

# IIT Alumni Victoria (IITAV)



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting May 2014</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2014, 3:30PM – 6.00PM AEST			
<b>Venue:</b>	Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn			
<b>Attendees:</b>	Sunny Chandra Kapil Talwar Ajay Mehta Surinder Lamba Jai Vir Kaudinya Madur Chand	Abaran Deep Sridhar Karuppasami Amarnath Anumarlapudi Ramprakash Yerramille Raj Rajakumar Divakar Prasad	Dilip Desai Bala Kumble Steve Bungay Rachana Kaudinya Ravi Singh	Venugopal Nair Gopal Verma Rakesh Saraf Nikhil Kumar Rahul Tyagi
<b>Apologies:</b>	Arun Kumar Neeraj Kesarwani Ashok Sharma	Kesari Narayanswami Yogendra Vashishtha Indubhushan Patnaikuni	Raman Singh Sameer Babbar Saby Bhattacharya	Satish Varma Rajiv Lal Venugopal
<b>Proxies:</b>	Raman Singh Neeraj Kesarwani	→ →	Ravi Singh Raj Rajkumar	

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<b>1. Welcome, Apologies and Proxies</b>	<p>IITAV President, Dr Raj Rajakumar, welcomed the attendees and presented the Agenda (a copy attached).</p> <p>The list of attendees, apologies and proxies above was noted</p>
<b>2. Minutes of 2013 AGM</b>	<p>Acceptance of Minutes of AGM 2013, circulated previously with the notice of AGM, was proposed by Surinder Lamba, seconded by Ajay Mehta, and approved unanimously.</p>
<b>3. Welcome Address and President's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Raj Rajakumar presented the President's report for the year 2013 – 2014, covering the objectives that guided the Management Committee, focus areas, activities and achievements. He also presented information about Current Registration of IITAV as Incorporated Association and its membership growth over last four years. (a copy of presentation is attached).</li> <li>• Dr Raj Rajakumar acknowledged the efforts of Committee members and thanked everyone for their contribution. He noted the encouraging growth in participation of family members in the social events.</li> <li>• Acceptance of the President's report was proposed by Jai Vir Kaudinya, seconded by Bala Kumble and approved unanimously.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surinder Lamba presented the Treasurer's report. As per Annual Statement presented, IITAV has cash reserve of \$5,839.97 which is confirmed by the Bank Statement dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014. The available surplus is \$4,989.97 as on 30 April 2014 after providing for liability of \$850 for Foundation membership in 2015 already received.</li> <li>• Surinder Lamba also presented Revenue and Expenditure summary for 2013-14.</li> <li>• Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Nikhil Kumar, seconded by Sunny Chandra, and approved unanimously.</li> <li>• It was suggested that IITAV should consider a framework for receiving donations from members.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>5. Member Register Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rahul Tyagi, Secretary, provided an update on the current member register. IITAV has 58 financial members on the day of the AGM (17 Foundation, 40 Annual and 1 Corporate). This is almost 35% increase compared to membership number at the last AGM which was 43.</li> <li>It was noted that Foundation Membership of current members will lapse on 31 December 2015. The new Committee should look into developing a framework for different categories of memberships.</li> </ul>																		
<p><b>6. Management Committee Nominations and Election</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nominations received for the Management Committee for 2014-15 were tabled by the Secretary, Rahul Tyagi. One nomination was received for each of the nine positions in the Committee and these nominations were unanimously approved as elected by the members. The elected members of the Management Committee are: <table border="0" data-bbox="539 678 1198 965"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Raj Rajakumar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President</td> <td>Ravi Singh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Rachana Kaudinya</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Dilip Desai</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee Member</td> <td>Nikhil Kumar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee Member</td> <td>Abaran Deep</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee Member</td> <td>Sridhar Karuppasami</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee Member</td> <td>Rakesh Saraf</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee Member</td> <td>Kapil Talwar</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ul>	President	Raj Rajakumar	Vice-President	Ravi Singh	Treasurer	Rachana Kaudinya	Secretary	Dilip Desai	Committee Member	Nikhil Kumar	Committee Member	Abaran Deep	Committee Member	Sridhar Karuppasami	Committee Member	Rakesh Saraf	Committee Member	Kapil Talwar
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<p><b>7. Hand-over to the 2014-15 Committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President of IITAV 2014-2015, Dr Raj Rajakumar, thanked the outgoing Committee and introduced the new Committee members above.</li> <li>Sunny Chandra proposed a Vote of Thanks to the outgoing Committee and Gopal Verma seconded the same.</li> </ul>																		
<p><b>Planning discussion</b></p>	<p>Vice President, Ravi Singh, facilitated the discussion about two focus areas for 2014-15:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership growth</li> <li>Enhancing IITAV Profile and Brand in Australia.</li> </ol> <p>A summary of the points made by the attendees is below:</p> <p><b>1. Membership Growth:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion pack for use by members for marketing purposes will be useful.</li> <li>Need further clarity on Purpose and benefits of membership to attract members.</li> <li>Every member should bring in one or two new members.</li> <li>Follow up earlier members who are no longer members.</li> <li>Encourage more IIT-BHU alumni to join, noting that IIT-BHU is a newcomer to the IIT system.</li> <li>Sub committees – One of them can focus on membership agenda.</li> <li>Access groups like Yahoo group of IIT Kharagpur to identify potential new members</li> <li>Social Media, LinkedIn – make an active group</li> <li>Phone calls - Personal touch will help; Members to share the task of contacting</li> <li>Identify ways in which we can help members</li> <li>Strengthen communication with members – more personal and frequent contact</li> <li>Develop platform for professional competency improvement.</li> <li>Incentive for bringing new members e.g. 50% discount for introducing a member</li> <li>Retaining members - Discounted membership rates for 2 and 3 years (First year free)</li> <li>Discounted membership for students (Note, we already have a free Associate Membership for IIT students in Victoria)</li> </ul>																		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$50 membership is too low. Membership cost is not the issue.</li> <li>• Make every member proactive, need greater involvement of general membership.</li> <li>• Non-committee members to participate in teams and contribute to the activities and projects of IITAV.</li> <li>• Extend Membership, noting that 170 (mailing list):58 (members) is a good ratio; Widen membership to institutes of similar standing e.g. IIM and IISc – consider Associate membership.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Enhancing Profile Brand:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite students from India, through Indian High Commission - Provide facilities, platform to support.</li> <li>• IITAV needs a physical home/office/building – benefactor/s?</li> <li>• Which group/s should we build our profile for? Which group/s do we want to attract? Organise specific events to attract them.</li> <li>• Demographics – analysis of feedback, attendance at events</li> <li>• IITAV competing with other professional organisations.</li> <li>• Should not dilute professional standard of activities.</li> <li>• Bring High profile speakers.</li> <li>• Need clear idea about our activities and focus areas.</li> <li>• Hold events once a month on topics covering professional activity like entrepreneurship.</li> <li>• Seek greater visibility through Media like The Age, Newsletter, Social Media, Blog, Twitter, Facebook, Indian newspapers, magazines, advertisements.</li> <li>• IITAV members should attend Engineers Australia events and other events (like TIE?).</li> <li>• Need to revisit Purpose –need paradigm shift to promote leadership and individual and professional attributes of IITians; facilitate greater contribution to National and International issues; Create platform to encourage IITians to aspire for and attain leadership positions.</li> <li>• Supporting students – form a subcommittee</li> <li>• Use Motivational clips</li> <li>• Reinforce request to all members to register their Profile on IITAV website so that we have a detailed database of capabilities and interests.</li> </ul>