# **SIT Alumni Forum Leaders Monthly Meeting update:**

Date: 03-Dec-2011

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM (Pacific Standard Time)

Meeting Type: Conference call

#### **Members Present:**

Shekar B Chandrashekariaih Prakash Raja Sukesh Radhakrishna Umashankar

### **Members not present:**

Venkat Raju (communicated not able to attend)
Chandrashekar Aradhya (communicated not able to attend)
Benny Kurian (communicated not able to attend)
Sadanand Hebbal
Cecil Melvin
Sohini Lengade
Dr. Sojan Lal

### **Topics Discussed:**

1. Repeatedly members are absence for the meeting:

Sadanad Hebbal requested not to be active forum leader due to his new assignment, which makes him to travel most of the time to different countries and cannot support us effectively. Hence would like to give opportunities to other SIT Alumni who is interested and can support the group.

We also discussed about other members who are not actively involved or taking part in our meetings should come voluntarily to renounce their leadership position and give the chance to others who are interested and dedicated to lead and build it. So in this regards, I am requesting following members to think and let us know, if they would like to attend the monthly meeting and continue to lead or would like to give other members a chance, so that we have enough attendance and actively discuss the issues and implement them. Currently, when we meet with less members, we cannot discuss the agenda and implement them due to lack of quorum. Thus it is affecting the functioning of our SIT Alumni USA Chapter.

- 1. Benny Kurian (who had not attended even 1 meeting).
- 2. Cecil Melvin (attended only 1 meeting)
- 3. Sohini Lengade (absence from last 4 meetings)

# 2. Monthly News letter:

Chandrashekar Aradhya had taken responsibility to send the format in October month to all forum members for their feedback and started 1<sup>st</sup> edition from November month. Aradhya was not present today, so we could not get any information on this status. We request Aradhya to take up this matter immediately and come out with format, so that we can start our news letter starting January 2012.

# 3. ASKEP Program road Map:

We cannot come out to any conclusion on this due to not having a biography database of the members, who can take part in this program. In this regard, we will upload a file in the SIT\_Alumni\_in\_USA yahoo group in the link tab. Members can upload their profile, who is interested to take part in this program. Once we have enough members in the file. The same will be submitted to SIT Dean to select the members from the list to deliver talk over web conference to SIT Students. In this regard, shortly we will send a email to all the SIT Alumni in USA to log in and enter their brief profile who wish to take part.

# 4. SIT Alumni Regional Meet: Update

a) SIT Alumni West Cost meet: 05-Nov-2011 Place: Athidhi Indian Cuisine Sunnyvale CA

Time: 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

As you all knew, we had organized a 1<sup>st</sup> West Coast meet as a Lunch Get together at above venue. SIT Alumni was informed to attend this meeting through evite as well as through Facebook & Yahoo group. We had 34 members from San Francisco Bay area out of which 18 members confirmed attendance for this meeting. Unfortunately only 3 members from Bay Area CA and 1 from Boston MA turned up. This turned out to be very poor response to this meet. So we have decided not to organize such events, instead have a smaller gatherings to have team building events. Once we have greater alumni support, we revisit to organize such events.

The Texas team headed by Prakash Raja and Venkat Raju will start to contact other alumni in Texas State and will build a team to have such small get together and eventually a State meet in next 6 months.

Similarly other forum leaders will start working to form a team building events to make our Alumni stronger. We request all alumni support and suggestions in our effort to make our alumni stronger.

#### 5. National/Global Meet:

We have decided not have such events during this time, instead we will focus on state and regional meets to start in 2012. Depending upon the response and support from our alumni we may take up this matter of hosting National & Global meet only after 2012.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> international meeting along with 14th UAE Chapter meet is taking place in Abu Dhabi under Dr. Sojan Lal leadership of UAE Chapter on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011 at Zyed Sports City, Abu Dhabi from 9.30AM to 3.30 PM. This is a family event with 150 members confirmed attendance.

Following dignitaries from SIT are taking part.

- 1. Dr. M.N. Channabasappa, Director S.I.T.
- 2. Prof. Basavarajaiah, Dean (Planning and Development)
- 3. Prof. G.A. Shashi Kumar, President- SIT Alumni Association

Also S.I.T. is organizing College admission fair in Middle East for the prospective students at below mentioned venue.

- Dec 5-7 ASCOT Hotel, Dubai.
- Dec 8-13, Paragon Hotel, Medinat Zyed, Abu Dhabi

We request SIT Alumni who are travelling to UAE, during this time to take part in this meet. Unfortunately, due to year end assignments, I am not able to take part in this meet. USA Chapter wishes all the best for this global meet and congratulate for hosting international meet.

### 6. Roles and Responsibilities of Forum leaders:

This topic was taken for discussion in order to give authority and responsibility for the members in order to organize the USA Chapter better. In this regard, we invite Alumni who are from Mid-West to join us to represent this region. We are also going to re-structure the forum leaders from next year with more young and dynamic people who are willing to give their time and take a extra responsibility to build the USA Chapter.

As of today we have decided following assignments for the forum members present and they accepted this immediate responsibilities.

Shekar: Lead & Direct USA Chapter. He will be liaison between USA chapter, other international chapters and college authorities. His immediate attention is to make college authorities recognize our SIT Alumni USA Chapter and effectively include in the SIT Alumni web page with our contact link.

#### Sukesh Radhakrishna:

He is been assigned to develop SIT Alumni USA Chapter static website, which gives the information of our current contact address and details about USA Chapter. Later this will be modified to have dynamic portal which will give the access to the SIT Alumni to register and log in to find activities of SIT Alumni USA Chapter and will be linked to SIT Alumni page in the college.

### Umashankar:

He is been assigned to have a team building role in East Coast to help Chandrashekar Aradhya to get alumni from East Coast to take part actively and grow our Chapter. He will also take up the responsibility of publishing the monthly SIT Alumni Newsletter once we have format approved.

Prakash Raja: He is as state leader for Texas State and also shares the responsibility of Team building effort in US central region.

As we have more active forum leaders on board from next month, we will share responsibilities and authority to have a positive impact felt in the USA Chapter.

We request all the Alumni who would like to share their suggestions or critics to send me email or call me back. Please suggest the name for our monthly newsletter.

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