



The IITians Association of Australia (IITAA)

IITAA Advisory Board (IITAA-AB)

Preamble

The Indian Institute of Technology Alumni Association in Australia known as IITians Association of Australia (IITAA) has been set up to act as a forum for sharing information, provide networking opportunities, raise the profile of IITs and IITians, and to contribute to the local community, business and industry.

To help achieve its vision and objectives, the IITAA has set up an advisory board, the IITAA Advisory Board (IITAA-AB), to provide guidance and support to IITAA in its strategic direction and activities.

The IITAA-AB Members will be drawn from among prominent personalities in Australia and overseas and need not necessarily be alumni of an IIT.

Tenure (Term), Roles and Responsibility of IITAA-AB Members

- ◆ IITAA Advisory Board members will act in an advisory role to IITAA and will not carry any responsibility for or any liability arising from actions of IITAA in any manner whatsoever.
- ◆ Appointment to the IITAA-AB shall be only by invitation which is to be issued by the Executive Committee of the IITAA.
- ◆ The following criteria shall be applied by the Executive Council prior to inviting a person to become an Honorary Member:
 - The candidate holds an influential office either within the government, business, industry or academia, and whose membership of the IITAA-AB is considered by the IITAA Executive Committee to be beneficial to IITAA and its members.
 - The candidate has been proposed by a Member and seconded by another Member of the IITAA Executive Committee.
 - The candidate's Membership of the IITAA-AB has been approved by at least 3/4 of the members of the IITAA Executive Committee.
- ◆ The term of an IITAA-AB member will be for a period of two years from the date of the acceptance of the invitation by the selected Candidate.
- ◆ IITAA-AB Members will need to be Honorary Members of IITAA for the duration of their tenure as IITAA-AB Members.
- ◆ At the expiry of the term of an IITAA-AB member, he/she can be invited by the Executive Committee to serve one further two-year term. In issuing such an invitation, the Executive Committee shall apply the same criteria as that for the initial appointment to the Advisory Board. No person shall be entitled to serve on the IITAA – AB for more than three terms.
- ◆ At any time, the total membership of the IITAA-AB shall be limited to ten (10) members.
- ◆ Prime role of the IITAA-AB members will include reviewing and commenting on IITAA strategic direction, objectives, its work programme and activities; and provide advice, guidance and support to the IITAA as and when appropriate.

Information Flow and Logistics of Meetings

- ◆ The Executive Committee of IITAA shall provide to the IITAA-AB Members as much information as appropriate on IITAA, its past and current strategy, objectives, aim and its activities
- ◆ The IITAA-AB Members shall receive all newsletters and publications of the IITAA.
- ◆ The primary form of communication amongst the IITAA-AB members and communication with the IITAA Executive Committee shall be via emails, phone, fax and/or post.
- ◆ The IITAA-AB shall meet via teleconference as when appropriate.
- ◆ All meetings of the IITAA-AB are to be organised and coordinated by the IITAA Executive Committee on behalf of the Advisory Board. The President of the IITAA or another member of the Executive Committee nominated by the President shall chair the IITAA-AB meetings.
- ◆ Members of the IITAA Executive Committee will be entitled to attend all meetings of the IITAA-AB.
- ◆ All IITAA-AB members will be invited by the Executive Committee as guests of honour at relevant and appropriate events organised by IITAA.

Membership of the IITAA-AB

The current Membership of the IITAA-AB is given in Attachment A.

Approved and adopted by the Executive Committee of the IITAA on 15 May 2007.

Davender Jain
President

Pramod Singh
Secretary

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Attachment A: Membership of the IITAA-AB as at May 2007

1. Mr Arjun Malhotra, Chairman, Headstrong Corporation, USA
2. Mr Hiten Ghosh, Co-President Global Pan IIT, USA
3. Mr Rajat Gupta, Co-Chair, American India Foundation (AIF), USA
4. Mr Sunil Lal, Partner Hunt and Hunt, Australia
5. Mr Kumar Parakala, National Vice President, Australian Computer Society, Australia
6. Mr Brian Hayes, QC, Australia

Mr Arjun Malhotra
CEO and Chairman, Headstrong, USA

Member, IITAA Advisory Board



Profile:

Mr. Arjun Malhotra is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Headstrong's Board of Directors. A pioneer of the Indian IT industry, Mr. Malhotra founded TechSpan in 1998 which later merged with Headstrong creating an end-to-end services organization. Mr. Malhotra, winner of the Silicon Valley Entrepreneurs Award, co-founded the HCL group in 1975, taking it from a six-person "garage operation" to one of India's largest Information Technology corporations.

Mr. Malhotra studied at The Doon School, Dehradun, and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur. He graduated from IIT with B.Tech. (Hons.) in Electronics & Electrical communication Engineering and received the Dr. B.C. Roy Gold Medal.

Mr. Malhotra is a Member of the Board of Governors, IIT (Kharagpur) Foundation, Member of the Board of Governors of the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, and Member of the Indian Public Schools Society. He is currently Co-Chair of the Pan-IIT Alumni Association. He founded the Prof. G.S. Sanyal School of Telecommunications at IIT Kharagpur through a personal endowment. In "recognition of his outstanding contribution and services to the Institute", Mr. Malhotra was declared Life Fellow of IIT Kharagpur in February 2003.

The Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah awarded him the Albert Einstein Technology Medal for 2001. The Award salutes the high tech industry's vanguard who "with their vision...have revolutionized the perception of time and space, linking mankind with ever growing speed and ingenuity."

The Institution of Engineers (India) has named Mr. Malhotra an Eminent Engineering Personality. Mr. Malhotra is a Fellow of the Institute of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers, India (FIETE), and a Member of the Institute of Engineers, India (MIE). Mr. Malhotra is a Member of the Global Board of Trustees of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), a non-profit network with over 10,000 members across 44 chapters in 9 countries.

He is also one of the founding members of SPIC-MACAY, the Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth. This is today India's largest non-government, not for profit, social and cultural organization.

Dr Hiten Ghosh
Vice-President and Chief Quality Officer
Hughes Network Systems, LLC, Maryland, USA



Member, IITAA Advisory Board

Profile:

Dr. Hiten Ghosh is Co-President of Pan IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) Corp. USA, which is the umbrella organization of Seven IIT Alumni Associations representing more than 40,000 IIT Alumni in USA. He is the Vice-President and Chief Quality Officer of Hughes Network Systems, LLC, Maryland, USA and a member of Maryland India Business Round Table (MIBRT) which helps develop business collaborations between industries in US and India. Dr. Ghosh received B. Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur campus in 1958 and PhD in Electrical Engineering from University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois in 1961.

He has received Outstanding Invention Achievement from IBM, Management Excellence award from Unisys Corp. and Corporate Quality Management Award from Hughes Electronics. He has served on the Board of Directors of Tata-Unisys Corp, India and currently is on the board of Directors of Capital IIT Alumni Corp and Alumni Foundation of IIT-Kharagpur In the latter role, Dr. Ghosh is deeply involved in the Nation Building projects of PanIIT Alumni for which he was honored with “The Pride of India Award” of NRI Institute of India during the Pravasi Divas of 2007 in New Delhi. He is also a member of the Council of Six Sigma Executives of the Conference Board of USA.

Dr. Ghosh has held many functional and area management position in IBM. He was Corporate Vice-President of Quality management and VP of financial product development in Burroughs Corporation before becoming Corporate Vice-President of Quality and Customer Satisfaction of Unisys Corp. immediately prior to his current position with Hughes Network Systems, LLC.

Mr Rajat Gupta
Co-Chair, American India Foundation (AIF)



Member, IITAA Advisory Board

Profile:

Rajat Gupta is a former managing director of McKinsey & Company worldwide. He joined the firm's New York office in 1973, assumed leadership of its Scandinavian offices in 1981, and joined the Chicago office in 1987. He assumed the role of office manager there in 1989, was elected managing director of the firm in 1994 and re-elected twice, once in 1997 and again in 2000.

Since joining the firm, Rajat has directed a number of projects aimed at helping companies develop new product/market strategies and reorganize for improved effectiveness and operations capabilities. He has a broad range of consulting experience with a variety of industries, including telecommunications, energy, and consumer goods.

Rajat is on the Advisory boards of Harvard Business School and the Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He is Chairman of the Board of the Indian School of Business at Hyderabad, India, and is associated with many other professional and business affiliations, including: on the Board of Governors of the Lauder Institute of Management & International Studies, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Private Sector Representative to the Board of the Global Fund for Aids, Malaria, and Tuberculosis; Chairman of the Board of Associates of the Harvard Business School; and Dean's Advisory Council, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management.

Rajat is Co-Chair of the American India Foundation (AIF), whose mission is to accelerate social and economic change in India. He is particularly interested in AIF's public health focus area, with an emphasis on combatting HIV/AIDS in India.

Rajat was also recently appointed as UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special advisor on management reform. He was appointed as an independent director at Goldman Sachs on 10th November, 2006.

He is also on the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, advised McKinsey's work with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on AIDS, as well as their Global Health Initiative, and is currently a trustee on the board of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Mr Sunil Lal
Partner, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers, Australia

Member, IITAA Advisory Board



Profile:

Sunil's core area of expertise is personal injury law (workers' compensation and common law claims), employer liability and occupational health and safety law. He has been involved in this area since 1985.

He commenced his legal career with the firm in 1988 and prior to that worked for 3 years with a reputed insurer in the workers' compensation underwriting, claims and legal departments. He has a good understanding of insurer's and employer's needs.

In addition to his workers compensation practice, Sunil has been conducting section 151Z recovery cases for his insurance clients for more than a decade. Those cases have involved recovery actions against a range of different tort feasons and he has adopted cost effective procedures for recovering money without resorting to litigation.

Sunil has acted for various insurers and self insurers. Over the years he has been involved in a number of projects for insurers such as commutations, section 151Z recovery, section 52A reviews under the New South Wales Workers Compensation Act and a successful long term claims project. He has conducted a number of test cases over his years as a practitioner.

Sunil is actively involved in conducting numerous training sessions to insurance clients in workers compensation law and provides advice to clients on complex areas of workers compensation.

Mr Kumar Parakala
Global Chief Operating Officer
Information Risk Management (IRM) Practice and
National Vice President, Australian Computer Society



Member, IITAA Advisory Board

Profile:

Mr Kumar Parakala is the Global Chief Operating Officer of the Information Risk Management (IRM) Practice. The Global Practice represents over 250 partners and 2,500 staff, a business with fees in excess of US\$900M. Kumar is responsible for management of global IRM business initiatives and projects and working closely with the Global Partner-in-Charge for the IRM practice.

An ICT professional for 16 years, Kumar has worked in senior management roles within healthcare, professional services, manufacturing and the public sector. He has worked extensively with the CEOs, CIO and CFO and has reported to the Boards.

Previously, he was a senior manager at the University of Sydney with overall responsibility for online service strategy and delivery, using new and emerging technologies. Prior to this Kumar was a Director with KPMG, where he worked closely with senior executives to radically improve the firm's operational efficiencies and client management processes.

Kumar held a range of senior ICT roles within the Queensland Government including CIO, Project Director and Business Improvement Manager, receiving the Queensland Government's Leadership Excellence Award in 2000. He also served as the member of the Queensland Government CIO Council.

He was invited by the NSW Premier to take part in a Government-sponsored trade mission to India in November 2004 to promote the State's ICT sector, and currently sits on various panels, committees and boards relating to ICT strategy, ICT awards, higher education and industry development. He has worked as visiting faculty at two Australian Universities and guest lectured at leading US universities. Kumar has been extensively quoted in newspapers and industry magazines in Australia and overseas and has written a number of columns for leading publishing groups.

Kumar holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration, Information Systems and Science, and is a qualified lead assessor and internal auditor. He is a member of the Information Systems Audit Control Association, The Australian Institute of Project Management and the ACS. Kumar is also a certified Master Project Director (MPD).

Mr Brian Hayes QC

Member, IITAA Advisory Board



Profile:

Brian Hayes QC is a practicing member of the Senior Bar in all States of Australia. Over the last 35 years, Brian has been involved as a principal in major reviews of environmental, heritage and land use planning and other legislation, and has acted as consultant to Federal State and Local Governments on the drafting of environmental land use planning legislation and local government legislation.

Brian was instrumental in the establishment in 1994 of the first integrated specialist Environment Resources and Development Court in South Australia.

He was a member of the Course Advisory Board of the University of South Australia which advises the Faculty on planning and environmental policy, law and management courses provided by the University. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of South Australia.

As President of the South Australian Bar Association implemented a reader's course for new members of the Bar and participated in the conduct of the course, and participated in the establishment of a Panel of Mediators for Court directed mediations.

In 1991 Brian established the consultancy of IELC – Australia which is a network of legal specialists from Australia, the USA, Europe and the UK and India.

In recent years, Brian Hayes has been active in advocating the relationship between human rights and environmental and social justice. This interest stemmed from being a keynote participant from Australia at the inaugural conference of Asia Pacific Human Rights Lawyers in Tokyo in 1985 and subsequently as a founding member of the Law Society's Human Rights Committee in 1999. Brian is co-founder and Secretary of Carry for Kids Inc, which is a not for profit organization assisting orphanages in the Asia Pacific region.