

ISMAANA meeting minutes on Sep 9, 2009

The ISMAANA Executive meeting was held on Sep 9, 2009 via conference call. The meeting started at 9:00 PM and ended at 10:00 PM EST.

Meeting Attendees:

Chairman: Prof. Raj Ramani ('62 Mining)	Vice-Chair: Arvinder Kaur ('93 Petroleum)
Secretary: Ashutosh Ashish ('94 Petroleum)	Vice – Secretary: Ajay Kumar (Jha) ('96 Mining)
Board Members: Dr. Ganesh Thakur ('70 Petroleum), Mohinder Gulati ('62 Petroleum),	
<u>Invited:</u> Pradip K. Gangopadhyay ('70 Petroleum)	
<u>Could not attend:</u> Hitesh Mohan ('89 Mining Machinery), Tarun Kashib ('99 Petroleum), Jagjit Yadav ('65 Petroleum), Manoj Choudhary ('93 Petroleum)	

Agenda (1 Hr.):

1. Welcome/ Approval of the Minutes – Raj Ramani/All
2. Financial Report – Manoj Choudhary
3. Voting on ISM → IIT Conversion Issue - Ashutosh Ashish
4. ISM Administration/Student Groups Networking – Ajay Kumar
5. ISMAANA Web-site Development – Ashutosh Ashish
6. Request for funds for ISM → IIT conversion - All

Welcome: Raj Ramani welcomed the officers and set the meeting in motion requesting introductions from all present. Approval of the minutes of last meeting held on 12th Aug. It was agreed that the minutes would be made available for the members once the new ISMAANA website is up.

Financial Report: Financial summary provided by Manoj via email was conveyed by Arvinder Kaur. EC needs to review the annual expenditure plan for the 2009-2010. **-Manoj Choudhary**

Voting on ISM-IIT Issue: Voting on ISM-IIT conversion issue formally ended and >80% votes were in favor of conversion. ISMAANA members are in favor of conversion and accordingly ISMAANA will write and support this issue. It was decided that Raj Ramani would draft a letter to ISM Board supporting the conversion and emphasizing on the benefits to be realized by the country, natural resource industries, IIT System and ISMU. Within a week, the letter would go out and circulated to all concerned including members. All present agreed that ISM's status as top leading academic institution in the world need be maintained by all means and resources.

-Raj Ramani/All

ISM Administration/Student Groups Networking: Ajay Kumar apprised that he got in touch with Registrar and Dean to get ISM pass-outs database for last 50 years with no response from ISM. Raj Ramani raised concerns that ISM Administration does not respond adequately to the requests from ISMAANA regarding scholarships instituted by ISMAANA. In order to better serve ISM interests, ISMAANA need to develop better network with ISM Admin and Student Groups.

-Ajay Kumar/Pradip'da

ISMAANA Web-site Development: All agreed that ISMAANA website with login is an important step towards reaching out our alumni network and members. Ashutosh has sent out an email to members for feedback on 1st phase and has received some already. The basic website would be available to members by mid-september.

-Ashutosh Ashish

Request for funds for ISM → IIT conversion: After a good discussion on this issue, Dr. Ganesh Thakur moved a motion to setup “ISM → IIT conversion” Fund which was seconded by Arvinder Kaur and unanimously approved by EC. Mohinder Gulati raised the important point regarding probable expense & to whom the funds must be disbursed such that it may be utilized properly. Ajay would forward the initial budget provided by the team at ISM spearheading this campaign. ISMAANA encourages its members to contribute generously for the cause. The members may send their contribution to Manoj Choudhary (Treasurer). An email in this regard will be sent out by Raj Ramani to the general members.

- Raj Ramani, Manoj, Ajay

The next meeting is scheduled on **2nd Wednesday; Oct 14, 2009 at 9 to 10 PM US EST.** Ajay would make the necessary arrangement.

Thank you all for your time and keep contributing!