**Asia-Pacific Public Policy Network**

Minutes of February 14, 2020 AGM

University of Western Australia

**In Attendance:**

*Katie Attwell, Kelly Gerard, M. Ramesh, Jeannette Taylor, Kidgie Saguin, Zhixia Chen, Timo Moldogaziev, Richard Walker, Marie Bernal, Michael Howlett, Oliver Fritsch, Francesco Stolfi, Aishwarya Banavathu, Athar Mansoor, Hang Diiong, Josh McDonnell, Yibin Zhang, Maitreyee Mukherjee, Janiscus Tornesab, A. Apriwan, M. Jin Lee, MD. Ashraf, Anik Tapadere, M. Jae Moon, Raymond C.F. Yiu, Flavia B. Zimmerman*

**Items**

1. **The Meeting was called to order by Michael Howlett at 16:00**
2. **Items for the Agenda were called for. The agenda was set as:**
   1. *Old Business*
      1. *2021 and 2022 Conference Location*
      2. *Website & Social Media Presence*
   2. *New Business*
      1. *2020 UWA Conference Report*
      2. *Other PPN Activities*
      3. *New Association Links*
   3. *Future Business*
      1. *Governance Renewal*
      2. *Recommendations for 2021 EduHK AGM*
   4. *Other Business*
3. **Old Business**
   1. 2021 and 2022 Conference Location
      1. Michael Howlett reported on the successful Call for Locations which followed the HKUST 2019 AGM. The 2021 Conference was awarded to EduHK under Local Organizer Darryl Jarvis and the 2022 conference will be awarded to Airlangga University in Indonesia, pending final confirmation from the local organizers.
   2. Website
      1. Marie Bernal presented a report on the new AP-PPN website and social media presences, and encouraged all members to utilize the association Twitter handles and Facebook accounts in addition to the existing e-mail accounts and websites. Marie was thanked for volunteering to manage the sites and congratulated on her excellent work over 2019-2020 in developing and implementing the upgrades.
4. **New Business**
   1. 2020 UWA Conference Report
      1. Jeannette Taylor presented a report on the UWA 2020 AGM. The conference was organized under difficult circumstances given the late emergence of the Coronavirus and subsequent cancellation of most Chinese participants. Jeannette reported that of 100 papers originally accepted 70 participants registered from Australia, India, Canada, the US, Japan, Bangladesh, Singapore, Hong Kong and other countries. The total cost of the conference was Aus$24K. Despite the programme difficulties, in general organization went well with the exception of the high charges paid to an outside contractor to handle registration, which is recommend against using in future.
      2. Jeannette and her team were congratulated for having worked through adversity to provide an excellent conference.
   2. Other PPN Activities
      1. Michael Howlett discussed the relationship between the AP-PPN and the International Public Policy Association and the development of several new IPPA affiliates year, including the Canadian Public Policy Network, the Thailand Public Policy Network, and the Philippines Public Policy Network. Members were encouraged to subscribe to those Association e-mail lists and take part in their activities.
      2. Kidjie Saguin provided a brief report on the inaugural meeting of the Philippines PPN in Manilla last fall and encouraged all members to respond to the Call for Papers for the 2020 meeting, also in Manilla, which has just been issued.
      3. M. Ramesh also noted the successful second meeting of the India Public Policy Network in Delhi in 2019 and the upcoming 3rd meeting in Chandigarh in April.
   3. New Association Links
      1. Richard Walker noted other policy organizations to which the AP-PPN could affiliate. These included the PMRA which is seeking to expand its presence in the area. It was agreed to follow-up this initiative and others like it over the next year, in addition to providing a presence on the IPPA homepage.
5. **Future Business**
   1. Governance Renewal
      1. Michael Howlett noted that the AP-PPN Steering Committee was created at HKUST in 2015 and is in need of renewal. He recommended reporting to the next AGM on Governance processes including election of Steering Committee members.
      2. M. Ramesh moved, seconded by Katie Attwell, that the organizers of all past meetings be immediately appointed to the Steering Committee along with the Network Manager and that existing members be queried as to their continued willingness to serve. PASSED
   2. Recommendations for 2021 EduHK AGM
      1. A lengthy discussion ensued on feedback from the 2020 AGM experience and what advice the 2021 EduHK team could take forward from it. It was agreed that:
         1. The Keynote Plenary worked well in 2020 and the 2021 organizers should be encouraged to organize a similar presentation on a topical issue.
         2. The teaching roundtable held in Perth worked well and the EduHK organizers should also consider holding such an event. “Innovations in Teaching Methods” was suggested as a possible topic. It was also suggested that a similar research panel might be held on a topic such as “Conducting Case Study Research”.
         3. A format with a limited number of concurrent streams works well for the AP-PPN and the EduHK organizers should retain a structure with three streams or less if possible.
         4. It would be best if papers were available to all participants rather than just to panel members. Marie Bernal agreed to investigate and implement options for inclusion of papers on the Association conference website.
         5. The 2020 Pre-conferences were both very successful, as have been those held at previous meetings, and it was recommended this become a standard part of the AP-PPN AGM programme, as it is now with organizations such as the IPPA and PMRA. Topics such as “Navigating the Academic Career Ladder” for early career researchers and “Getting Published” for graduate students and ECR were suggested as possible ongoing pre-conference workshop topics.
6. **Other Business**
   1. Hearing none, the Meeting adjourned at 4:45