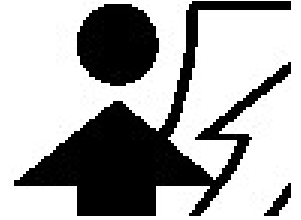


International Association for Travel Behaviour Research - IATBR  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting



**Monday, January 8, 2018**  
**1:30 PM - 3:15 PM**  
**Marriott Marquis, Independence H (M4)**

**Presiding: Pat Mokhtarian, Georgia Institute of Technology**

Attendees from the Executive Board: Pat Mokhtarian, Kostas Goulias, Abdul Pinjari, Charisma Choudhury, Kostas Goulias, and Matt Roorda. Regrets received from Elisabetta Cherchi, Caspar Chorus, Yoram Shifan, and Junyi Zhang for not being able to attend.

1. Welcome /Self-introductions/Report from the Chair (Pat Mokhtarian)
2. IATBR Election Results (Pat Mokhtarian)

**Process:** Nominations were invited for two regular member positions (for years 2018 to 2021) and the Vice Chair position (for years 2018-2019) of the Executive Board. Elections were conducted through an online ballot prepared using Qualtrics survey instrument. The online ballot was available to IATBR members from November 29, 2017 through December 28, 2017.

**Results:**

- Kostas Goulias was unopposed for the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect position. So, no election was conducted for this position.
- Elections were conducted for two regular member positions, with 11 contestants. 124 members out of 319 members voted (39% turnout; similar to previous years). No invalid votes were cast. The final votes tally is provided below:

S. No	Name of Contestant (Country)	Total no. of votes received
1	Taha Rashidi (Australia)	22
2	Bilal Farooq (Canada)	27
3	Ricardo Hurtubia (Chile)	39
4	Yusak Susilo (Sweden)	64
5	Giovanni Circella (USA)	16
6	Cinzia Cirillo (USA)	41
7	Ricardo Daziano (USA)	44
8	Naveen Eluru (USA)	26
9	Karthik Konduri (USA)	12
10	Kouros Mohammadian (USA)	38
11	Ipek Nese Sener (USA)	24

- Yusak Susilo and Ricardo Daziano were elected as regular Board members for 2018-2021.

3. IATBR Outgoing Board and Incoming Board in 2018 (Pat Mokhtarian)

The Chair, members present, and other attendees thanked the outgoing members and welcomed the incoming members, whose names are listed below.

## Outgoing Board

### Ex-officio Members:

- **Elected Officers**  
**Chair (“previously-Chair-Elect”)**  
Patricia L. Mokhtarian, USA (North America)  
**Vice Chair/Chair-Elect**  
Elisabetta Cherchi, United Kingdom (Europe)  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Abdul R. Pinjari, USA (North America at the time of election (now India [Asia])
- **Appointed Board Members**  
**Past Chair (“previously-elected”)**  
Yoram Shiftan, Israel (Asia)  
**Conference Organizer**  
Konstadinos (Kostas) Goulias, USA (North America)

### Regular Board Members:

- Caspar Chorus, The Netherlands (Europe)
- Charisma Choudhury, United Kingdom (Europe)
- Matthew Roorda, Canada (North America)
- Junyi Zhang, Japan (Asia)

## Incoming Board

### Ex-officio Members:

- **Elected Officers**  
**Chair (“previously-Chair-Elect”)**  
Elisabetta Cherchi, United Kingdom (Europe)  
**Vice Chair/Chair-Elect**  
Kostas Goulias, USA (North America)  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Abdul R. Pinjari, India (Asia)
- **Appointed Board Members**  
**Past Chair (“previously-elected”)**  
Patricia L. Mokhtarian, USA (North America)  
**Conference Organizer**  
Vacant

### Regular Board Members:

- Charisma Choudhury, United Kingdom (Europe), 2016-19
- Matthew Roorda, Canada (North America), 2016-19
- Junyi Zhang, Japan (Asia), 2016-19
- Yusak Susilo, Sweden (Europe), 2018-21
- Ricardo Daziano, USA (North America), 2018-21

4. Treasurer's report (Abdul Pinjari)

- Currently the IATBR treasury is still in the Nordea bank in Denmark maintained by Elisabetta. Abdul placed on record sincere thanks to Elisabetta for continuing to handle the bank account till date. The total amount in the Nordea bank is 216,407.5 Danish Krone (DKK), equivalent to US\$30,849 at 7.015 DKK per 1 USD. Total amount in the PayPal account = \$4012.
- Over the past one year, Abdul explored options to setup a stable bank account that can be easily transferred from one treasurer to another. Most banks in USA mentioned the need for non-profit status for an IATBR organizational account. Even after obtaining non-profit status, transferring an USA bank account handle from one treasurer to another treasurer is easy only if both the treasurers are in the US. He also explored online only accounts. Similar issues arise as well as most online only accounts do not allow international wire transfers.
- Several options were discussed at the meeting. It was felt by several members that obtaining a non-profit status in the US might not be easy. Kay Axhausen suggested exploring the possibility of seeking non-profit status as well as opening an IATBR bank account in the Europe. This avenue will be explored in the next few months.

5. Membership report (Abdul Pinjari)

Status at December 31, 2016	# of Members
Members as of the Board meeting in June 2015	<b>312</b>
Current members (December 31, 2016)	<b>316</b>
Members until IATBR 2018	<b>282</b>
Members until 2016	<b>5</b>
Members until 2017	<b>3</b>
Members until the end of 2018	<b>26</b>

6. Secretary's report on other business of the association (Abdul Pinjari)

- Nominations for 2018 IATBR Lifetime Achievement Award due February 15, 2018.
- Nominations for 2017 Eric Pas Dissertation Prize due February 28, 2018.

7. Update on the 2015 IATBR conference (Pat Mokhtarian for Stephane Hess)

Special issues for *Journal of Choice Modelling* and *European Journal of Transportation and Infrastructure* have been completed. Special issues for the following journals are close to completion.

- *Travel Behaviour and Society*
- *Transportation*
- *Transportation Research Part B*

8. Update on the 2018 (July 15-20) IATBR conference (Kostas Goulias)

- A total of 444 extended abstracts were submitted. 365 abstracts have been accepted for presentation at the conference.
- The decision on publishing a conference book will be made based on the type of papers presented at the conference and the content generated from workshops (i.e., if there is enough number of resource papers, review papers, and sufficient content suitable for a book).
- Plans for special issues are underway with different journals, including *Transportation Letters*, *Transportation*, *Journal of Choice Modelling*, and *Transportation Research Part B*.
- Full papers will be **invited** after the conference committee prepares a preliminary conference program and reviews the abstracts again to identify thematic groups of papers either for journals or for a conference Book. It is planned that full papers will be invited in May/June or after the conference. Either the conference committee members or the guest editors will contact the authors. So, there is no need (nor scope) to submit full papers for the conference.

9. Proposal for an IATBR journal on *Behavioral Studies in Planning* (Pat Mokhtarian for Junyi Zhang, who could not attend the meeting)

Junyi Zhang proposed an IATBR journal on *Behavioral Studies in Planning*, with the following details.

- Ownership: IATBR (the right association to take the initiative)
- Scope: Migration, employment, education, residential behavior, health, energy consumption, travel behavior, leisure and tourism, time use, family life, social life, voluntary behavior, expenditure, social network, and/or more general life choices
- Editorial board: IATBR + non-transportation members
- Rationale: strong scientific needs toward a truly scientific system; expansion of IATBR research fields; pioneering efforts of IATBR members
- Business model: Elsevier is willing to publish on behalf of IATBR without any charge, but with a royalty.
- Positioning in the market: It can be well differentiated from existing journals such as *Behavioural Public Policy*, *Nature: Human Behavior*, *Journal of Choice Modelling*; other transportation journals.

A good amount of time was spent discussing this topic. Overall, the attendees' response to the proposal may be summarized as *cautiously positive* or *mixed*. It was also felt that the Association needs to carefully decide on the following two distinct (albeit related) aspects: (1) the pros and difficulties of hosting a journal and (2) the scope of such a journal.

The following points were discussed, or questions were raised.

- Should IATBR host a journal, while quite a few journals already publish Travel Behaviour research (e.g., Travel Behaviour and Society, Transportation, Transportation Research series of Elsevier, etc.)?
- Hosting a journal is the next logical step for the growth of the Association.
- The proposed scope is not close enough the scope of IATBR (perhaps much broader than the scope of IATBR).
- Willingness to consider a more detailed proposal.
- It was noted that another journal titled "*International Journal of Travel Behaviour Research (IJTBR)*" was proposed as IATBR's flagship journal few years ago.
- The two aspects – hosting a journal and the scope of such as journal might have to be considered somewhat separately.

Chris Pringle provided an idea of Elsevier's position with respect to starting new journals; summarized in bullet points below.

- In recent years, Elsevier has started several new journals relevant to transportation and travel behaviour. So, Elsevier is currently in a consolidation phase.
- Elsevier is still open to considering a new journal if its scope is complementary to existing journals. The new journal should be able to attract enough number of new papers that would not have otherwise published in other Elsevier journals.
- Elsevier would bear the costs of publishing, type setting etc. An association or a society would be responsible for the content, select editors (in conjunction with Elsevier), and provide financial support to editors (if they need any).
- Individuals (not only associations) are welcome to reach out to Elsevier with new journal proposals.

10. How can we increase participation of developing countries in IATBR? (Juan Antonio Carrasco)

Juan Antonio initiated and encouraged a discussion of how to increase participation of developing country researchers and students in IATBR. Several ideas were discussed, as outlined below:

- Consider lower registration fees for the IATBR conference.
- Special sessions or tracks focusing on developing countries at the IATBR conference
- Special issues of IATBR conference papers focused on developing countries
- Establish regional networks/IATBR chapters
- Collaborate/interact with regional/country-wide organizations (e.g., TRG of India, COTA of China) or special interest groups of WCTR
- Consider membership fee discounts
- Promote international travel behaviour studies
- Consider a board member position from developing countries

It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to discuss this topic and propose feasible ways to increase developing country participation in IATBR.

11. Other announcements:

- Innovations in Travel Modeling (ITM) conference in Atlanta, Georgia (June 24-27)
- Pat Mokhtarian to give the prestigious Dean Lecture at TRB 2018.