

# IIT Alumni Victoria (IITAV)



<b>Meeting:</b>	Annual General Meeting, May 2017
<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2017, 3.00PM – 5.30PM AEST
<b>Venue:</b>	Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn
<b>Attendees:</b>	Abaran Deep, Arun Kumar, Ashok Sharma, Bala Kumble, Devindra Weerasooriya, Dilip Desai, Kanishka Khokhar, Madur Chand, Nikhil Kumar, Pradeep Srivastava, Raj Rajakumar, Raja Ghosal, Rajesh Khataria, Ravi Singh, Rahul Chibber, Sarbjit Giddey, Sunil Kumar, Sridhar Karuppasami, Venu Nair
<b>Apologies:</b>	Kirti Krishnan, Jagriti Singh, Rachana Kaudinya, Rakesh Saraf, Raman Singh, Ravi Tomar, Sam Prasad, Sanjiv Bhasin, Sunny Chandra.
<b>Proxies:</b>	Ramprakash Yerramilli (via email)

Item	Discussion / Action / Decision
1. Welcome, Apologies and Proxies	IITaV Secretary, Dr Sridhar Karuppasami, welcomed the attendees and presented the Agenda. The list of attendees, apologies and proxies are as noted above.
2. Minutes of 2015 AGM	Acceptance of Minutes of AGM 2016, circulated previously with the notice of AGM, was proposed by Dr Raj Rajakumar, seconded by Dr Arun Kumar and approved unanimously.
3. President's Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IITaV President, Ravi Singh presented the President's Annual Report for the year 2016-17, covering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives of IITaV that guided the Management Committee;</li> <li>• Summary of events held during the period;</li> <li>• Confirmation of the current registration of IITAV as an Incorporated Association;</li> <li>• Membership growth due to the revised Membership policy;</li> <li>• Membership status for 2017 as of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 14 Foundation Members</li> <li>◦ 46 Annual Members</li> <li>◦ 10 Associate Members</li> <li>◦ 2 Corporate Members</li> </ul> </li> <li>• IITaV constitution ratified to clearly mention that voting rights are available only for financial members who pay the full Membership fee.</li> <li>• Relationship Management with our Members</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Acknowledged the efforts of the Management Committee members, their family and all members for their contribution.</li> <li>• Acceptance of the President's report was proposed by Dr Raj Rajakumar, Seconded by Dr Ashok Sharma and approved unanimously.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurer's Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IITaV Vice-President (2016-17) Nikhil Kumar presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of IITaV Treasurer Rachana Kaudinya. As per Annual Statement presented, IITAV has a cash reserve (including liability) of \$16,599.77. which is confirmed by the Bank Statement May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The available surplus is \$11694.77 and the liability of Membership is \$4905.00.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue and Expenditure Summary for 2016-17 was also presented.</li> <li>• Acceptance of the Treasurer’s report was proposed by Dr Bala Kumble, Seconded by Venu Nair and approved unanimously.</li> <li>• For next year, It is recommended to perform an internal audit and produce a report to the AGM—alongwith the detailed presentation of the statements, as produced in this year. In future, it is recommended to perform an internal audit of the Treasurer's report and present only the signed, audited summary of the Treasurer's report to the AGM. Treasurer's report in detail will not be presented at the AGM, but if requested by a member, the report shall be made available as a soft or hard copy whichever is convenient to the Treasurer. In case of few members requesting the presentation of detailed Treasurer report during the AGM, the Treasurer shall present his/her detailed report during the AGM.</li> </ul>
5. Nominations/Elections of 2017-18 Management Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations received for the Management Committee 2017-18 were tabled by the President Ravi Singh. There was one nomination for each of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and the Secretary positions and five nominations for the five Committee Member positions. These were unanimously approved as elected by the members. The elected members of the 2016-17 Management Committee are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ President – Nikhil Kumar</li> <li>▪ Vice President – Dilip Desai</li> <li>▪ Treasurer – Rachana Kaudinya</li> <li>▪ Secretary – Sridhar Karuppasami</li> <li>▪ Committee Member – Ashok Sharma</li> <li>▪ Committee Member - Bala Kumble</li> <li>▪ Committee Member – Sarbjit Giddey</li> <li>▪ Committee Member - Sanjiv Bhasin</li> <li>▪ Committee Member – Meenakshi Arora</li> </ul> </li> <li>• President of IITaV 2017-18, Nikhil Kumar, thanked Ravi Singh and Abaran Deep for their contribution and honoured them with IITAV’s Certificate of Appreciation and a token gift. He also introduced other members of the Management Committee 2017-18.</li> </ul>
6. Open discussion on way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President, Nikhil Kumar, facilitated a brief discussion about the focus areas of 2017-18.</li> <li>• The summary of this discussion is attached herewith.</li> </ul>



## SUMMARY

The planning session at AGM 2017 captured many ideas and suggestions for the Social and Professional Events from the attendees. Based on the frequency of responses, the following are the top suggestions for each event category.

### Social Event

- Continue with the Diwali and Holi Celebration Events, which are quite popular amongst IITaV membership
- Organise a Sports Event where members attend a game at a sporting venue such as a Cricket Match at MCG
- Organise more Informal Events, such as the one organised at Novotel last year
- Organise an outdoor event on 26<sup>th</sup> January for Indian Republic and Australia Day

### Professional Event

- Continue to organise Networking Events for popular topics such as Digital Enterprise, Renewable Energy and Climate Change
- Organise Mentorship Program for Students and New Migrant Members
- Organise workshops for members

In addition – an action items was captured to update IITaV banner to include logo of all new IITs.

### Details of all suggestions captured at the planning session:

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

Theme	Frequency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue Diwali and Holi</li><li>• Holi &amp; Diwali same</li></ul>	2
- More Social event with South Indian cuisine	1
- Significantly increased activity in the IITaV LinkedIn group	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Organise Sport Events</li><li>- Social event at MCG – visit and tour</li><li>- sport event</li></ul>	3
- One formal black tie event	1
- Retirement Planning	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- More informal networking</li><li>- More informal event</li></ul>	2
- Provide email and Contact details of Committee Members	1
- Activities on self-development – Meditation / Yoga	1
- Do a play/drama at a social event	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Picnic / Outdoor event in Spring</li><li>- More picnic type event</li><li>- outdoor get together on 26<sup>th</sup> January India – Australia Day</li></ul>	3
- Musical Nights	1
- Social events combined with theatre shows	1

## PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

Theme	Frequency
- Get more students coming to events	1
- Gender balance – do we know other women (IIT, alumni) who are not members yet.	1
- Promotion of India-Australia cooperation on Technology	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify areas current and common interest eg. Digital enterprise, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, robotics</li> <li>• Cloud based presentation on various topics of interest</li> <li>• Events on popular subjects</li> <li>• Focus of networking events need to be thought through</li> <li>• Talk on Climate Change</li> <li>• Electronics networking say with Academics/Professionals, Australia..India..USA</li> </ul>	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organise workshops and presentations</li> <li>• entrepreneurship workshops</li> <li>• workshops at Institutes, Organisations if possible</li> </ul>	3
- events with high profile people / organisations	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• employment opportunities to Associates and new members</li> <li>• Mentorship for students / new comers</li> <li>• What mentorship is available to us</li> <li>• Help for students</li> <li>• Mentor / guidance to new IIT migrants</li> <li>• Mentoring new comers to Australia</li> </ul>	6
- cluster knowledge groups	1
- IITaV ACS Collaboration	1
- Tie up with Alumni of parent IITs could help in networking	1
- industry visits for members	1
- Joint Projects – big ideas within / and external professionals	1
- Strengthen professional events – readvertising achievements of IITians through events which highlight them	1
- Update banner to include logo of all new IITs	1
Cash balance is growing – use some of this money for branding	1
- awards for student thesis	1
- Interaction with Monash University on same lines as Melbourne University	1
- IEA Engagement	1
- MIPP Associate membership	1
- Introducing School Children 10-12 VCE to Activities	1