I. Current and Incoming Officers

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II. Summary of Membership

The membership of the AIB-ANZ Chapter as of 11\textsuperscript{th} June 2015 stood at n/a. An analysis:

Members as of last report (9\textsuperscript{th} June 2014) 182

Number of old members who renewed n/a

Number of new members n/a

Membership as of 11\textsuperscript{th} June 2015 188
Summary of membership promotion efforts:
We undertook promotion at the annual AIB-ANZ research symposium and ANZIBA conference. The now-institutionalised PDW at the symposium should provide more of a value proposition, especially for younger potential members.

III. Summary of Financial Status

The chapter has no financial assets

IV. Summary of Meetings Held This Year

a. Annual conference and symposium

Given the historically-close relationship between the AIB-ANZ chapter and ANZIBA, we hold two co-branded events each year, one with a primary emphasis on the chapter and the other on ANZIBA.

The AIB-ANZ/ANZIBA symposium was held in Sydney, Australia, on 13th-14th November 2014, hosted by Charles Sturt University Faculty of Business - School of Management and Marketing and convened by Dr Ramadu Bhanugopan. The theme of the symposium was ‘Changing and Leading International Business: A Cross Disciplinary Perspective’. What had previously been a one-day event was extended to include a half-day JIBS PDW on the 13th, followed by the day-long symposium on the 14th. The PDW was very well-received, and will now become a regular feature of the symposium.

Key details:
- The symposium included 32 paper presentations and a keynote address by Timothy Devinney (University of Leeds). The paper presentations were followed by lively discussion, involving a mix of senior and junior academics. The extensive discussion is a hallmark of the symposium, and provides real value to the presenters, many of whom are doctoral students and junior scholars.
- The JIBS PDW included eight papers, each of which received extensive feedback from experienced researchers, including Peter Liesch and Hussain Rammal. Timothy Devinney (JIBS consulting editor) and Elizabeth L Rose facilitated the PDW and provided a session on tips for publishing.
- The symposium was fully funded by the Faculty of Business at Charles Sturt University. This support, along with the hard work by Ramadu Bhanugopan and his team, was very much appreciated. There was no cost to participants in the symposium, apart from their travel and accommodation.
- This day-and-a-half format is expected to remain the model for AIB-ANZ/ANZIBA symposia in future.

The annual ANZIBA/AIB-ANZ conference was held in Melbourne, Australia, on 11th-13th February 2015, hosted by Melbourne Business School and convened by Douglas Dow.
Key details:

- The programme included six panel sessions (including a meet-the-editors session) and 66 paper presentations, with participants’ attending from as far away as Finland.
- The keynote speaker was S Tamer Cavusgil (Georgia State University).
- Peter Buckley (University of Leeds) was the speaker at the gala dinner.
- A day-long Doctoral Colloquium was held on 11th February, hosted by Deakin University and convened by Doren Chadee. The 24 students enjoyed talks by Peter Buckley, Tamer Cavusgil, and Robert Faff (The University of Queensland), and received comments on their research from senior faculty including David Brock (Ben Gurion), Peter Buckley (Leeds), Tamer Cavusgil (Georgia State), Doren Chadee (Deakin), Peter Liesch (Queensland), Bo Nielsen (Sydney), Andre Pekerti (Queensland), Hussain Rammal (South Australia), Elizabeth Rose (Otago), Banjo Rojas (Deakin), Dean Xu (Melbourne), and Catherine Welch (Sydney).

b. Chapter board meetings

Board meetings are generally held when members are together at events, such as chapter and ANZIBA meetings and the annual AIB conference, supplemented by e-mail communication as necessary.

V. Plans for Future Meetings

The next AIB-ANZ/ANZIBA symposium will be held in Brisbane, Australia, on 20th-21st November 2015, hosted by Queensland University of Technology and convened by Ruminth Wickramasekera (r.wickrama@qut.edu.au). The full-day symposium, with the theme of ‘Interdisciplinarity and Methodological Pluralism in Internationalisation Research’, will take place on 20th November, followed by the half-day PDW on the 21st. D Eleanor Westney (MIT and Aalto) will be the keynote speaker for the symposium, and the PDW mentors will include Peter Dowling (La Trobe), Sid Gray (Sydney), Peter Liesch (Queensland), Elizabeth Rose (Otago), and Eleanor Westney (MIT and Aalto).

The next ANZIBA/AIB-ANZ conference will be held in Sydney, Australia, 17th-19th February 2016. The conference will be hosted by the Discipline of International Business at the University of Sydney, with conference chair Vikas Kumar (vikas.kumar@sydney.edu.au). Jonathan Doh (Villanova) will be the keynote speaker. The Doctoral Consortium will be hosted by the University of New South Wales.

VI. Other Initiatives

The steady-state situation is that we will continue to have two events per year; it is unlikely that the local IB community can sustain more. The chapter has a strong focus on development, as evidenced by the Doctoral Consortium in February and the PDW in November. We are delighted to be attracting internationally-recognised scholars to provide guidance and feedback to junior scholars in the region.
VII. Other Issues or Concerns

Financial resources are always a concern, especially in light of serious budget constraints among the region’s tertiary sector. We would be very interested in exploring ways in which the AIB might be able to provide in-kind support for chapter symposia.

One extremely welcome potential would be for AIB to assist with the cost of having a member of the Executive Board or a Fellow travel to the symposium, to serve as a keynote speaker and mentor for the PDW. A keynote speaker represents a substantial proportion of the cost of the event (which is funded by the host institution), but provides immense value-added to members – especially students and junior academics – who are unlikely to have access to such distinguished academics through other means.

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AIB-ANZ Chapter Chair