2015 Chapter Report: AIB Western United States Chapter (AIB-W), by Gary Knight

Introduction
The AIB-W chapter was inactive for several years. Gary Knight was appointed chapter chair in 2013. In 2014, I appointed some officers, shown below. I also began planning an annual chapter conference. The first conference will be at the end of October, 2015. I also built a website: http://www.aib-w.org/

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Summary of Membership
In 2015 there are about 166 AIB members in the AIB-W.

Summary of Financial Status
We have no financial status yet. I will establish a bank account as we get closer to our first annual conference, to take place October, 2015. I have not yet collected any money for this chapter.

Summary of Meetings Held This Year (Include copy of Call for Papers)
We have not yet held any meetings. However, the officers and I have been in regular contact, by telephone and email.
Attached is the Call for Papers for our first annual conference, to be held in October, 2015. This CFP has been launched twice so far, via various listserves (AIB, AOM, etc.). My goal is to hold the annual AIB-W conference at the end of October each year.

Title, Location, and Date  
The conference is called Advancing International Business Research. It will be held at the University of Washington in Seattle, October 22 – 24, 2015. The University of Washington is providing the venue, partly in conjunction with their Center for International Business Education and Research.

Number of Participants  
We hope up to 40 professors and others will attend the 2015 AIB-W annual conference, the first conference of the re-activated chapter.

Description of Meetings  
Professor Rosalie Tung, President of the AIB, has committed to attend and speak at the AIB-W conference in October, 2015. We are still in the process of arranging other speakers and events in conjunction with the conference.

Plan for Future Meetings  
We intend to have an annual conference, around the end of October each year, starting in 2015.

Other Initiatives  
The annual conference is the only initiative we have planned so far.

Affiliations with Other Organizations  
We have an association with the University of Washington, Seattle, for the time being. Officers Tanvi Kothari and John Kalu Osiri are in the process of developing affiliations with other entities.

Regards,  
Gary Knight