



WITSA Board of Directors and General Assembly Meetings

09:00 – 17:40

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Venue: Hotel Royal Tulip, Brasilia, Brazil

Room JK - Convention Center

Santiago Gutierrez, Chairman

V16 (October 1, 2016)



Minutes WITSA Board of Directors Meeting

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FINAL BOD MEETING FOR 2014-2016 TERM

Chairman, Santiago Gutierrez

Present:

1. Santiago Gutierrez (CANIETI)	Chairman	Mexico
2. Roger Latchman (ITA)	Deputy Chairman	South Africa
3. Dr. Boris Komrakov (InfoPark)	Vice Chairman, Europe (Non-EU)–	Belarus
4. Dr. Silvia Bidart (CESSI)	Vice Chairman, Latin America – <i>remote</i>	Argentina
5. Florence Seriki (ITAN)	Vice Chairman, Africa – <i>remote</i>	Nigeria
6. Mr. Kazunori Hamano(JISA)	Vice Chairman, Asia Pacific	Japan
7. Mr. Omar Ansari (NICTAA)	Director – <i>remote</i>	Afghanistan
8. Hayk Chobanyan (UITE)	Director	Armenia
9. Tim Conway (AIIA)	Director – <i>remote</i>	Australia
10. Sabur Khan (BCS)	Director	Bangladesh
11. Raul Colcher (ASSESPRO)	Director	Brazil
12. Yvonne Chiu (CISA)	Director	Chinese Taipei
13. Iris Palma (CasaTIC)	Director – <i>remote</i>	El Salvador
14. Eng. Tarek Monem Taha (EITESAL)	Director	Egypt
15. Yannis Sirros (SEPE)	Director	Greece
16. R. Chandrashekar	Director – <i>remote</i>	India
17. Waudo Siganga (CSK)	Director – <i>remote</i>	Kenya
18. Woo-Keon Park (FKII)	Director	Korea
19. David Wong (PIKOM)	Director – <i>remote</i>	Malaysia
20. Carlos Funes (CANIETI)	Director	Mexico
21. Antonio Cimorra (AMETIC)	Director	Spain
22. Yvonne Chiu (CISA)	Director	Taiwan

In Attendance:

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2. Cherry Chan (CISA)	Taiwan
3. Jeovani Ferreira Salomão (ASSESPRO)	Brazil

4. Dora Gomes	Brazil
5. Robert Janssen	Brazil
6. Ivy Chang (CISA)	Taiwan
7. Dr. Mike Wu (CISA)	Taiwan
8. William Chan (HKITF)	Hong Kong
9. Shivendra Singh (NASSCOM)	India
10. Kuntala Karkun (NASSCOM)	India
11. Junko Kawauchi (JISA)	Japan
12. Dr. Makato Yokozawa (JISA)	Japan
13. Park Woo Keon (FKII)	Korea
14. Stan Singh (PIKOM)	Malaysia
15. Maria Magdalena Contreras Calzada (CANIETI) (Remote)	Mexico
16. Jorge Escribano (Escribano & Escribano)	Mexico
17. Binod Dhakal (CAN) – Remote	Nepal
18. Graeme Muller – New BOD (NZTECH) – Remote	New Zealand
19. Grant Son (FKII)	Republic of Korea
20. Dr. Thanachart Numnonda (ATCI)	Thailand
21. Dr. Jim Poisant (WITSA)	United States
22. Anders Halvorsen (WITSA)	United States
23. Cathryn Rainey (WITSA)	United States

Apologies:

1. John Kyle (Bermuda Business Chamber)	Vice Chairman, Caribbean	Bermuda
1. Luis Stein (Gechs)	Director	Chile
2. Francis Fong (HKITF)	Director	Hong Kong
3. Dr. Vasile Baltac (ATIC)	Director	Romania
4. Julian David (TechUK)	Director	U.K.
5. Alex Mora	Minister, Cost Rica	Costa Rica

INTRODUCTION

1.	<p>Chairman’s Remarks/Introductions</p> <p>Mr. Santiago Gutierrez called the meeting to order. He welcomed and thanked everyone for the support of the current BOD for the past two years. He stated that he would like to see the next BOD take WITSA to the next level. He explained the layout of the meeting agenda, including the WITSA officers’ election to take place later in the day. He</p>	
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	then went on and thanked host country Brazil for hosting the meeting.	
2.	<p>Roll Call</p> <p>Anders Halvorsen conducted the roll call.</p>	
3.	<p>Call to Order / Approval of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the March 2016 meeting in Canberra, Australia were approved unanimously.</p>	
4.	<p>Welcome to Brazil and WCIT 2016 (ASSESPRO)</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez introduced and once again thanked ASSESPRO for hosting the WITSA meetings as well as WCIT 2016. He introduced Mr. Jeovani Salomão (President ASSESPRO) and Dr. Raul Colcher (WITSA Director, and VP of ASSESPRO). Both gentlemen thanked and welcomed everyone.</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>1) Financial Statements -Balance Sheet -Budget vs Actual (YTD)</p> <p>2) Members Not in Good Standing Eng. Tarek Monem Taha</p> <p>Mr. Taha stated that due to the WCITs now taking place on an annual basis, WITSA's cash flow is very positive. Looking at the next 5 years:</p> <p>-2017 (Taiwan): WCIT is paid in full; -2018 (India): A contract was signed and WITSA is in the process of receiving its first payment of 250K; -2019 (Armenia) has already sent the first payment of 150K; -2020 (Malaysia) contract is pending with no payment expected in 2016; -2021 (Bangladesh): Contract pending and 1st payment of 50K had been received in 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez reviewed the cash flow outlook. He said that WITSA will have approximately \$1 million USD in its account each year due to the WCIT licensing fees.</p>	

	<p>Based on the financial sustainability, WITSA is in a unique position to boost its operations and increase membership benefits.</p> <p>Mr. Taha continued with a review of the <i>Comparative Income Statement</i>. He noted that all the financial documents are routinely posted on the WITSA site's member-only section. He explained that the expenses were reasonable and in line with the FY 2016 budget. He pointed out that travel expenses have increased year-on-year due to the anticipated increase in WCIT related travel by the Secretary General.</p> <p>Mr. Taha thanked all members who are good standing and proceeded to review those members who are delinquent by region. He asked the regional VCs to please help contact those associations not in good standing and report back to the WITSA Secretariat as soon as possible.</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez stated that by every financial indicator, WITSA's financials have improved every year during his Chairmanship.</p>	
6.	<p>Follow Up from Previous BOD Meetings Matters Covered within Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Jim Poisant reported on the status of Mr. Nizar Zakka. Unfortunately, Mr. Zakka was recently sentenced to 10 years in prison and a \$4.5 million dollar fine. The WITSA leadership has exhausted every available avenue in support of Nizar and will continue to explore future actions as well.</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez reported that ITAC (Canada) made its 2016 membership payment, as promised and agreed upon in Canberra.</p>	

DISCUSSION		
7.	<p>1. Presentation of <i>Association Corner</i> Final Report</p> <p>Mr. Sabur Khan reported that the WITSA Association Corner will be complete and ready to launch in the next few months.</p> <p>Dr. Poisant informed the Board that WITSA will be the first association to populate Association Corner, which will be a guide for others to use when they begin to populate the site. An announcement to members will be made in advance.</p> <p>2. WITSA B2B Portal</p> <p>Mr. Sabur Khan reported that the WITSA B2B Portal still needs some work, however he plans to have it ready prior to WCIT 2017 in Taiwan.</p> <p>Dr. Poisant thanked Mr. Khan and his team for all their hard work. He emphasized how useful this will be for developing countries and associations. All members will have a password and the ability to keep all information current on the WITSA site.</p> <p>Dr. Poisant mentioned that The B2B portal will establish contacts all over the world and it will coincide with the WCIT's B2B programs. By members bringing their contacts to this site, it will enhance WITSA's offerings.</p>	

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Standing Committee Update /Executive Committee Updates

1) Global Policy Action Committee

Mr. Shivendra Singh shared the status on the policy papers. There have been four (4) published papers so far in 2016 with the help and support of WITSA member's valuable contributions. Another will be released soon. The four (4) published papers are: *International Trade, Women in IT, Internet Governance, and Cross Border Data Flows*. The policy paper on *Cyber Security* will be finalized and released in the near future.

He would like to focus WITSA's efforts on targeting and using and promoting these papers. We need to find a method to measure the success of the effectiveness of these papers. There are a number of areas where we can work together to achieve success.

Mr. Singh reviewed three (3) other papers currently being drafted for completion in 2016. They are *Digital Transformation of Economy and Society; Skills Shortage, ICT Workforce Challenges and re-qualifications; Digital Inclusion/Access*.

Mr. Gutierrez stated two perimeters to be used to determine the success of the papers. One would be how many members are they benefiting and the other would be how many outside organizations are benefiting from the papers.

Mr. Carmona shared that Argentina used the *Women on IT* paper to begin a new program to bridge the gender gap.

2) Finance Committee

This was covered in the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Gutierrez thanked Dr. Bidart for her efforts over the past 2 years.

	<p>3) Global Trade Committee Mr. Khan went over the benefits of the B2B portal and emphasized the many benefits of the program.</p> <p>4) Education Committee Dr. Komrakov went over his ideas and plans for the Education Committee. He feels the biggest problem in IT is the large gap of interested students in the IT field. He stated that he started a program for children to begin engage in computer programming at an early age, thus creating potential gap relief in the field.</p> <p>He is also in the midst of planning and organizing a B2B program to take place on a cruise ship in order to attract more interest in IT among youth. He mentioned that he felt it is very important to showcase the education needs of our industry.</p>	
9.	<p>Regional VC Reports</p> <p>Europe EU/EEA – Mr. Sirros is currently trying to reengage countries in his region. Dr. Poisant thanked Mr. Sirros for all of his efforts. He encouraged all VCs to join in this effort to engage and recruit members.</p> <p>Europe Non-EU – Dr. Komrakov would like to work with Mr. Sirros to bring in new members, however we need to give them more incentives. Dr. Poisant responded to Dr. Komrakov informing him that we do have an incentive (Value Statement) sheet and the secretariat is happy to pass them along to him.</p> <p>Latin America – Mr. Carmona spoke on behalf of Dr. Bidart. He mentioned that Dr. Bidart was working hard to create new members by networking with potential members.</p> <p>Caribbean – Mr. John Kyle was not present to report. Africa – Ms. Florence Seriki was not available to report.</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez relayed that there has been in contact with a potential new U.S.A. member. Dr. Poisant stated that he believes that WITSA may still be able to reengage with ITI.</p>	

	<p>However, it continues to be a work in progress.</p> <p>Dr. Colcher introduced Mr. Robert Janssen. Dr. Colcher mentioned that he may be able to offer some assistance in helping attract new members in North America through his contacts.</p>	
10	<p>Events Update</p> <p>1) WITSA World Congress on IT (WCIT) 2017 Dr. Mike Wu of CISA presented a status report on the 2017 WCIT in Taiwan. The main features of the Taiwan event will be a platform for both Taiwan’s ICT world players and young talent to showcase their hardware and software projects in Internet of Things (IoT) applications and services. They will focus on the B2B platform and have a framework laid out soon. The first day will focus on vision, the second day will focus on innovation and the third day will focus on sustainability.</p> <p>2) WITSA World Congress on IT (WCIT) 2018 Mr. Shivendra Singh representing NASSCOM, began by giving a background of India’s IT Sector. India’s IT sector represents about 60% of the entire Indian economy. It represents the largest employers in IT and has many women in the industry. They will focus on skill sets in the industry and from a timing perspective, 2018 will be very beneficial to the industry’s growth. The WCIT will be hosted in Hyderabad, which has a very strong IT sector both by Indian and global standards. The convention center has the capability to hold 6,000 people and NASSCOM expects great support and a large turnout. They will continue to learn from Brazil’s and Taiwan’s best practices to ensure success in India.</p> <p>3) WITSA World Congress on IT 2019-20 No reports on WCIT 2019 and 2020 were provided.</p> <p>4) WITSA World Congress on IT (WCIT 2022) Mr. Waudo Siganga of CSK (Kenya) requested that the BOD give tentative approval to awarding Kenya the right to host the WCIT 2022 pending government funding.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Poisant stated that the WCIT 2022 proposal was very well written, however the only requirements missing were the financial funding sources, a draft budget and a human resources organizational chart.</p> <p>Dr. Poisant proposed to the Board that they give tentative approval to awarding Kenya WCIT 2022, contingent upon the requirement requested by the Secretariat with the appropriate documentation.</p> <p>Mr. Siganga's proposal (via remote connection) was for the WITSA Board's approval to award Kenya the right to host the WCIT 2022 subject to and conditioned upon obtaining the required funding and other documentation and approvals from the Kenyan government. He requested a letter from WITSA to help him approach the government to facilitate receiving these funds. He requested that CSK be given approximately two (2) months to work with his government counterparts and promised to inform the BOD of the status of the fund guarantee no later than December 2, 2016.</p> <p>If, for any reason the funding is not guaranteed in writing by the March 3-5, 2017 WITSA BOD meeting in Nepal, the BOD may relinquish its decision to award Kenya the right to host WCIT 2022.</p> <p>The BOD approved the proposal and tentatively awarded WCIT 2022 to Kenya contingent upon CSK acquiring the funding and other requirements requested by the WITSA Secretariat, guarantee prior to the Nepal BOD meeting in March 2017.</p>	
12.	<p>Parting Remarks by Chairman Santiago Gutierrez</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez shared his parting remarks as Chairman of WITSA. He thanked everyone for his two terms as Chairman, spanning four years, and will continue to support WITSA as a Director. He shared his frustrations over the persistent lack of support from many members and hoped that all members come together working towards a common</p>	

	goal. Teamwork on committees have proven successful during his terms and he would like to see that continue.	
MEETING CONCLUSION, CALENDAR & ADJOURNMENT		
13.	<p>Overview of WITSA BOD Meeting schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2017 meeting: March 3-5, 2017 in Nepal • Fall 2017 meeting: September 2017 in Taipei, Taiwan in conjunction with WCIT 2017 • Spring 2018 meeting: February 2018 in Hyderabad, India, in conjunction with WCIT 2018 • Fall 2018: Prague, Czech Republic (hosted by Boris Komrakov / Infopark) • Spring 2019: Yerevan, Armenia • Fall 2019: In connection with the October 1-5 WCIT in Yerevan, Armenia. 	
	Group Photos for Outgoing Board of Directors	
	Lunch	



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5. Julian David (TechUK)	Director	U.K.
7. Dr. Silvia Bidart (CESSI)	Vice Chairman, Latin America	Argentina

I.	<p>Roll Call; Presentation of Proxies, Bylaws 8.1.3; Record Remote Participants</p> <p>Mr. Anders Halvorsen conducted the roll call including those participating remotely (Please see above). Dr. Jim Poisant reviewed the proxies in accordance with WITSA Bylaws 8.1.3.</p>	
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<p>II.</p>	<p>Election of WITSA Chairperson and Directors</p> <p>Mr. Santiago Gutierrez</p> <p>a) WITSA Board of Directors</p> <p>Announcement by Nominating Committee of entire slate of Directors A vote on entire slate was held and by simple majority (show of hands). Please see WITSA website for details.</p> <p>b) WITSA Chairperson</p> <p>The Nominating Committee announced Ms. Yvonne Chiu and Mr. Roger Latchman as the candidates for WITSA Chairperson. Based on alphabetical order, Ms. Yvonne Chiu was the first to make her presentation. Mr. Roger Latchman was asked to reenter the room for his 10-minute presentation. Ms. Chiu was asked to step outside. Upon completion of both candidates presentations, they were both asked to step outside for the votes to be counted by Mr. Halvorsen and Ms. Rainey/WITSA Secretariat.</p> <p>Ms. Yvonne Chiu was elected 2016-2018 WITSA Chairperson by majority vote.</p>	
	<p>Group Photos for New Board of Directors and Chairperson</p>	



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DECISION BLOCK		
I.	<p>Welcome remarks by new Chairperson</p> <p>Ms. Yvonne Chiu was welcomed by Mr. Santiago Gutierrez as the new 2016-2018 WITSA Chairman. Ms. Chui welcomed the opportunity and thanked everyone for their support.</p>	
II.	<p>Roll Call</p> <p>Mr. Anders Halvorsen conducted the roll call for the new BOD meeting.</p>	
III.	<p>Election of WITSA Deputy Chairperson & Treasurer</p> <p>1. Deputy Chairperson</p> <p>Dr. Raul Colcher and Mr. Yannis Sirros gave 5 minute presentations vying for the position of WITSA’s Deputy Chairperson. They were both asked to leave the room while the vote was taken and counted. Dr. Raul Colcher was elected by the BOD as the new WITSA Deputy Chairperson for the 2016-2018 term.</p> <p>2. Treasurer</p> <p>Mr. Tarek Monem Taha was unanimously voted in as 2016-2018 term treasurer by the BOD.</p>	

<p>IV.</p>	<p>Election of Regional Vice Chairmen, Presentations Bylaw 6.11</p> <p>1) Africa Mr. Waudo Siganga and Mr. Dele Ajisomo were both on the slate for Africa’s regional Vice Chairman position. The board voted and Mr. Waudo Siganga of Kenya was voted in for the 2016-2018 term.</p> <p>2) Middle East and North Africa Mr. Tarek Taha of Egypt was unanimously voted in for the MENA region.</p> <p>3) Europe (2 posts) – (EU & non-EU) Mr. Yannis Sirros of Greece was unanimously voted in for the EU/EEA region of Europe and Dr. Boris Komrakov of Belarus was unanimously voted in for the Non-EU region of Europe. Both were uncontested.</p> <p>4) Latin America Mr. Anibal Carmona of Argentina was unanimously voted in for the Latin America region and uncontested.</p> <p>5) North America Chairman Emeritus, Mr. Santiago Gutierrez of Mexico was unanimously voted in for the North American region and uncontested.</p> <p>6) Asia Pacific Mr. Kazunori Hamano of Japan was unanimously voted in for the Asia Pacific region and uncontested.</p> <p>7) Caribbean Mr. John Kyle of Bermuda was unanimously voted in for the Caribbean region and uncontested.</p>	
<p>V.</p>	<p>Announcement of the Executive Committee</p> <p>Executive Committees and Bylaw 6.9.3 Mr. Santiago Gutierrez explained the responsibilities of the Executive Committees. Consisting of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and each Regional Vice Chairman</p> <p>Election of Committee Chairpersons Mr. Santiago Gutierrez called for nominations for the Finance and Audit Committee Chairperson. Mr. Anibal Carmona volunteered for this position uncontested. Mr. Santiago Gutierrez turned the floor over to Mr. Omar Ansari and Mr. Sabur Khan to briefly present their candidacy for the Global Trade Committee Chair. The majority vote went to Mr. Sabur Khan.</p>	

	<p>Nomination and appointments for Standing Committee Chairpersons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Finance/Audit Mr. Anibal Carmona was uncontested for the Finance/Compensation Standing Committee Chairperson. ii. Global Policy and Action Mr. Chandrasekhar was uncontested for the GPAC Standing Committee Chairperson. iii. Global Trade Mr. Sabur Khan was given the majority vote for the Global Trade Standing Committee Chairperson. iv. Nominating Mr. Santiago Gutierrez was uncontested for the Nominating Standing Committee Chairperson. v. Education & Training Dr. Boris Komrakov was uncontested for the Education and Training Standing Committee Chairperson. 	
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DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS

<p>VI.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Secretary General’s KPI 2016 2) Sec Gen (Term Renewal) <p>Mr. Santiago Gutierrez asked WITSA staff to please exit the room for the discussion on Dr. Poisant’s KPI 2016 and Secretary General term renewal. Mr. Gutierrez reviewed Dr. Poisant’s success with WITSA’s financial recovery since his inception as SG. Dr. Poisant has also followed a strict discipline and come in under the projected budget for the past 3 years, as well as restructuring his team. He brought in an Administrative Director, allowing Mr. Anders Halvorsen to focus on policy and supporting the GPAC committee. He is now working and traveling to the future host countries for WCIT. Based on that, Mr. Gutierrez proposed to approve the second two years of his contract to ensure his enthusiasm and commitment to WITSA. Mr. Taha clarified the additional two years would be for 2018 – 2019.</p> <p>Mr. Sabur Khan requested to possibly hire an individual to seek additional revenue avenues for WITSA’s future. Mr. Taha agreed with Mr. Khan that new avenues be sought out (age 35-45) to bring NGO to WITSA. This would allow Dr. Poisant to focus on the WCIT events.</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez opened the floor for a vote on his proposal to</p>	
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	<p>confirm the second two-year term for Dr. Poisant’s contract. The majority voted in Dr. Poisant’s favor and his contract will be renewed for the 2018-2019 term. The board will look for more efficient ways to manage contract renewal.</p> <p>Dr. Poisant after returning to the room, thanked everyone and extended his appreciation for his contract extension to the end of 2019.</p>	
<p>VII.</p>	<p>Draft 2017 Budget Presentation (<i>discussion only</i>)</p> <p>Dr. Poisant reviewed a preview to the 2017 budget. He is proposing to increase the travel budget and adding \$40,000 in for consulting fees. The budget will go out prior to 2017 for approval.</p>	
<p>VIII.</p>	<p>a) 2016 WITSA ICT Global Excellence Awards, Emerging Digital Solution Program (WES) WITSA and Eminent Persons Awards</p> <p>Mr. Anders Halvorsen mentioned all the award winners and thanked the members who participated in the selection committee. The following winners were chosen in each category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman’s Award – Green Data Center LLP, Nominated by PIKOM • Public Sector Excellence Award – Seoul Metropolitan Government, Nominated by FKII • Private Sector Excellence Award – ARANZ Medical, Nominated by NZTech • Digital Opportunity Award – Project TIC-as: Conditions and Opportunities for Integration of Rural Women in the ICT Sector, Nominated by CAMTIC • Sustainable Growth Award – Public Transport by Makedonski Telekom, Nominated by MASIT ICT Chamber of Commerce • Mobile Excellence Award – KT (for GiGA LTE service), Nominated by FKII <p>Additionally, through a newly created opportunity, WITSA recognized 7 Emerging Digital Solutions start-up companies. This was generously sponsored by MEMORA and was a great success and addition to the WCIT Brazil 2016.</p> <p>b) Eminent Persons Award</p> <p>Jim shared the two Eminent Persons Award winners with the board, both who have contributed greatly to benefit the greater good of society, betterment of mankind and integrated IT into their work.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Miguel Angelo Laporta Nicolelis, Brazilian Scientist and Physician • Dr. William Magee, Jr., CEO and Co-Founder of Operations Smile 	
IX.	<p>Global Partner Presentations</p> <p>Mr. Gutierrez introduced Mr. Guillermo Gonzalez King, Executive Director – MexicoIT for his presentation. Dr. Poisant stressed the importance of different countries/organizations becoming WITSA’s global partners to offer opportunities to our members. “It is a beneficial program to increase the opportunities within WITSA, its members, and its global partners.” Mr. King demonstrated Mexico’s IT position and growth engine for the Mexican economy. (Please see Presentation Slides)</p>	
X.	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Mr. Anders Halvorsen reviewed the future meeting schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2017 meeting: March 3-5, 2017 in Nepal • Fall 2017 meeting: September 2017 in Taipei, Taiwan in conjunction with WCIT 2017 • Spring 2018 meeting: February/March 2018 in Hyderabad, India, in conjunction with WCIT 2018, Fall 2018 Prague, Czech Republic • Fall 2019: In connection with the October 1-5 WCIT in Yerevan, Armenia. 	
	<p>Group Photos for New Board of Directors</p>	