

**British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA)**  
**Accounting Education Special Interest Group (SIG)**  
**University of Sussex, Hilton Brighton Metropole**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, 11.00 – 12:00**

1. Attendance and apologies:

Joan Ballantine (Chair)	Patricia Everaert
Greg Stoner (Vice Chair)	Evelien Opdecam
David Trodden (Treasurer)	Janet West
Alan Sangster (Secretary)	Peta Myers
Barbara Flood (Executive Board)	Ian Short
Ellie Franklin (Executive Board)	Amir Michael
Rob Jones (Executive Board)	Hans van der Heijden
Cathy Myles (Co-Opted)	Megan Kelly
John Smith (Co-Opted)	Olga Cam
Linda Hickson (Co-Opted)	Andrew Read
Maria Gee (Co-Opted)	Angela Lorenz
Lim Teoh	Clodagh Hegarty
Satoshi Sugahara	Effie Anastasiou
Chris Soan	Hilary Lindsay
Debbie Jones	Houdini Fourie
Beth Picton	Heba Elsayed
Peter Weadack	Wadzanai Mabuto
Jane Towers-Clark	Claire Edwards
Keith Howson	Ismail Adelopo
Meredith Tharapos	Oluseyi Adesina
Brian Telford	Claudia Texeira
Frida Fanani Rohma	Brid Murphy
Arin Pranesti	Jane O'Rourke
Rumiyati	Syamarlah Rasaratnam
Jessica Johnson	Than Min
Alice Shepherd	Rachel Edden
Susan Smith	Temi Oyelere
Richard Bruce	Jon Lyons
Harin De Silva	

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: approved

3. Chairperson's Annual Report: Joan Ballantine reported on issues that have been of concern to the Accounting Education SIG in 2017. The main activity having been the annual conference held in Cardiff in May 2017.

4. Treasurer's Report: A small deficit of £244 at the Cardiff 2017 conference. A balance on reserves at last 31st December 2017 of almost £28,000. The accounts were approved.
  
5. British Accounting and Finance Association Update
  - a. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): This is becoming effective as of 25th May & Joan is awaiting guidance from the BAFA national executive committee.
  - b. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Joan reported on the work of SIG to determine the mix of the membership by asking all members to record features such as their gender, age, ethnicity & any disabilities when renewing their annual BAFA membership.
  - c. Governance and Constitution of Special Interest Groups: Joan reported that BAFA executive committee had asked all SIGs to review their constitution. This will be enacted in point 6.
  - d. Reserves and Banking Policy: Reserves of SIGs are not allowed be excessive and the guideline is that they are expected to be no more than approximately one year's expenses. The expenses in 2017 were £23,000 and our reserves total £28,000 at 31st December, so we are in the grey zone. Banking, the BAFA national executive intend to have a centralised banking facility for all SIGs soon, in the meantime we will operate the banking under our existing arrangements until a decision is made by BAFA.
  - e. New BAFA Award: 'Outstanding Contribution to Accounting Education': The criteria are being developed jointly by the AE SIG with the Committee of Department Heads of Accounting & Finance (CDAF).
  
6. Approval of BAFA Accounting Education Special Interest Group Constitution: The proposed changes were explained, voted on & accepted.
  
7. Future plans and priority areas for the Accounting Education Special Interest Group 2018-2019
  - a. Mentoring Programme: 2018 is to be the pilot programme with 5 mentors & mentees. It is hoped to expand this to 20 mentors & 20 mentees for 2019.
  - b. Part-funded Doctoral Studies: An award of £2,000 for a BAFA member to help with costs such as data analysis is to be made available. In exchange the recipient would have to present their research at two annual AE SIG conferences. The deadline for applications is 30th June 2018.
  - c. International links: Joan was delighted to have so many attendees from other countries at this year's AE SIG conference in Brighton. It had been agreed that 2 members of the AE SIG executive would attend the SA Education conference in December 2018. In addition at least one member would attend the Australian Accounting Education conference in 2019.
  
8. Elections to the Accounting Education SIG Executive Board – The following were elected for a 3-year term:
  - Chair – Greg Stoner
  - Vice Chair – Joan Ballantine
  - Secretary – Linda Hickson
  - Elected Member – Alan Sangster

The Executive Board is as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Current Holder</b>	<b>Elected From</b>	<b>Elected Until</b>
Chair	Greg Stoner	2018	2021
Vice Chair	Joan Ballantine	2018	2021
Treasurer	David Trodden	2017	2020
Secretary	Linda Hickson	2018	2021
Elected Member (Professional Bodies Liaison)	Rob Jones	2016	2019
Elected Member (Conference Organiser)	Ellie Franklin	2016	2019
Elected Member	Alan Sangster	2018	2021
Elected Member	Barbara Flood	2016	2019

Expressions of interest for Co-opted membership of the Executive Board were sought, with a deadline of the end of May.

9. Accounting Education (journal) update: Alan Sangster, Editor-in-Chief of Accounting Education invited all attendees to submit full papers to the journal.
10. Best Paper Award – Accounting Education (journal)  
Abhayawansa, S., Bowden, M., & Pillay, S. (2017). Students' conceptions of learning in the context of an accounting degree. *Accounting Education*, 26(3), 213-241.
11. Forthcoming Conferences
  - a. Ghent University, Ghent, 22-24<sup>th</sup> May 2019
  - b. University of Glasgow, 2020 (provisionally 20-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020)
  - c. A call for expressions of interest was made for the 2021 conference and beyond
12. Any Other Business  
Facebook group "BAFA ACCOUNTING EDUCATION SIG" – search and send a request to be added
13. Date of next AGM: provisionally Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019