

## **Minutes of the Australia and New Zealand International Business Academy (ANZIBA) 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

17 February 2017  
Allan Scott Auditorium  
University of South Australia

### **Attendees – ANZIBA Executive**

- Peter Dowling (President)
- Robert Jack (Secretary-Treasurer)
- Susan Freeman (Vice President)
- Catherine Welch (Vice President)
- Elizabeth Rose (Immediate Past President)
- Sid Gray (Appointed Member)

### **Apologies from the Executive**

- Hussain Rammal (Vice President)
- Andre Pekerti (Vice President)

### **Attendees – ANZIBA Members**

- Vassiliki Bamiatzi (University of Liverpool)
- Konstantino Bozos (University of Leeds)
- Paul Brewer (University of Queensland)
- Siew Tin (Estee) Ch'ng (University of Sydney)
- Frances Chang (Macquarie University)
- Douglas Dow (Melbourne Business School)
- Sara McGaughey (Griffith University)
- Jane Menzies (Deakin University)
- Bo Nielsen (University of Sydney)
- Rui Torres de Oliveira (Saint John's University)
- Bjorn Schmeisser (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
- Gabriele Suder (University of Melbourne)
- Judith Zhu (University of Newcastle)

## The AGM commenced at 1305

### 1. Welcome

The President of ANZIBA, Professor Peter Dowling, welcomed members to the AGM

### 2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted as tabled

*Moved Bo Neilson/Seconded Doug Dow*

### 3. Matters Arising from the minutes

It was noted that matters arising from the minutes would be addressed in the President's Report

### 4. Presidents Report – President Peter Dowling

The President:

- Thanked the conference chair, Professor Susan Freeman, for organising the successful 2017 ANZIBA conference. Peter also thanked the School of Commerce at UniSA for their support as hosts of the 2016 Conference;
- Thanked Associate Professor Greg Fisher for his efforts in organising the Doctoral Colloquium hosted by Flinders University;
- Thanked the local organising committee, track chairs, reviewers, and session chairs for their contributions;
- Extended his appreciation to Associate Professor Vikus Kumar for the successful outcome of the 2016 ANZIBA conference hosted by the University of Sydney

### 5. Vice Presidents' Report

#### *PhD network*

Robert Jack (on behalf of Vice President Andre Pekerti) provided the AGM with an overview of ANZIBA's PhD network. Established in 2014, the network currently comprises 64 doctoral students across Australia and New Zealand. As part of his duties in this role, Andre provides a weekly email to members of the network that includes links and attachments to relevant journals, conferences and call for papers.

Andre also reported that PhD network members, Pavlina Jasovska and Varina Paisley, organised two events in 2016:

- A webinar on 'collaborating with senior academics', and
- A roundtable discussion with scholars at the AIB-ANZ Chapter Symposium meeting in November, 2016.

Andre commended Pavlina and Varina, as the most active and fervent supporters of our PhD network.

Andre report concluded by thanking (i) Catherine Welch for her support and work in the PhD Network; (ii) the Executive for their ongoing support of this initiative, and (iii) Pavlina Jasovska and Varina Paisley for their active participation and efforts to make the network successful.

Comments by Bo Nielsen, relating to the geographic composition of the network, Rui Torres de Oliveira and Sara McGaughey noted

The President acknowledged the extensive work that Andre had undertaken in this role and thanked him for his efforts

*Moved Robert Jack/Seconded Gabriele Suder*

### **Marketing**

The President invited members to submit any ideas or suggestions for additional content on ANZIBA's website.

### **Administration and Membership**

Robert Jack (on behalf of Vice President Hussain Rammal) provided members with an overview of the current state of membership. He advised the AGM that there were 91 registrations (so far) for the 2017 conference. This is consistent with the number of registrations for the 2016 conference. Hussain provided a geographic breakdown of the current membership with the largest concentrations in Australia, New Zealand and Finland.

The President thanked Hussain/Robert for the report.

### **6. Presentation of the 2017-2020 ANZIBA Executive:**

- President – **\*\*Professor Doug Dow (Melbourne Business School)**
- Secretary – **Dr. Jane Menzies (Deakin University)**
- VP Marketing – **Professor Susan Freeman (University of South Australia)**
- VP Membership – **Professor Gabriele Suder (University of Melbourne)**
- VP Treasurer – **\*\*Dr. Robert Jack (Macquarie University)**
- Immediate Past President – **Professor Peter Dowling (La Trobe University)**

The President introduced the 2017-2020 ANZIBA Executive to the AGM. Peter explained that the number of nominations received during the 'Call for Nominations' equalled the number of positions on the new executive. In these circumstances, under the ANZIBA constitution, an election is not required.

Incoming President, Professor Doug Dow, stated that one of the key priorities of the new executive will be to look at increasing the participation of those institutions who infrequently attend ANZIBA conferences.

### **7. \*2016/2017 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 2016 conference had resulted in a net surplus of \$ **12,443.61**
- Closing balance at the end of 2015 was \$ **84,433.14**

Based on discussions with the 2017 Conference Chair, and ANZIBA's external conference organiser (Conference Solutions), the 2017 conference should show a surplus, after the recovery of 'seed' monies and payment of membership fees.

The Secretary-Treasurer explained to the AGM that there had been a revised agreement with Conference Solutions for the 2017 conference. The paper review process, previously a responsibility of Conference Solutions, was this year handled by the host institution. Consequently, Conference Solutions management fee was reduced and ANZIBA committed to fund the employment of a research assistant to support the local organising committee.

The President moved that the 2017 Financial Report for ANZIBA be accepted

*Moved – Peter Dowling/Seconded – Sid Gray*

#### **8. Future Annual Meetings**

The President stated that a host for the 2017 ANZIBA conference has not yet been finalised and called on expressions of interest to be forwarded to the Executive.

#### **9. Other Business**

Professor Sara McGaughey raised the possibility of nominating Professor Sid Gray as an ANZIBA Life Fellow. Incoming ANZIBA President, Professor Doug Dow, advised Sarah to send the proposal to nominate Sid to the new executive.

### **The AGM concluded at 1345**

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