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	<p>Dr Nicola Beatson is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Otago in the department of Accountancy and Finance and is a passionate teacher and researcher. Since 2015, she has been on the organising committee for the AFAANZ Accounting Education SIG, and has huge amounts of energy and passion to dedicate to the AFAANZ board. For the last two years she has served on the technical committee (education streams) for the annual conference. She is an associate editor for <i>Accounting Education</i> and is on the editorial review board for <i>Journal of Accounting Education</i>. She is passionate about AFAANZ and sees her ongoing association with her ‘academic family’ as vital for a successful academic career. If elected to the AFAANZ board she will work tirelessly to grow the AFAANZ community to promote engagement and make all feel welcome at AFAANZ. “I remember my first AFAANZ conference, I felt so welcomed and part of a vibrant, engaged group of likeminded people. If successful in being voted onto the board, I will continue to work hard to maintain the positive culture within AFAANZ, especially for new and emerging academics.”</p>
Robert Czernkowski	University of Technology, Sydney
	<p>I have been teaching and researching in financial accounting at UTS since 2009. Prior to that, I held appointments at UTas, UNSW and Sydney. I have been involved in institutional governance to some extent at all institutions, and believe that coalface academics, who have experience and knowledge in both teaching and research, are best placed to make decisions about Universities, as they understand the key value drivers better than the bureaucrats. I have nominated for the AFAANZ Board in order to give back to our academic community.</p> <p>I have no predispositions for or against change, and will seek to spend the first part of my membership, if elected, learning and working; consideration of strategy going forward will then follow. (Don’t promise change for change’s sake until you understand what, if anything, is wrong). We face a number of challenges in the accounting and finance disciplines. These relate not only to the slow repositioning of universities as institutions, but also – as always – to the inevitable march of technological and work-environment changes affecting our graduates, which exist even in the absence of fad-driven management.</p>
Sumit Lodhia	University of South Australia
	<p>Professor Sumit Lodhia is a Director of the Centre for Sustainability Governance (CSG), where he leads research focused on sustainability accounting, reporting, and governance. Professor Lodhia is a current member of the AFAANZ Board, being elected in 2018. Sumit was presented with the annual Australasian - Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting (A-CSEAR) Hall of Fame Award for 2017. The award is given to researchers who show leadership and a sustained contribution to research on sustainability accounting and reporting.</p> <p>Sumit has completed a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Master of Arts (MA) at the University of the South Pacific, and a PhD from the Australian National University (ANU). He has published over 60 articles in a range of prestigious refereed journals and authored a book and several research reports. He is the co-editor of <i>Accounting Forum</i> and a member of the Editorial Board of several international journals.</p>

	<p>Sumit has been awarded grants from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ), Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and CPA Australia, to support and continue his industry relevant research. He has presented his research at conferences nationally and internationally. Professor Lodhia is often a mentor at PhD colloquia associated with various conferences and has been/is on the technical committee for the AFAANZ and A-CSEAR conferences. Sumit is the author of the “Qualitative Pitch”, a research template for pitching qualitative research ideas.</p>
<p>Lee Smales</p>	<p>University of Western Australia</p>
	<p>I am currently an Associate Professor, and Program Director for Master of Applied Finance, at UWA. Prior to entering academia, I gained international experience with Citigroup. My teaching and research interests are closely aligned with this prior financial market career. I have presented at several major conferences and published over 40 articles in journals such as Journal of Banking & Finance, Journal of Empirical Finance, Accounting & Finance, and Pacific-Basin Finance Journal. I have enjoyed teaching across a range of topics and levels, gaining several awards in the process, and utilise my industry experience in order to bring theory to life. I have contributed in Board roles in both academia and industry and have much expertise to offer to AFAANZ.</p>
<p>Thu Phuong Truong</p>	<p>Victoria University of Wellington</p>
	<p>Thu Phuong Truong is a Senior Lecturer of Accounting at Victoria University of Wellington. She teaches financial accounting, financial statement analysis, finance and research methodology at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.</p> <p>Phuong has published in numerous journals in the fields of corporate disclosure, governance and regulation, including Accounting & Finance, Pacific-Basin Finance Journal, Company and Securities Law Journal, Australian Journal of Corporate Law, Accounting Research Journal, and Pacific Accounting Review. She serves on the editorial board of Accounting & Finance, and is an associate editor of Accounting & Finance and Accounting Research Journal. She is a member of the management committee of the Quantitative Accounting Research Network, which aims to support and strengthen the environment for quantitative accounting research in New Zealand. Outside academia, Phuong is a co-founder and CEO of ADEDU, whose mission is to promote and nurture the creative mind in New Zealand and beyond.</p> <p>Phuong is actively involved in AFAANZ’s events, including presentations and discussions at the AFAANZ annual conferences and Financial Reporting SIG forums. She has been awarded five AFAANZ/SIRCA research grants, and has published and reviewed for Accounting & Finance. At various times, she has been a member of and participated at the Auditing and Assurance, Financial Reporting and Finance SIGs.</p> <p>“Being part of AFAANZ has been extremely important for my career as an accounting academic. I hope to contribute my energy and passion to AFAANZ in its mission to support accounting and finance community and bring academic research in accounting and finance one step closer to the public.”</p>