

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

Date: 07-Jan-2012

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:20 AM (Pacific Standard Time)

Meeting Type: Conference call

### **Members Present:**

Shekar B Chandrashekariaih (San Jose, CA)

Prakash Raja (San Antonino, TX)

Venkat Raju (Huston, TX)

Dr. Sojan Lal (Abu Dhabi, UAE) International Member

Sukesh Radhakrishna (Allentown, PA)

Ravi Doddapaneni (St. Louis, MO)

Chandrashekar Aradhya (Burlington, NJ) \* 8:40 to 9:15 AM

### **Members not present:**

Umashankar Mahadevaiah (Washington DC)

Meghana Siddappa (Sunnyvale CA)

Prasad Naryana (Cupertino, CA)

Satish Singh (Winnipeg Canada)

### **Topics Discussed: (Agenda)**

#### 1. Monthly Update by Regional and State leaders:

##### Shekar Report:

We had about 79 new members joining in last one month after our new website was launched. It is a great effort to see such numbers in one month. We are witnessing strong alumni to form in USA. 29 new members joined through SIT Alumni USA Chapter (SAIU) and 50 members in Facebook in last one month. We could achieve this level of growth in this month due to tireless work by all alumni who would like to see a SAIU to reach its goal. I should also give credit to Sukesh for establish an interactive website so that as on 06-Jan-2011, we are able to have total of 219 members in SIT Alumni USA Chapter with a FB and SAIU together.

Members who are registered in SAIU are 160 members.

Members who are yet to register from FB to SAIU are 59.

California State had a total of 49 members with Bay area accounting for 36 members. Southern CA had 13 members with Los Angeles Area 11 and San Diego 2 members.

Next highest Strength came from New York and New Jersey combined with 25 members followed by 20 members from Texas.

Texas Team:

They are still trying to contact the members in that state and establishing a relationship. More concrete work will be carried out during March and April time period.

East Coast Team: Chandrashekar Aradhya

- In the November, 8 members from NY and NJ area was able to meet for a small Lunch Get-together for team building effort.

## 2. SIT Alumni USA Chapter (SAIU) website review.

Sukesh Radhakrishna has created a good website with in 4 days of last meeting and continued to improve. Our Chapter was also linked to College website and became a part of SIT Alumni under USA Chapter. The College appreciated our website and asked to build similar website for college to maintain. We are continue to improve its features and also try to implement automation for back end data application along with certain new applications.

- a) To incorporate log in features: so that members can edit and update their profile.
- b) To have a filter sorting for members upon log in to search for members database either by depending on Name, City, Branch, Year passed. So this becomes easy to locate members without under going long list of member database.
- c) ASKEP Program Members View and their profile display: Currently, it is set up as a Blog to post the profile. Instead it should be displayed as ASKEP members who are signed in to take part and upon clicking the name it will display their detailed profile and how they can help college.
- d) Job Listing and Resume Database: This would be a new feature for alumni to make use of this board to have a reference and better networking. The Managers and Peers who have job openings in their departments can post their requirement and members can subscribe to this page, so that they get email, if any Jobs are posted. Also for a Job seeker, they can post their resume in this site. Prospective (SIT Alumni) Employer can look and recruit candidates, if they fit.
- e) User Friendly Blog: This needs improvement.

We have a Ravi Doddapaneni joining Sukesh to form a Web development team and they will work together to make a very effective user friendly website for our alumni. We also request any professional Alumni web developer to chip in and help them.

3. Monthly Newsletter Status:

A format will be circulated for the approval by the board members and a name will be kept upon the member feedback. This newsletter will showcase the achievements of our global alumni. Members can write article on Technical/Management/literature. This is a platform for Alumni to bring their talent and share with fellow alumni. This will also be informative letter about the SIT Alumni activities that was organized and its report. Shekar is going to post in FB and other social website to contact our alumni to get their feed back.

4. ASKEP Program:

The Alumni Student Knowledge exchange program (ASKEP) is being organized in college by Dr. Sojan Lal and team on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. Eminent members will take part in this event and interact with Pre-final year students of ISE, CS and MCA to improve their skill.

To continue in this effort regularly, we would like to identify members in USA who can take part either remotely or in person in this program. A web link is created in our SAIU web page for more details and registration. We request all SIT Alumni who are interested to deliver a talk on cutting edge technology and of management skills are required to register in the ASKEP link. This talk will be an interactive through Webinar and we are trying to work with the college to provide a necessary infrastructure for delivering to our friends back in college. The process of selection for the talk will be done by the panel of members, including Dean and Head of the Department of the college upon going through your posted profile. If it is selected, we will work out logistics for date and time for such talk. We request all SIT Alumni who would like to share their knowledge with your friends back in college, please log in and write your detailed profile in the space provided.

5. SIT Alumni USA Chapter First Anniversary Celebration:

We are close to be 1 year old on Feb 27, 2012. The team has made a decision for a celebration by organizing a National meet. Since inception members of different states haven't met and it would be a great opportunity for SIT Alumni to come and meet and greet with one another and show our solidarity of support for our SIT Alumni USA Chapter. The East Coast team came forward to host this event in Atlantic City on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012. We will work on program schedule in coming months and will be published in all mode of communication for members to take part in this event. Chandrashekar Aradhya and his East Coast team will come with all the plans and we look forward to have First National Alumni meet as well as our First Anniversary Celebration congregating at same time. Please reserve this date in your calendar and take part in this event and support our SIT Alumni USA Chapter.

6. SIT Alumni Member Drive:

As each member will continue to propagate this message SIT Alumni Team building through social website as well as personal request would encourage Alumnus to identify and bring them to team. In this effort not only in USA we are trying to achieve it globally, through Dr. Sojan Lal. We want to create a Alumni on par with other deemed institutions and I believe each of you will support in this regard and join the hands with college to create best Alumni which we are lacking as of now. So in this regard we request each member to help us.

7. New roles and responsibilities for State/Regional and Forum leaders:

Due to time constraints, this topic was postponed to next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012. But we continue to identify members who would like to join our team and lead this SIT Alumni USA Chapter.

Other two topics which were floating agenda were not discussed, as we did not had any immediate issues to solve.

Follow Up Work:

Dr. Sojan Lal will work with College authorities to facilitate webinar infrastructure and decide time and date for this meeting. He has proposed to have global international web conferencing on 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> among global SIT Alumni ASKEP panel members for their introduction to College and students.

Chandrashekar Aradhya will continue to work with his East Coast team members for organizing First Anniversary National meet at Atlantic City. The precise program time and other details will follow soon from him.

He will also send the format of SIT Alumni News letter to all forum team members for their opinion and implement the same. (Before 10-Jan-2012).

Sukesh and Ravi will continue to work implementing better website features and finally implement at college portal.

Prakash Raja and Venkat Raju will continue to support and direct us for making our SIT Alumni team stronger by successfully bringing in new activities by involving more team members in their State.

Shekar Chandrashekaiah will continue to coordinate with team members and moderate this SIT Alumni USA Chapter. He will extend his activities to include Public relation to bring in new members, identify leaders and develop more regional and state hubs for effectively implementing our goals. He will continue to extend his support to Dr. Sojan Lal for global events.

We missed inputs from Umashankar and Megahana Siddapa in today's meeting. Also came to know Megahana was sick and hence could not take part. We wish her a speedy recovery and back in next meeting to contribute more.

SIT Alumni members who would like to take part in the next meeting on 28-Jan-2012 from 8:00AM to 9:00 AM (PST) should communicate to me, so that I can reserve the lines sufficiently for the conference call and send the invitation along with the agenda. We also encourage members to post comments/suggestions and any feedback either in our website blog or in FB.

Latest members will be circulated to Regional and Forum members.

SIT Alumni Members in The United States, Canada along with Faculty and floating members

State	Members	State	Members	State	Members
AK	1	KS	3	OH	2
AZ	2	KY	1	PA	5
CA	49	LA	1	RI	1
CO	2	MA	5	TN	2
CT	1	MI	6	TX	20
DC	3	MN	1	UT	1
DE	1	MO	2	VA	3
FL	4	MS	1	WA	1
GA	3	NC	2	WI	3
IA	1	NH	2	Declined	38
ID	1	NJ	13	India	15
IL	5	NV	1	UAE	1
IN	2	NY	12	Canada	5

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