

Meeting Minutes for
ATPIO Conference Call
October 23, 2007
10:30 CST

Attendants:

Lalita Sen - President
Chandra Bhat – Vice President
Arun Shirole – Board Member/Advisor
Mohan Venigalla - Treasurer
Sagar Onta – Acting General Secretary

Agenda:

1. 2008 ATPIO Meeting at TRB:

The ATPIO meeting at TRB is going to be held on January 13th, Sunday at about 4pm. The request for room has been sent by Lalita Sen through emails. Since no confirmation has been received, phone calls will be placed to confirm the venue. Around 40 people are anticipated to attend the meeting

2. 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes was drafted by Sagar Onta and finalized by Lalita Sen. Since no comments were received upon circulation of the minutes, it will be tabled at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

3. Treasurer Report:

Mohan Venigalla will update the draft treasure report with input from Lalita Sen. The current account balance will be corrected based on additional payments to Lalita Sen as reimbursement for the registration fee and banquet paid for the students from Delhi IIT paid to the TRANSED 2007 conference organizers in Montreal. The finalized report will be presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting, with detailed list of all paid members and all expenses incurred during 2007. The recommendations were to provide it in the format of a spread sheet with debit / credit /balance.

4. Membership Status:

Mohan Venigalla will send updated membership list with paid/unpaid member to Sagar Onta. Lalita will send original list for reconciliation. Sagar will send email reminder to all members to pay 2007 and 2008 dues.

5. Activities for 2007:

Discussion took place on the need to show tangible achievements at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Three proposals were presented. For items were mentioned:

a.. First proposal was to support an Indian student in the US to attend the TRB meeting to present a paper. Lalita Sen will send email to board members to get approval. If possible, ATPIO will provide financial assistance to pay for the student's registration fee. Chandra Bhat volunteered to cover the cost of the student's registration fee if ATPIO is unable to cover the full amount.

b. The second proposal included approaching various other Indian transportation professional organizations for affiliation and interactions. If possible, ATPIO will sign a memorandum of understanding with those organizations at the earliest possible.

c. The third proposal was to prepare a directory of Indian transportation professionals and their expertise. Sagar Onta will prepare a template for all members and non-members to fill.

d. Discuss other tangible activities to be headed by subcommittees

6. Election of Office Bearers:

Lalita Sen will send an email calling for nomination of office bearers by November 30th. Election needs to be held, a secret ballot election will be held at the annual meeting. In future meeting, ATPIO will seek to implement web-voting system.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am CST.