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BITSAA Silicon Valley Elections

BITSAA Silicon Valley becomes the first BITSAA chapter in US to elect executives through a democratic process.

BITSAA Silicon Valley Chapter (SVC) has come a long way since its inception about six years ago. What started out as a small gathering of the 1975 batch and friends for a *Millennium Party* in 2000 has now grown to be one of the biggest BITSAA chapters in the world. Silicon Valley being the centre for technology and innovation, BITSAA Silicon Valley is home to a number of highly successful and well-known BITSians like Vivek Paul, Prem Jain, Naveen Jain, Thampy Thomas, Prof Krishna Saraswat and many more. The BITSConnect project that started out as a project to wire the BITS Pilani campus and ended up becoming a movement that connected thousands of BITSians around the world for a common cause also had its roots in the Silicon Valley.

Thanks to the efforts of the founding President of BITSAA Silicon Valley, Jayan Ramankutty, the chapter framed a constitution (aka by-laws) and received a US Government non-profit 501c3 status last year. The by-laws lay down the rules and regulations for the functioning

BITSAA Silicon Valley Chapter

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Founded in: 2000

Current Members: 250 (Registered)
802 (On mailing list)

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CFO: Amit Khetan ('94 Eco & CS)
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Board of Directors:

Jayan Ramankutty
Deepu Rathi
Prem Jain
Roop Jain
Satish Gupta
Vinod Agarwal

to the chapter including the administration of a democratic process for election of new Executive and Board of Directors.

Deepu Rathi (Secretary, BITSAA SVC) and Nachiket Deshpande ('92 Phy & CS) led the Election Commission that elected the following executive board for the year 2006-2007.

- President: **Chandra Bhople ('74 EEE & MMS)**
- Secretary: **Ashish Garg ('97 Instru)**

- Chief Financial Officer: **Amit Khetan ('94 Eco & Computer Science)**

