GABC Board Meeting 13 May 2020

Apologies

Malte; Simone; André; Daniel

No Show

Evangelos

Attendance:

David; Rob; Eberhard; Sabine; Elisabeth; Peirui; Serge; Dali; Kiki

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No comments

Events

We discussed past webinars.

The webinar with Evangelos was excellent; the webinar on immigration tried to cover too much detail in too little time; International Chamber of Commerc webinar was very good with an excellent speaker.

We should do a survey after the events in future.

Three webinars are planned in June, including 18 June with the ambassador.

We should not be planning a weekly event.

Elisabeth has suggested Peter Garrett as a participant.

We should not be planning regular events until September or October.

Travel is restricted for many companies and business may be occupied in the second half of the year.

We had a discussion about platforms as the Zoom platform is not accessible for some members. Dali will look at this in detail.

Ambassador’s Dinner. Sabine has talked to the Ambassador. She is planning to leave in September and a successor has been appointed. She would like to have a “goodbye” event to GABC and this could be in September and this will be decided later. Voith is still continuing its projects in Australia and would like to be involved in a farewell event.
We may replace with an event in Frankfurt and will make a final decision later.

ACTION: Sabine to discuss with stakeholders

Event Manager

Benita has joined on 1 April and has worked on three webinars. Excellent feedback.

Peirui has sent out an email outlining how to work with Benita for events in future and how to interact with Lizzie. Eberhard emphasized that we had sent too many emails and both, Lizzie and Benita were overwhelmed with the quantity of emails. Our staff members are only working part-time and can only do things at certain times, for Lizzie this in the evening.

ABIE International Event

Luxembourg meeting has turned into visual conference.

Good feedback on webinars and opportunity they present to showcase benefits of the network.

Peter Horn will be a point of contact for Austrade at ABIE level. A video conference is being organized. With him and ABIE heads. Peter is still currently in Australia.

EABC will be organizing a webinar on FTA in June.

Financial Update

Bank account is in surplus. We are spending little.

Eberhard reviewed missing membership fees of some members. Board members are asked to support.

Communication Strategy

Kiki is working on the website in particular.
She has sent out strategy and would appreciate feedback.

Board members generally agreed with her proposal.

Austrade Licence Agreement

We have an agreement in place.

“Brand Australia” boomerang logo is no longer used and there is no replacement at present.

Registration of Board with Court

This is being done. Thanks to Daniel for acting quickly.

Minutes of AGM

Almost finalised