in Transport Sustainability (ISATS) held at Arizona State University. Mr. Shah acknowledged participation of all the keynote speakers (Hardik please fill in the names!).

- Mr. Victor Mendez, Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the US Department of Transportation (USDOT).
- Mr. John Horsley, Executive Director of The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).
- Mr. John Halikowski, Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).
- Mr. V.S. Senthil, Indian Administrative Service and Minister (Economic) in the Embassy of India, Washington, D.C.
- Mr. Ben L. J. Eijbergen, Country Sector Coordinator Infrastructure for India, Lead Transport Specialist, Sustainable Development Unit, South Asia Region, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Professor Daniel Sperling, Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) at the University of California at Davis, author of Two Billion Cars, and 16th Heinz Award Winner.
- Professor Kumares Sinha, Edgar B. and Hedwig E. Olson Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering at Purdue University.
- Mr. Michael Cheetham, Executive Director of the India Science and Technology Partnership and Director of the US Secretariat to the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum.

Report on the 2010 ATPIO Conference-Dr. Ram Pendyala

Dr. Pendyala provided a synopsis of the ISATS conference. ISATS is the first ATPIO conference jointly sponsored by the International Road Federation (IRF), and the Arizona State University. ISATS was held at the Memorial Union of the Arizona State University, Tempe Campus in the heart of the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area in Arizona. Dr. Pendyala praised the conference success and encouraged all to participate in the future ATPIO conferences/symposiums.

Treasurer's Report – Anuj Sharma

Dr. Anuj Sharma described the expenses of the last year. Because of the symposium expenditures, all the final details were not available. Dr. Sharma mentioned that the details of expenses will be available in February 2011.

Report on Board Nominations and Elections – Sudeshna Sen

Dr. Sudeshna Sen mentioned about the nominations and the election process. Dr. Sen mentioned there were 14 nominations received from all over the world. The elections took place electronically where the short bios were available on the ATPIO website. The selection committee consisted of three previous members: Mr. Hardik Shah, Dr. Sudeshna Sen, and Dr. Anuj Sharma. Dr. Sen declared the names of seven elected members. They were:

Dr. Ram Pendyala
Mr. Hardik Shah
Dr. Sudeshna Sen
Dr. Anuj Sharma
Dr. Murthy Bondada
Mr. Arun Shirole
Dr. Shashi Nambisan

Special Presentations

- a) Economic Development in India: Opportunities and Challenges, *Mr. V.S. Senthil, IAS, Honorable Minister (Economic), Embassy of India, Washington, D.C.*
- b) Enhancing Indo-US Partnership in Science and Technology, *Michael Cheetham, Executive Director, Indo-US Science and Technology Forum and India Science and Technology Partnership*
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Special Presentation (1/3): Economic Development in India: Opportunities and Challenges, Mr. V.S. Senthil

Mr. V.S. Senthil spoke about the success of ISATS conference as he was one of the key note speakers. Mr. Senthil requested the audience to become member of ATPIO and to take the board forward. In his presentation he talked about growth in India, the need to prudent planning techniques to sustain the growth in next thirty years. India plan to invest about \$ 6 trillion for

urban and rural transportation. As ATPIO being a forum for exchange of knowledge and ideas between India and US for transportation engineering and planning, Mr. Senthil requested ATPIO's cooperation in future.

Special Presentation (2/3): Enhancing Indo-US Partnership in Science and Technology, Michael Cheetham, Executive Director, Indo-US Science and Technology Forum and India Science and Technology Partnership

Mr. Michael Cheetham, started the speech with an annotation: "stand up to be heard, speak up to be known, and sit down to be appreciated". Mr. Cheetham mentioned that India as one of the global economic power in the world. He explained how in the past, US and India worked together to form the Indian Institute of Technologies (IIT) in India. As we see now, IITS are the previously laid strong foundation for education and research between India and US. The Indo-US Science and Technology forum are working on a number of activities including energy cooperation and security arrangements. He encouraged everyone to use the funding sources from the Indo-US Science and Technology forum. Mr. Cheetham discussed the success of two recently completed workshops at IIT Roorkee and IIT Madras. Finally, he mentioned the objective of the forum is to articulate a program mutually beneficial to both countries.

Special Presentation (3/3): Elsevier's Interest and Initiatives in Indian Transportation Research, Chris Pringle, Executive Publisher – Geography & Transport, Elsevier, United Kingdom

Dr. Chris Pringle stressed that there is a gamut of qualitative and quantitative research conducted in India. But, the publication rate is not much to express the amount of research. Dr. Pringle encouraged everyone to submit journal articles, and welcomed new editorial volumes for publication in the Journal of Geography and Transport.

Future Activities and Directions for the Association: Open Discussion – Hardik Shah

Mr. Hardik Shah thanked all the members and friends of ATPIO for attending the ATPIO annual meeting.