

Asia-Pacific Public Policy Network

Minutes of March 9, 2019 2019 AGM

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

In Attendance:

Jeannette Taylor, Azad Singh Bali, Darryl Jarvis, M. Ramesh, Ora Poocharoen, Alex He Jingwei, Ciqi Mei, Jie Chen, Linsheng He, Jingshi Hong, Yue Guo, Ed Araral, Vishnu Sivarudran Pillai, Jieqi Ma, Conhui Liu, Victoria Doeme, Dunxu Wu, Wendy Zhou, Kevin Chandra, Kirti Sinha, Athar Mansoor, Kris Hartley, Coco Dijia Du, Marie Bernal, Jing Shi, Sulikah Asmorowati, Sri Juni Woo Astul, Masaru Yarime, Michael Howlett, Wu Xun

Items

1. The Meeting was called to order by Michael Howlett at 15:30

2. Items for the Agenda were called for. The agenda was set as:

- a. Reports
 - i. AP-PPN activities 2019-2019 (M. Howlett)
 - ii. Report on 2019 HKUST Conference (X. Wu)
- b. Plans for 2010 Perth Meeting (J. Taylor)
- c. New Business
 - i. HKEDU Summer School (A. He)
 - ii. 2021-2022 AGM Call for Conference Locations (M. Howlett)
 - iii. Organization of the AP-PPN (M. Howlett)
 - iv. ICPP Joint Workshops Bids (M. Howlett)
- d. Other Business

3. Reports

- a. Michael Howlett presented a report on the activities of the AP-PPN following from the April 2018 Beijing Annual General Meeting. He thanked the organizers of the HKUST 2019 meeting for their hard work and the success of the Hong Kong meeting. He also reported on successful affiliate meetings in India (India Public Policy Network - Bhubaneswar in 2018 and Delhi in 2019) and plans for the new Philippines Public Policy Network which will meet in Manilla this fall. He also noted the 3rd meeting of the Singapore public policy network this year and plans to create a new Thailand Public Policy Network and hold a meeting in 2020. He encouraged any AP-PPN members who wished to create a similar organization to contact the AP-PPN conference organizers and steering committee if they needed any assistance. He also noted that the International Public Policy Association (IPPA) was 100% behind the creation of such national associations and affiliates and could also provide support and expertise.
- b. Wu Xun presented a report on the HKUST meeting. He noted the organizers had received 112 abstracts and that 67 papers were presented at the AGM along with 4 poster sessions. Overall 110 people registered for the conference from 11 countries, with 38 coming from Hong Kong Universities. He encouraged senior

colleagues to continue the work of the conference and prepare submissions to SSCI journals where feasible. It was noted that the new IPPA journal – the International Review of Public Policy (IRPP) – was an open access journal and was available for this purpose. M. Ramesh thanked the organizing committee for its work.

4. Plans for 2010 Perth Meeting

- a. Jeannette Taylor reported on plans for the Perth AGM in 2020 and encouraged all members to attend the conference and enjoy the Australian summer weather and Western Australia attractions.
- b. She asked a series of questions to attendees about specifics of 2020 Planning.
 - i. It was agreed that a Thursday/Friday set of days for the conference was best and that the second week of February (13th-14th Feb. 2020) would work well.
 - ii. Little support was shown for a Keynote speaker however strong support was indicated for an opening plenary session.
 - iii. Strong support was also shown for organizing at least one round table or session on paedagogical issues
 - iv. Ciqi Mei spoke about the success of the pre-conference graduate student mentoring sessions held before the Tsinghua AGM and it was agreed this would also be considered seriously by the Perth organizers.
 - v. Athar Mansoor encouraged the organizers to seek to have full papers submitted as early as possible for the conference in order to allow discussants and audience members time to digest their content prior to the AGM.

5. New Business

- a. HKEDU Summer School
 - i. Alex He Jinwei and Darryl Jarvis spoke about the success of this year's Graduate Summer School at EDUHK and asked to be able to use the AP-PPN logo, website and e-mail maillist and endorsement to help market the next editions of the School. It was unanimously agreed this was the kind of activity the AP-PPN should support and its endorsement was extended to the EDUHK organizers along with whatever marketing assistance the AP-PPN could provide
- b. 2021-2022 AGM Call for Conference Locations
 - i. Michael Howlett noted that following the 2020 Perth Conference the location of future AP-PPN meetings was uncertain and that it would be a good idea to issue a Call for Locations, asking for volunteers for both the 2021 and 2022 Meetings. Attendees concurred and mentioned possible locations in Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia. It was agreed to send out an open call later this spring.
- c. Organization of the AP-PPN
 - i. Michael Howlett noted that the AP-PPN has a very loose organizational structure, modelled on that of the Australia PPN which has been meeting for over 30 years. He asked if members were satisfied with this

arrangement or wished to adopt a more structured or institutionalized format with, for example, regular elections, a central office and so on. After some discussion it was agreed that the present format had served the Association well and to continue with it until the next meeting when the subject could be re-examined.

d. IPPA Joint Workshops Bids

- i. Michael Howlett noted the IPPA held a very successful first round of Joint Sessions of Workshops in Pittsburgh in summer 2018 and was now looking for volunteers to hold the IWPP2 in 2020. He noted that this was a much less onerous task than holding the main ICPP conference (2000 papers) and required only adequate rooms to hold approximately 15 3-day workshops of 15-20 people. He encouraged AP-PPN member universities to bid on these events and contact the IPPA Secretary, Philippe Zittoun, if they needed more information

6. Other Business

- a. The Agenda having been completed, Michael Howlett asked if there was any further business.
 - i. Marie Bernal asked about graduate student participation in the AP-PPN and was informed of AP-PPN policy to fully accommodate late stage Phd students and Post-docs in all of the activities of the Association, with some limits on what more junior Phds and MA students could present.
 - ii. It was also asked if the AP-PPN could improve its communications with members and how individuals desiring more contact could communicate with other members. It was noted that the association uses the RC30 google group and has a webpage with a communications link, as well as its own google group, but that it lacks a webmaster to monitor these sites and encourage submission. It was also noted that a webmaster could enhance the social media presence of the association and help with conference organization and publicity and marketing. Marie Bernal agreed to volunteer to take on these tasks.

7. Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 16:45