

Minutes

2018 AP-PPN Business Meeting

Tsinghua University

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1. The Meeting was called to order by M. Howlett at 17:45.
2. Thanks were extended to Ciqi Mei and the Tsinghua University organizers, students and staff for an excellent conference.
3. It was explained that the meeting would have a small agenda since sites for 2019 (HKUST) and 2020 (UWA) had already been selected, and the Steering Committee members were in the midst of a two-year term. Members were encouraged to consider running for the Steering Committee in 2019 and to also consider hosting the 2021 meeting, the site of which would be selected at next year's event.
4. A short review of the past years' activities was provided, highlighting the Tsinghua conference, the creation of the new India Public Policy Network and the first steps towards the creation of the Philippines PPN. Members were encouraged to attend next year's IPPN meetings as well as those of affiliated organizations in Japan, Korea, Australia and elsewhere.
5. Several items of new business were discussed, stemming from the Tsinghua workshops on pedagogy and teaching. It was agreed that
 - a. Ora Poocharoen from Chiang Mai University would lead an effort to develop and hold a summer school on methodology in Thailand, utilizing a novel mix of on-line resources and live teaching.
 - b. Ciqi Mei and M. Ramesh would co-ordinate an effort to develop an on-line toolkit of policy analytical techniques of use to practitioners and students.
6. Requests for New Business were then entertained. It was agreed:
 - a. That Sarah Bales would look into preparation of a set of links to Case Studies on the region that would be of use to AP-PPN members in their teaching and Executive Training; and
 - b. That Parameswaran Venkatesh would look into establishing a Facebook presence for the AP-PPN directed towards students and encouraging student participation in AP-PPN activities.
 - c. Ora Poocharoen suggested that Conference Papers be preserved in on-line proceedings. She will submit the papers from Chiang Mai and Ciqi Mei the papers from Tsinghua for posting to the website.
 - d. Yali Mu inquired about student subsidies for future meetings. It was agreed that this was an important topic that future conference organizers could address.
 - e. It was requested that future conference web materials include more information on visa issues and easier processes for payment of conference fees.
7. The Meeting adjourned at 18:15.