

**Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday 19 September, 2017
Novotel Sukhumvit 20
5:30pm – 7.00pm**



1. Meeting Opening

Attendees: Brenton Mauriello (President)
M.L. Laksasubha Kridakon (Vice President)
Charles Wrightman (Vice President)
Carly Cummings
Chris Larkin
Stuart Kelly
Benjamin Krieg
Apiradee Bunyalekha
Angus Kent

Brendan Cunningham

Apologies: Wayne Williams (Vice President)
Peter Emblin (Treasurer)
Alan Polivnick
Susan Kahwati

a. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The Minutes of the August Board Meeting were adopted. Proposed by Charles Wrightman. Seconded by M.L. Laksasubha Kridakon.

2. Membership

A total of 353 members were noted.

The Board approved eight (8) new membership applications: Ms. Zara Tremlett, CHEP (Thailand) Ltd., Panomatic Co., Ltd., Indorama Ventures Global Services Co.,Ltd, Berkeley International School, Swissotel Le Concorde Bangkok, Wrightman Corporation, Octopus Electrical Services Co.,Ltd.

3. Treasurer's Report

Membership revenue for August was 110% ahead of budget, attributed to an increase in Event net revenue and operating costs below budget.

Net impact YTD is we have recovered shortfall and on target to minimize the year-end deficit, which is good given slow membership at start of year.

4. President's Update

- a.** AustCham paper submission to the Australian Embassy;
AustCham Thailand submitted a paper proposing the development of a closer working relationship between Australian Chambers of Commerce and Australian government departments on a global level. The paper was a follow up to Brenton's discussion with the Foreign Minister on her recent visit here.



5. Sub-Committee Updates

a. Alumni

Next collaborative event for Alumni is planned for Thursday 9 November in Chiang Mai. The Australian Embassy is taking lead, with support from AustCham and AAA.

b. Communications

Brendan presented the sub-committees plans for a new communications strategy based on drawing content from members, designed by committee member Dave Norcross from Lexicon. The strategy to be launched 2-October, and implement beginning of November 2017.

c. Digital Innovation & Technology

Event with CTO of Central Group planned for 28 November.

d. Hospitality & Tourism

Joint Lunch with guest speaker Minister for Tourism and Sport, H.E. Ms. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul planned for either 15 or 16 November.

Committee preparing content for a Hospitality and Tourism specific survey to be launched to members only, with results to be put into a whitepaper and submitted to Thai government.

e. Education

Australian Universities Connect! Event planned for pre-sundowners on Wednesday 8 November.

f. AFL Grand Final

Saturday 30 September; 9.00-15.00

Naming right Sponsor: Virgin Active

Premier Sponsors: Coffee Club, Rugby School, Thai Air Asia

Event Supporters: Lady Pie, Raja Fashion

g. Golf Tournament

Friday 10 November;

Naming right Sponsor: Duchess Hotel

Hole Sponsors: ANZ, Allied Pickfords, Blackmores, dwp

6. Events

a. Recent and Upcoming Events

Brendan outlined upcoming events in September, October and November

7. AOB

ANZWG approached AustCham enquiring about how we can assist with the overall management of their charitable activities in Thailand. Further research is required on AustCham's capabilities in this area and will be discussed again at the next board meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday 24 October, 2017 at 5.30pm; Macquarie Securities office.