

## Minutes of the Australia and New Zealand International Business Academy (ANZIBA) 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

19 February 2016  
CBD Campus  
University of Sydney

### Attendees – ANZIBA Executive

- Peter Dowling (President – ANZIBA)
- Robert Jack (Secretary-Treasurer – ANZIBA)
- Hussain Rammal (Vice President – ANZIBA)
- Catherine Welch (Vice President – ANZIBA)
- Elizabeth Rose (Immediate Past President – ANZIBA)
- Sid Gray (Appointed Member – ANZIBA)

### Apologies from the Executive

- Susan Freeman (Vice President – ANZIBA)
- Andre Pekerti (Vice President – ANZIBA)

### Attendees – ANZIBA Members

- Paul Brewer (University of Queensland)
- Siew Tin (Estee) Ch'ng (University of Sydney)
- Chui Chan (University of Sydney)
- Michael Dent (Sunway University)
- Douglas Dow (Melbourne Business School)
- Ricardo Flores (University of NSW)
- Chen Han (University of Sydney)
- Anton Kolotilin (University of NSW)
- Peter Liesch (University of Queensland)
- Sara McGaughey (Griffith University)
- Lee Martin (University of Sydney)
- Aditya Moses (Indian Institute of Management)
- Bo Nielsen (University of Sydney)
- Denis Odlin (University of Auckland)
- Kostiantyn Ovsiankov (University of Tsukuba)
- Tamara Oyarce (University of Sydney)
- Varina Paisley (University of NSW)
- Parth Patel (Australian Institute of Business)
- Gabriele Suder (University of Melbourne)
- Karen Tian (University of Newcastle)
- Nimer Uraidi (University of Sydney)
- Carlos Vazquez (University of Sydney)
- Dean Xu (University of Melbourne)

## The AGM commenced at 1320

### 1. Welcome

The President of ANZIBA, Professor Peter Dowling, welcomed members to the meeting. Peter advised the AGM that Associate Professor Susan Freeman – Vice President ANZIBA, and Dr Andre Pekerti were apologies for the Conference/AGM

### 2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted as tabled

*Moved Paul Brewer/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, Associate Professor Vikus Kumar, for organising the successful 2016 ANZIBA conference. Peter also thanked the International Business Discipline at the University of Sydney Business School for their support as hosts of the 2016 Conference
- Thanked Ricardo Flores and Elizabeth Maitland for their efforts in organising the Doctoral Colloquium hosted by University of NSW.
- Thanked the local organising committee, track chairs, reviewers, and session chairs for their contributions
- Peter also extended his appreciation to Professor Doug Dow for the successful outcome of the 2015 ANZIBA conference at Melbourne Business School

### 5. Vice Presidents' Report

- **PhD network – Peter Leisch (on behalf of Andre Pekerti)**

Professor Peter Leisch (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 45 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.

Peter Leisch also reminded the AGM that the network does have its own Facebook page – a link to this is provided on the ANZIBA website.

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

- **Marketing – Catherine Welch**

Vice President Catherine Welch apologised to the AGM that the ANZIBA website had been 'down' for a short time when some delegates were attempting to register. Catherine also invited members to submit any ideas or suggestions for additional content on the site.

The President thanked Catherine for her report.

- **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 there were 91 registrations (so far) for the 2016 conference. This is consistent with the number of registrations for the 2015 conference. Hussain provided a geographic breakdown of the current membership with the largest concentrations in Australia, New Zealand and Finland. Hussain also advised the AGM on the increase in the membership of the PhD network, which now stands at 45.

The President thanked Hussain for his report.

## **6. 2015/2016 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 2015 conference had resulted in a net surplus of \$ 14,752.84,
- Closing balance at the end of 2015 was \$ 74,404.38,
- Based on discussions with the 2016 Conference Chair, and ANZIBA's external conference organiser (ConSol), the 2016 conference should show a surplus, after the recovery of 'seed' monies and payment of membership fees.

The President moved that the 2016 Financial Report for ANZIBA be accepted

*Moved – Ricardo Flores/Seconded – Peter Leisch*

## **7. Amendment to the ANZIBA Constitution**

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.

### **Background:**

The Secretary/Treasurer stated that at the 2015 ANZIBA AGM an amendment was proposed and passed resulting in changes to Section 21 of the constitution which details the composition of the Executive. The changes involved the reduction of the number of elected positions from 6 to 5 and essentially created 4 'new' positions (apart from the President):

- (i) Secretary;
- (ii) Vice President - Marketing;
- (iii) Vice President - Treasury;
- (iv) Vice President - Membership

In its current form the constitution makes occasional reference to the role of the 'President', and 17 references to the role of 'Secretary-Treasurer' which, with the changes approved at the last AGM, will no longer exist.

**Proposal:**

Replace the title of 'Secretary Treasurer' with one of new positions, where appropriate, in terms of responsibilities, as detailed below in the following sections of the Constitution

Part 2 Membership:

- Section 8.1 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Vice President – Membership'
- Section 9.4 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Vice President – Membership'
- Section 9.4e – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Vice President – Membership'
- Section 9.6 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Vice President – Membership'
- Section 9.7 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Vice President – Membership'

Part 3 Meetings:

- Section 11.4 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 11.5c – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 11.6 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 13.4 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 14.4 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 14.5 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'

Part 4 Officers and Board of Management:

- Section 19.3c – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 19.3d – replace 'the **four** Vice Presidents of the Academy' with 'the **three** Vice Presidents of the Academy'
- Section 19.4 – replace the term 'the Board may appoint any member eligible for office under s.25(2) as a **fifth** Vice-President for the remainder of the Board's term' with 'the Board may appoint any member eligible for office under s.25(2) as a **fourth** Vice-President for the remainder of the Board's term'
- Section 19.6 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 22.4b – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 23.1c – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 24.2 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'
- Section 24.3 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Secretary'

Part 5 Miscellaneous:

- Section 27.2 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Vice President – Treasury'
- Section 30.1 – replace 'Secretary-Treasurer' with 'Vice President – Treasury'

The President advised the AGM that the proposed amendment will have no impact on the current executive (where titles and roles and responsibilities will remain intact) but will be the basis for the composition of the next executive in 2017-2020

The proposed amendment was approved.

## **8. Amendment to the ANZIBA Constitution**

### **Background:**

The Presidents stated that at the 2015 ANZIBA AGM an amendment was proposed, amended and passed relating to Section 4 of the ANZIBA Constitution – Classes of Membership:

Add sub-section 4.5

*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.*

### **Proposal:**

The nomination of Emeritus Professor Stephen Nicholas, the inaugural President of ANZIBA, as the first ANZIBA Life Fellow.

The President provided the AGM with additional details and information regarding the reasons for the nomination of Professor Nicholas.

The proposal was approved.

## **9. 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.

Professor Elizabeth Rose advised the AGM that the 2016 AIB-ANZ Chapter Symposium would be hosted by University of Technology Sydney (UTS) on 11-12 November 2016. Dr Tony Fee and Dr Hussain Rammal will be the Chapter Chairs.

## **10. Other Business – ‘39 Country Initiative’**

Professor Peter Leisch and Professor Elizabeth Rose provided the AGM with an overview of the ‘39 Country Initiative’ a textbook donation program targeted to the world’s poorest countries. Established by Professor Paul Beamish in Canada, the program was conducted for the first time in Australia at the University of Queensland as part of its Business School’s Community Engagement Program. The first consignment of over 7,000 textbooks has already been delivered to Kenya. It is hoped that will be an ongoing initiative.

## **The AGM concluded at 1350**

***\*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.***