

International Professional Association for Transport & Health Board of Directors

Mission

The International Professional Association for Transport & Health (IPATH) is a platform for cross-disciplinary and multi-sector professionals working at the intersection of transport and health. The aim of IPATH 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, 18 January 2018

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. EST

Present:

Ghassan Abu-Lebdeh
Al Almasy
Sam Elrahman
Ahsan Habib
Zvi Leve
Greg Rybarczyk
Karyn Warsaw
Shawn Leight, ITE
Tracy Shandor, Kimberly-Horn/ITE

Excused Absent:

Al Almasy
Ron Deverman
Silvia Poggioli
Patrick Sherry
Matthew Williams (Japan)
Kimberly Vachal

Agenda Topic	Responsible Party
Introductions/Welcome	All Al welcomed Ahsan Habib as the new vice president of IPATH.
Agenda Approval	<u>Motion to Approve</u> – Ghassan <u>Seconded</u> – Karyn
Meeting Minutes of Dec 21st Approval	<u>Motion to Approved</u> – Karyn <u>Seconded</u> – Sam
ITE-IPATH Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn introduced Shawn Leight, PhD, PEITE Past President and ITE Steering Committee on Transport & Health • Shawn spoke on ITE's desire to promote the public health-transport link to its membership. He specifically noted, as areas of particular interest to ITE, the need for performance measures and the possible creation of a "Health Performance Metric Manual", something similar to the current TRB's Safety Manual. He also noted the possible of a policy statement on public health and transport by the ITE. • Karyn note that the submissions to ICTH (previous and 2018) will be a

	<p>good start on past and current relevant work on the subject of performance measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawn noted that there is a need for work on the language/terminology currently used. Some uniformity and common understanding (between transportation and public health professionals) is needed • Karyn; Discussion and work on that (common language, etc.) can begin at the ICTH 2018 meeting. Could use the IPATH annual meeting to kick-start the process of harmonizing the language and creating/identifying performance measure. • Karyn noted that ITE (and others) are interested in the cross disciplinary nature of transport and public health. ITE members do not have the public health background. Partnership between ITE and IPATH • Sam: a formal Action Plan would greatly help hence one should be worked out to motivate and guide progress. Periodic (yearly) reviews and updates should be conducted. • Tracy Shandor from ITE noted the interest of ITE in collaborating with working groups like IPATH to help implement new ideas and initiatives into action. ITE is interested in training (to its members and student members) and education material. She noted that ITE is interested in the subject of public health and transport. ITE specifically would be interested in specific metrics that would be formally used (in evaluations, studies, measurements etc.) • Zvi: Could ITE play the role of making policy statements and recommendations to formally public health into transportation. He inquired if ITE can take the lead on relevant legislations/laws to more formally link public health and transportation. He inquired if reporting of vehicle odometer readings (as a measure to know how much people drive) is required. Tracy noted that requiring that might be a good idea especially that it is easy to implement. This issue is highly volatile politically as the typical person will not want to voluntarily report odometer readings in fear of being penalized by increased insurance premiums, congestion based pricing, etc. • Tracy: will see how ITE could further the cause of public health (as that of safety) into the practice of transportation • Karyn asked (of Tracy) as to what would be the best performance metrics would be? Karyn noted that the workshop and presentations by IPATH to ITE members would be a good idea. IPATH members could also help in any material/literature that ITE will put together.
President Goals for 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al: A draft of the strategic plan is being prepared and will be shared once complete. Awareness of IPATH and its mission, work, etc. need to be publicized. Increase of membership is necessary. Should be a priority for all.
THSG – status of MOU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn: Draft is being developed (was delayed pending registration of IPATH as an LLC and the preparation of the bylaws; both are completed now)
Student Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn (reporting for Sylvia): 4 new student members joined. The group seems to be doing OK. Some students have graduated and moved on (to non-public health jobs). They are working on a “mentoring policy/guidelines”. Students are interested in holding a meeting at ICTH 2018

ICTH 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn: There are 130 volunteers signed up so far to review abstract submissions (compared to 60 + last year). So far there are 21 abstract submitted. A lot more abstract are expected as most abstracts are submitted the last day.
ICTH 2019, Potential for a Joint 2019 Meeting – Melbourne, AU – with IBTTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn: ICTH 2019 plans on track • Al: No confirmation on a joint meeting with IBTAA
Incorporation as an LLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn: Done
Committees: 1)for Policy & Advocacy, and 2) for Improvements in Practice and Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al: To be formed
Membership Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn: 9 new members signed up since the December promotional campaign.
News Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karyn: Will be sent out in a week or so.
Adjournment: 1:20	
<u>Motion to Adjourn</u> – Ghassan	
<u>Seconded</u> – Zvi	