



## Accounting & Finance Association of Australia & New Zealand Accounting Education SIG 5

**30 June 2012  
Crown Promenade, Melbourne, Australia**

### Minutes

#### PRESENT

Member	University/ Institute
Abraham, Anne	UWS
Adeyinka, Adewuyi Ayodele	USQ
Armstrong, Caroline	CPA
Chapple, Larelle	QUT
Helliar, Christine	UniSA
Kavanagh, Marie	USQ
Kent, Jenny	CSU
McGrath, Dianne	CSU
Maguire, William	University of Tasmania
Mee Seong, Michelle	Deakin University
Mitrione Lorena	Monash University
Morris, Simon	Charles Darwin University
Muller, Joseph	USQ
Myers, Paul	RMIT University
Tharapos, Meredith	RMIT University
Watty, Kim	Deakin University
Wells, Paul	AUT
Woolley, Ron	CPA Australia

The Chair opened the meeting at 16.30

## **1.0 APOLOGIES**

None.

## **2.0 2011 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

3.0 *Minutes from the 2011 AGM* were circulated and confirmed.

In items 2.0 and 2.1, references to 2011 should read 2010.

In item 4.1 the sponsorship amount should read \$1 500 (3\*\$500)

In item 6 Abrahams should read Abraham.

[Moved: Simon Morris; Seconded: Kim Watty, Carried]

## **2.2 Matters arising.**

## **4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/11**

The financial report was not available for tabling. Marie advised that AFAANZ, which keeps the financial records on behalf of the SIG, was not able to provide the required information.

There was general agreement that that this situation resulted in poor governance because none of the members was aware of the financial status of the SIG. Christine Helliar undertook to raise this at the HODs' meeting on Sunday.

## **5.0 CONVENORS' REPORT (convenor's report to be attached)**

Marie presented the convenor's report.

The convenor's report was accepted

[Moved: Anne Abraham; Seconded: Ron Woolley; Carried]

## **5.1 DISCUSSION OF CONVENOR'S REPORT**

Concern was expressed that the call for papers had not been easily accessible, particularly by non-members of the SIG.

### ***Motion***

The call for papers will be sent not only to the AESIG distribution list but also to all heads of department.

[Moved: Anne Abraham; Seconded Caroline Armstrong Carried]

Members discussed the revised format of the Accounting SIG symposium adopted this year (2012) – discussed further under other business below - and the funding of (potential) PhD candidates in the accounting education field. The following is an extract from the 2011 minutes:

*The SIG could contribute to young people who struggle to get to the SIG meeting. This was considered a useful and original idea. The SIG could encourage intending PhD candidates to choose accounting education as their field of study. It could also encourage these and other PhD candidates in the accounting education area to present at the AFAANZ/Accounting Education SIG meeting. The SIG could consider paying half the AFAANZ conference registration. For example, if we were to sponsor three PhD candidates this would amount to \$15 000 (3x\$500). We would do this in expectation that the university concerned would apply for funding on behalf of the candidate.*

***Motion (repeated from 2011)***

*The SIG will make up to three awards each year for the next three years to PhD candidates to present an accounting education paper at the SIG symposium or the AFAANZ conference itself to pay for the cost of their attendance. The SIG will contact the institutions concerned for advice on the award offered and it would present a certificate.*

*[Moved: Di McGrath; Seconded: Kim Watty; Carried.]*

Although it had not been possible to pursue this initiative in the 2011-2012 year, the meeting affirmed its support for it. It was suggested that:

- as Perth is a more expensive destination than usual, the sponsorship should be a greater amount than \$500;
- the sponsorship be extended to early career researchers in addition to PhD students;
- The SIG should explore the possibility of funding jointly with bodies such as CPA Australia.

## **6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Paul Wells indicated that he would not be available for re-election. The meeting thanked him for his contribution as New Zealand convener. Paul mentioned that his efforts to recruit a New Zealand academic to fill this position had proved unsuccessful. It was agreed that the office of New Zealand convener be discontinued subject to ensuring New Zealand representation in the future should the opportunity arise.

The SIG members present elected the following office bearers:

Convenor: Marie Kavanagh

[Moved; Anne Abraham; Seconded: Kim Watty; Carried]

Secretary: William Maguire

[Moved: Dianne McGrath; Seconded: Ron Woolley; Carried]

Committee members: Dianne McGrath, Caroline Armstrong, William Maguire

[Moved: Simon Morris; Seconded Joseph Muller]

## **7.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

Caroline Armstrong suggested that the SIG should co-opt members to the Committee on the basis of required expertise. It was also suggested that it would be appropriate to co-opt a Perth-based person to help with the 2013 symposium. Marie Kavanagh advised her intention to co-opt Nick McGuigan to deal with web-site matters.

SIG members discussed the format of the day further. All the elements of the symposium received favourable comment - student panel, the heads-of-department panel, the showcasing of projects and demonstrations of practice. Members formally endorsed the new format.

### ***Motion***

The SIG members present formally commend the new symposium format.

[Moved: Ron Woolley; Seconded: Ann Abraham; Carried]

### ***Motion***

The SIG members present request that a panel of heads of department be invited to panel to discuss and debate the importance of accounting education research.

[Moved: Kim Watty; Ron Woolley; Carried]

Meeting closed 17.30

Secretary: William Maguire