MINUTES

The 2011 AIB-WER General Business Meeting was held during EIBA 2011 in Bucharest, chaired by José Pla Barber (AIB-WER Chapter Chair), and assisted by Torben Pedersen (the previous Chapter Chair, standing in for the AIB-WER Secretary/Treasurer, Ulf Andersson). The meeting was called to order at 13:15 – nineteen members were in attendance, including the current EIBA Chair, Peter Buckley (Annex 1). The EIBA Executive Secretary Ene Kannel took notes for recording the official Minutes of the meeting.

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks & Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes of the AIB-WER General Business Meeting 2010 in Porto
3. Report on the AIB Chapter Chair Meeting in Nagoya, Japan - June 2011
4. Membership Activities
5. Future AIB Conferences
6. Election of New Officers
7. Any Other Business

1. Opening Remarks & Approval of the Agenda

José Pla Barber reviewed the Agenda and asked the members if they wanted to discuss items other than those listed. As no other items were raised, the Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the AIB-WER General Business Meeting 2010 in Porto

No further comments or remarks were tabled. The Minutes of the AIB-WER General Business Meeting 2010 in Porto were unanimously approved.

3. Report on the AIB Chapter Chair Meeting in Nagoya, Japan - June 2011

The Chair reviewed the highlights of the AIB Chapter Chair Meeting in Nagoya (July 2011), including reports by some of the task forces and committees (e.g., elections, emerging market issues, membership, etc.) covering a wide range of topics, such as: how to improve the AIB Chapters, establishing standard election criteria, and the formal definition of the IB domain.
By January or February 2012, there are some important decisions to be made to ensure the success and outcome of these initiatives. Since AIB is expanding steadily, there is also the centralisation issue to consider.

4. Membership Activities

Torben Pedersen is Chair of one of the membership chapters – he gave an example: their goal is to assess the attractiveness of AIB-WER for younger members (by February 1, 2012).

Career mapping was mentioned as a possible scenario. Once all of this data is put together and analysed overall, some interesting results are bound to emerge from the study, enabling AIB to move forward in the right direction.

Peter Buckley reported that he was involved with issues regarding emerging countries – for example, securing scholarships for students in their thirties. Ideas and suggestions welcome! A brief discussion ensued. One remark was that Africans often cannot attend AIB meetings – there are papers available, but no money to travel...

José Pla Barber thanked the group for sharing their ideas and comments; these will likely be discussed further at upcoming meetings. He remarked that the future of the Valencia Summer School (and partnership with AIB-WER) is unclear due to funding issues – he is hopeful that the Dean will be able to find a solution soon.

The Chair reminded those present about the relationship that AIB has with EIBA, and that the main mandate of the AIB Western Europe Chapter is to solicit and recruit more AIB members from amongst the EIBA members. Despite history, it’s time to re-establish the parameters – splinters and factions don’t help to bring the “tribes” together. Torben Pedersen invited more ideas on how to spread the word about AIB-WER to potential members; he challenged those members present to become more involved in this process themselves and in their areas.

Filip De Beule asked if AIB is willing to pay for or partially sponsor these initiatives. Torben replied that due to the history and special relationship with EIBA, AIB-WER has not yet taken advantage of the funding usually allocated for this purpose (i.e., €10 per member).

5. Future Conferences

The Chapter Chair announced the locations and dates of the forthcoming AIB conferences:

- 2013 Istanbul, Turkey – June / July 2013
- 2014 Vancouver, BC, Canada – June / July 2014

6. Election of New Officers

The AIB-WER Secretary/Treasurer, Ulf Andersson, has come to the end of his mandate this year and is therefore stepping down. The Chair nominated Filip De Beule as Ulf Andersson’s successor – Torben Pederson seconded this motion. The vote in favour by those present was unanimous and also merited a round of applause, therefore Filip De Beule was duly elected, and the AIB-WER Secretary/Treasurer mandate was officially handed over to him by the current AIB-WER Chapter Chair, José Pla Barber.

7. Any Other Business

The next AIB-WER General Business Meeting is scheduled to be held during EIBA 2012 at the University of Sussex in Brighton, UK, in December 2012.

No further comments or questions were tabled. The meeting was adjourned at 13:55.

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