

Professional Association for Transport & Health Board of Directors

Mission

The Professional Association for Transport & Health (PATH) is a platform for cross-disciplinary and multi-sector professionals working at the intersection of transport and health. The aim of PATH is to share information, exchange ideas, and foster collaboration to improve health and well-being within communities by advocating for the integration of health in the urban and transport agenda.

Vision

- To create an accepted professional discipline of transport and health
- To support and encourage research and good practice aimed at integrating health into the transport planning and decision-making process
- To build a cohesive community of cross-disciplinary and multi-sector professionals

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 17 August 2017

| Present: Ghassan Abu-Lebdeh Al Almasy Ron Deverman Sam Elrahman Zvi Leve Kara MacLeod Greg Rybarczyk Patrick Sherry | Karyn Warow Kimberly Vachal | Excused Absent: Gavin McCormack Stephen Watkins (travel) Matthew Williams (Japan) Silvia Poggioli (family) Haneen Khreis (Studies) |
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| | | Absent: Mark Nieuwenhuijsen |
| Agenda Topic | Responsible Party | |
| Introductions/Welcome | All. Al welcomed Ghassan as new Board secretary. | |
| Agenda Approval | <u>Motion to Approve</u> - Ghassan <u>Seconded</u> - Karyn | |
| Meeting Minutes Approval | <u>Motion to Approved</u> - Kim <u>Seconded</u> - Sam | |
| Board Operations and Maintenance | | |
| New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al asked if current frequency of meeting is working out OK. Consensus was that it is with the 1-hour duration. • Student Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karyn (on behalf of Silvia): Committee is active, and now has a name: Students of IPATH. ○ Committee is working on/interested in: 1) populate their webpage with relevant material and include in it bios and TORs, etc. They would like to know if the webpage can be updated (dynamic or static) . They would like to know if they can use Free Conference call software as Skype is convenient | |

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| | for group meetings. 2) Help in organizing a session or one of the Hot Topic workshops at ICTH 2018, and 3) more support and mentoring in publishing, career advice/development. |
| New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICTH 2017 – Special Issue of IJSSoc: Ghassan noted that the International Journal of Sustainable Society (IJSSoc) has agreed to publish a special issue based on papers from the ICTH 2017. Invitation to select authors will be sent soon by Karyn. |
| A. Enhance Membership and Organizational Capacity | |
| Membership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kara provided an update on membership. To date, we have 41 members. Thirteen (13) of them are students. Kim asked if there are any flyers that we can distribute at conferences and meetings (e.g. TRB) to help introduce IPATH? Karyn/Al noted that we are targeting 100 members by year-end. |
| Ideas to Enhance Membership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Al: asked if there are volunteers to take the lead on marketing effort/advertising IPATH? Kim volunteered to take the lead, and Patrick expressed willingness to help the lead person (Kim). Kim will help, through TRF, in promoting IPATH and reaching out to more potential members. She will check with TRF staff and get back to Al. Al will send Kim the brief presentation on IPATH/ICTH. Sam asked if he could receive the presentation. Ghassan will ask few TRB committees (that he worked with/is a friend of) for brief time slots at the 2018 TRB to present IPATH and ICTH. |
| The Right PATH Newsletter | 3 rd issue is not out. Karyn will likely complete it and send it out, likely in September 2017. |
| Logo Contest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Al: A logo contest will be organized. Will be open to all. Karyn: also need a slogan contest. |
| ICTH 2018 Sponsorship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karyn: Sponsorship for ICTH 2018 is still needed, at the different levels. Feedback from ITH 2017: delegates loved it; a success by all measures. ITE is a partner. Will help with technical program and more “how to” training seminars. Contact Karyn if you have any interest and/or proposals for training sessions/workshops. Proposal for technical sessions and/or workshops are welcome from companies and individuals who are willing/interested in organizing sessions. |
| Marketing material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghassan will prepare an invitation letter to publicize IPATH and invite professionals to join. Will share with all as suitable. |
| Other | <p>A follow-up to discussion on membership drive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zvi noted that among professionals, considerations of public health/transport it is not part of the systemic approach to discuss and include public health impacts. Karyn noted the difficulty in even with higher level officials. The still do not seem to get the importance/relevance of the transport-public health link. It was noted that needed (and currently missing) is a fundamental change and willingness to embrace and integrate public health considerations in current ways of practice, with buyout/acceptance from all: academia, industry, and government. In most cases, folks in the trenches are not getting the urgency/relevance. |

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| B. Develop and Maintain Strategic Relationships | |
| ITE Partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn now sits on ITE Steering Committee on Transport and Health • All: need for subcommittee to help keep things moving forward came up. |
| C. Strengthen Policy and Advocacy | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam and Ghassan noted the need to tie IPATH's vision to actionable items including suitable performance measures to help move things forward. • Al: will take the lead on developing a strategic plan |
| E. Announcements | |
| | None |
| J. Adjournment: 13:05 | |
| <u>Motion to Adjourn</u> – Al <u>Seconded</u> - Karyn | |