

Australia and New Zealand International Business Academy (ANZIBA)

2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

13 February 2015

Cohen Theatre

Melbourne Business School

Attendees – ANZIBA Executive

- Peter Dowling (President – ANZIBA)
- Rob Jack (Secretary-Treasurer – ANZIBA)
- Andre Pekerti (Vice President – ANZIBA)
- Hussain Rammal (Vice President – ANZIBA)
- Catherine Welch (Vice President – ANZIBA)
- Elizabeth Rose (Immediate Past President – ANZIBA)
- Sid Gray (Appointed Member – ANZIBA Executive)
- Doren Chadee (Appointed Member – ANZIBA Executive)

Attendees – ANZIBA Members

- Michele Akoorie (University of Waikato)
- Ian Austin (Edith Cowan University)
- Paul Brewer (University of Queensland)
- Siew Tin (Estee) Ch'ng (University of Sydney)
- Douglas Dow (Melbourne Business School)
- Ricardo Flores (University of NSW)
- Paulina Jasovska (University of South Australia)
- Peter Lamb (La Trobe University)
- Aegean Leung (University of Sydney)
- Peter Liesch (University of Queensland)
- Sarah Lindsay (Monash University)
- Shane Matthews (Queensland University of Technology)
- Sara McGaughey (Griffith University)
- Byling Min (Griffith University)
- Naoto Nadayama (University of Otago)
- Bo Nielsen (University of Sydney)
- Alfred Presbitero (Deakin University)
- Prem Ramburuth (University of NSW)
- Gloria Sraha (Victoria University of Wellington)
- Adam Steen (Charles Sturt University)
- Kym Thorne (University of South Australia)
- Robin Visser (Deakin University)
- Denise Welch (Melbourne Business School)
- Lawrence Welch (Melbourne Business School)
- Sachiko Yameo (University of Melbourne)

The AGM commenced at 1245

1. Welcome

The President of ANZIBA, Professor Peter Dowling, welcomed members to the meeting. Peter also advised the AGM that Associate Professor Susan Freeman – Vice President ANZIBA was an apology for the Conference/AGM

2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were accepted as tabled

Moved – Paul Brewer/Seconded – Lawrence Welch

3. Matters Arising from the minutes

It was noted that matters arising from the minutes would be addressed in the Presidents Report

4. Presidents Report – President Peter Dowling

The President:

- Thanked the conference chair, Associate Professor Doug Dow for organising the successful 2015 ANZIBA conference. Peter also thanked Melbourne Business School and the Faculty of Management and Marketing, University of Melbourne, for their support as hosts of the 2015 Conference
- Thanked the local organising committee, stream chairs, reviewers, and session chairs for their contributions
- Thanked Doren Chadee for his efforts in organising the Ph.D Colloquium and Deakin University for its support in sponsoring the event.

5. Vice Presidents' Report

- *PhD network – Andre Pekerti*

Vice President Andre Pekerti provided the AGM with an overview of what had developed with the PhD network since its establishment in mid-2014. Andre further advised that an informal dinner will be arranged for those in the network attending the 2015 conference and it was planned that this would be an ongoing feature of future conferences.

The President called on members to endorse the Vice President's report

Moved – Shane Matthews/Seconded – Bo Neilson

- *Marketing – Catherine Welch*

Vice President Catherine Welch advised that AGM that the new ANZIBA website was launched in June 2014. Apart from the obvious changes to the design of the site, the key addition to its functions is the provision of annual individual membership.

Catherine invited members to submit any ideas or suggestions for additional content on the site.

The President called on members to endorse the Vice President's report

Moved – Lawrence Welch/Seconded – Denise Welch

- ***Administration and Membership – Hussain Rammal***

Vice President Hussain Rammal provided members with an overview of the current state of membership. He advised the AGM that the redeveloped website now allows for annual individual membership in addition to membership conferred by Conference attendance. The current numbers are 68 members based on (2014) conference attendance and 30 based on individual membership, the majority of which are Ph.D students. Hussain provided a geographic breakdown of the current membership with the largest concentrations in Australia, New Zealand and Finland.

The President called on members to endorse the Vice President's report

Moved – Robert Jack/Seconded – Elizabeth Rose

6. 2014/2015 ANZIBA Financial Report (to be tabled at the AGM by *Secretary/Treasurer)

The Secretary-Treasurer Robert Jack tabled the ANZIBA financial report and highlighted the following:

- The 2014 conference had resulted in a loss of \$4040.31,
- The inclusion of individual membership fees, commencing from the second half of 2014, provided additional revenue of \$1470.00,
- Closing balance at the end of 2014 was \$59712.79, which included the payment of \$2815.90 to Palgrave Macmillan for the annual ANZIBA membership subscription to Asian Business and Management (ABM) journal (\$18.50 per member);
- Based on discussions with the 2015 Conference Chair, and ANZIBA's external conference organiser (ConSol), the surplus from the 2015 conference should show a surplus, after the recovery of 'seed' monies and payment of membership fees.

The Secretary/Treasurer also informed members about the renewal of the agreement between ANZIBA and Palgrave McMillan. This first agreement ran from 2011 to 2014 and provided ANZIBA members with online access to the journal, *Asian Business and Management*, for a discounted fee of \$18.50. The new agreement (from 2014 to 2017) will remove this condition, as it is felt that members will already have access to ABM via their library databases.

The President moved that the 2014 Financial Report for ANZIBA be accepted

Moved – Shane Matthews/Seconded – Douglas Dow

7. Amendment to Section 4 of the ANZIBA Constitution – Classes of Membership

The President reminded delegates that the Executive will be reviewing the ANZIBA constitution with the intent of revising key sections and removing out-dated objectives. Although this is an ongoing process, the Executive believed that two issues needed to be addressed at the current AGM –

Section 4. Classes of Membership

Add sub-section 4.5

Life Fellows may be elected by a majority of the membership at an annual general meeting or special general meeting. Life Fellows will be recommended by the Executive Board and will be members who have made distinguished contributions to the field of international business and to the activities of ANZIBA.

The President provided an overview of the reasons for the addition. ANZIBA wants to have the ability to confer the title of 'Life Fellows'. To do this an additional sub-section needs to be added to Section 4 of the Constitution which details 'Classes of Membership'. Responding to the comments of Sara McGaughey and Bo Neilson, the President made it clear this was essentially an addition to ANZIBA membership categories. Paul Brewer suggested that the addition be amended by adding the following to the wording:

*Life Fellows may be elected by a majority of the membership **present** at an annual general meeting or special general meeting. Life Fellows will be recommended by the Executive Board and will be members who have made distinguished contributions to the field of international business and to the activities of ANZIBA.*

The motion was put to the vote – 17 votes in favour, 3 votes against. The President declared that the addition to Section 4 of the ANZIBA constitution was carried with the amended wording detailed above.

8. Amendment to Section 21 of the ANZIBA Constitution – Officers

Amendment to Section 21. Officers

1. President:

- a. *is the spokesperson of the Academy, and represents the Academy to external bodies*
- b. *has general oversight of all the Academy's affairs, and is responsible for the strategic and administrative direction of the Academy, and for supervising the functions of other Board members.*

2. Secretary:

- a. *is responsible for the Academy's administrative procedures*
- b. *fulfils the duties of Public Officer unless the Board decides otherwise*
- a. *corresponds with the members of the Academy*
- b. *ensures that accurate records and minutes are kept of all Academy meetings*

3. Vice-President - Treasury:

- a. *must maintain current knowledge of the affairs and decisions of the Academy*
- b. *ensures that accurate records of the Academy's finances are kept*
- c. *is responsible for the Academy's legal affairs*

4. Vice-President - Membership:

- a. *must maintain current knowledge of the affairs and decisions of the Academy*
- b. *is responsible for the maintenance and enhancement of the Academy's membership database and PhD network*

5. Vice-President - Marketing:

- a. *must maintain current knowledge of the affairs and decisions of the Academy*
- b. *develops and maintains marketing and communication strategies on behalf of the Academy*

The President provided an overview of the reasons for the amendment. He stated that the Constitution essentially places key responsibilities only between the positions of President and Secretary/Treasurer. The proposed amendment is intended to clearly state the key responsibilities of all positions within the Executive. The amendment also reduces the total number of elected positions from six to five.

The amendment is designed to take effect from the election of the next Executive in 2017-2020. Accordingly, it has no impact on the roles and responsibilities of the current 2014-17 Executive.

The amendment was approved by all presence. The President declared that the amendment was carried.

9. Future Annual Meetings

The President stated that a host for the 2016 ANZIBA conference has not yet been finalised and call on expressions of interest to be forwarded to the Executive.

Elizabeth Rose advised the AGM that the 2015 AIB-ANZ Chapter Symposium would be hosted by Queensland University of Technology (QUT) on 20-21 November 2015

The AGM concluded at 1330

****The President (Professor Peter Dowling) and Secretary/Treasurer (Robert Jack) are responsible for ANZIBA's finances. As Officers of the Executive they have the authority to compile the annual financial report and present it at the annual general meeting.***