

Board Update Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 10 July 2019, 7.00pm – 8.17 pm

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Attending: Sabine Pittrof, Peirui Tan, Sergej Bukovac, Kiki Loukas, Malte Schudlich, Dalibor Vukadin (Dali), Evangelos Kotsopoulos;

Apologies: David Urry, Eberhard Goihl, Rob Harrison, Elisabeth Opie, André Haermeyer, Simone Wienhausen

Time	Agenda Item and Lead	
7pm		
7:00	1.	Welcome including Attendees and Apologies (Peirui chaired the meeting till 7.25pm, succeeded by Sabine once she dialed in.)
7:03	2.	Confirmation of Board Meeting Minutes and Secretary for current Update (Sabine) – [Dali to take minutes on behalf of Simone]
7:08	3.	<p>Review Action Points (all BMs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See list - Corporate contacts: <p>Malte informed that there are still no results on the RMIT membership negotiations. He suggested that the membership fee system and benefits for universities need further clarification.</p>
7:26	4.	<p>Review Board Member responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See list <p>Peirui raised a question if the Board Members responsibility list has been checked. Kiki confirmed that she is fine with her responsibility.</p> <p><u>NEW Action Item - All BMs are asked to send their feedback/amendments on the responsibility list to Lizzie.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Succession planning <p>Sabine mentioned that Eberhard has received a resignation letter from Cherrokee, having impact as of August 1st, 2019. As informed by Sabine, the reasons for the resignation is due to the difficulties combining her BM role with her main job. However, Cherrokee will remain GABC member. Further Sabine invited the BMs to suggest a successor to Eberhard, who holds the job description.</p> <p>Sabine asked that going forward board members that do not want to continue beyond this term, i.e. beyond March 2019 inform of their decision now so a successor can be found in good time. No need to resign simply because board position has been held for a certain time already.</p>
7:29	5.	<p>Further Discussion of Membership Model/Change of Offering including offering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • annual sponsor <p>Issue has not been discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities

		<p>Malte informed that the University of New South Wales has resigned because they weren't sure about the benefits of a GABC membership. As already mentioned below Agenda Item no. 3, it needs to be clarified what benefits can university expect from the membership. Dali informed that in his role as International Alumni Ambassador, he is in frequent touch with the La Trobe University in Melbourne on several topics. He informed that he will set up a second call with Malte, Eberhard, himself and the LTU representatives in September 2019 in order to discuss their membership.</p> <p><u>NEW AI: Dali to set up call</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • young members (Next Gen)(all BMs) <p>Sabine informed that Daniel Maccarrone and Lauren Kode would like to be involved in this topic and may organise an event for the Next Gen. They are planning to attend the Barramundi event which will be a good opportunity to progress this further.</p> <p><u>NEW AI: A BM needs to take charge of progressing this. – Looking for volunteers!</u></p>
7:28	6.	<p>Events</p> <p>Update – Past and Upcoming (All BMs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador's Dinner <p>Malte informed that he is satisfied with the event, held on June 26, 2019 in Frankfurt a.M. He informed that the workflow was fine. However, the email correspondence increased significantly, once the participation of Finance Minister Mathias Cormann has been confirmed.</p> <p>Perui informed that she will ask Elisabeth Matters to upload the event pictures from Ambassador's dinner at the GABC webpage. She underlined that the sponsors need to be contacted first</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Event with Barramundi Aquakultur <p>Invites have been sent out. Sabine mentioned that the farewell of Steve should be included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siemens event scheduled for September 6, 2019 <p>Malte informed that a breakfast buffet has been arranged, due to early hours of the event. Being asked by Malte, Sabine confirmed that there is no minimum number for the outside participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Union, Oktoberfest <p>Due to absence of Eberhard no comments have been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars <p>Due to absence of Rob no comments have been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Garrett <p>Due to absence of Elisabeth no comments have been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Sydney <p>Dali informed that due to the sickness short noticed by Professor Angus Dawson, the meeting was cancelled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDR Embassy event Berlin <p>Evangelios informed that he didn't attend the event.</p> <p>Further he informed that he will get in touch with Dr. Sheema. Perui asked if Evangelos could invite Professor Thomas Maschmeyer (University of Sydney), who is an expert on renewable energy and is frequently in Berlin.</p> <p><u>NEW AI: Evangelos to get in touch with Dr Sheema and Professor Thomas Maschmeyer</u></p>

7:35	7.	<p>Policy: Submission regarding FTA</p> <p>Sabine expressed her gratitude to Elisabeth Opie and Kelly Saunders (ABIE France) for the submission. The document has been uploaded at the GABC webpage.</p>
7:40	8.	<p>Update communications strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey <p>Sabine expressed her gratitude to Kiki for having carried out the survey. Kiki informed that the questions within the survey need to be more differentiated by asking the participants to provide more details e.g. why only 12% would not recommend the GABC membership. Further she underlined that 60% would like to obtain a newsletter and suggests to put this topic back to the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Strategy <p>Kiki informed that the main focus should be on the website, postponing the Youtube for later. Kiki and Sergei will set up a meeting for mid August to proceed with the website using the newly appointed IT company based in Zagreb (Croatia)..</p>
7:54	9.	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Due to absence of Eberhard no comments have been made.</p>
7:55	10.	<p>Update international</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTA Event held on July 4th in Brussels <p>Sabine expressed her gratitude to Gina Bowman (ASBA) for coordinating the event. Dali informed that Allison Burrows (Australia's chief negotiator) stated that the negotiations have reached the 4th round and that agreements are on the way on different issues. Throughout the negotiations the involved parties are paying attention to even very small details e.g. exact wording etc. Further Allison underlined that the digital trade negotiations are very demanding. HE Mr Justin Brown (Ambassador Embassy Belgium, Luxembourg and Mission to the EU and NATO) added that the EU Parliament consists of more anti-trade and anti-globalising parties, since the last EU election held in May 2019. Therefore, the rectification of the AFT in the EU Parliament might be challenging. Allison informed that parallel to the AFT negotiations an intensive lobbying of the left-wing political forces is taking place. Therefore the environmental aspects need to be emphasized in the FTA. Donald Kenyon (Former Ambassador) asked if the agreement between EU and Canada can serve as a model for the FTA, once it comes to the bilateral recognition of qualifications. Allison Burrows informed that the general impression on this topic is that the EU needs to lower its standards. Dali concluded that the FTA Event provided very interesting information and that the informal dinner held at Les Petits Oignons was very nice and gave additional networking opportunities. He added that he is connecting La Trobe University representatives with the AFT negotiating team on the topic of academic exchange. Further details will follow at the upcoming Board Meeting scheduled for August 12th, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabine informed that GABC took on the ABIE chair as of July 1st, 2019 on a half-year basis. She underlined that now is a good opportunity to advertise GABC. Further she mentioned that a handover call with Bulgaria has been scheduled for August 2nd, 2019. • Sabine confirmed that the next ABIE International Meeting will be held in Frankfurt a.M. on 8th/9th of November 2019. She encouraged the participation of all Board Members.
8:10	11.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabine underlined that Dan Tebbutt is the Interim Patron

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabine informed that no technical feedback has been received from the GDPR provider. This issue needs to be addressed with the new technical support <p><u>NEW AI: Sabine and Sergei to discuss the technical support for GDPR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabine informed that Zoom might be considered as an option for the monthly Board meetings. Dali informed that La Trobe University meetings are held via Zoom and it is free of charge <p><u>NEW AI: Elisabeth Matters to investigate on Zoom or any other potential platform to address the issue with non-functioning conference calls asap. As agreed with Eberhard on 20190717 AI has been reassigned to Dali.</u></p>
8:17	Close	

Attachment: LIST OF ACTION ITEMS; List of BM responsibilities

Already done minutes