

WITSA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT



On December 1, 2008 WITSA held its Board of Director's ('BOD') meeting in Hyderabad, India in conjunction with NASSCOM's Information Security Summit and United Nation's Internet Governance Forum (IGF). WITSA wishes to thank NASSCOM for their gracious hospitality and hard work.

Nearly one half of the Board members attended the meeting. This percentage is significant given the situation in Mumbai at the same time. The attendance of WITSA's Board members demonstrated the tremendous support the Board has towards WITSA as well as its members.

BOD Meeting Highlights:

- During the meeting it was reported that WITSA's financial position continues to improve however; event licensing fees as well as dues and special programs revenue need to be collected in full and on time.
- The 2009 WITSA budget was approved by the Board.
- The Board also approved the change of name of Global Public Policy Conference to Global Public Policy Summit as it conveys a more prestigious image.
- WITSA event presentations including GPPS 2009, WCIT 2010 and WCIT 2012 were given to the Board.
- Regional presentations were made from respective Vice Chairmen.
- Members discussed ways to increase WITSA membership and ways to allow members to remain within the WITSA community if they are going through financial hardships. WITSA needs to improve its value to members to retain existing and attract new members.
- New WITSA committee chairpersons or their representatives reported to the Board on their committee activities. The committees were the Finance / Compensation / Audit Committee, the Global Trade Committee and the Membership Committee.
- Nigeria (ITAN) the leading ICT association of Nigeria was admitted as a new member of WITSA.
- There were discussions on the proposed new by-laws as well as new WITSA logo. The revised by-laws will be distributed to the Board for review in the month of February.
- MexicoIT, WITSA's newest partner delivered a presentation to the Board.
- The signed WCIT 2012 Agreement was announced to the Board.

The meeting adjourned for the WITSA Welcome Reception and Dinner at the Falaknuma Palace.

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WITSA's BOD Meeting in Hyderabad



WITSA Chairman and Secretary-General in action during the BOD Meeting



WITSA's Welcome Reception & Dinner at Falaknuma Palace



Networking session during the Welcome Reception

In conjunction with the BOD Meeting, NASSCOM also arranged a site visit to Byrajua Foundation, Emergency Management and Response Institute (EMRI) and Satyam. The visits have received good participation from WITSA members.

Members especially from the Africa region benefited from the visit. Views and practices were exchanged between WITSA members and the local organizations. The local organizations will be introduced and linked with WITSA members' members for business opportunities.



WITSA members participated in the site-visit



Lunch cum networking session hosted by Satyam