

Minutes of the of Board of Directors

21 March 2016

1. ATTENDANCE:

1.1 **Present:** George Fong (Chair), Paul Brooks (Vice-Chair), Laurie Patton (CEO), Keith Besgrove (Secretary), Gunela Astbrink, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Craig O'Toole, Holly Raiche, Jon Lawrence, Narelle Clarke, Rob Gregory

Apologies: Craig Ng (Treasurer), Chris Disspain

1.2 **Declarations of Interest:**
Nil

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Gunela Astbrink raised the issue that an the motion as noted in the minutes relating to Organisational/Foundation membership had not made it clear that it was referring to both. Agreed that the previous minutes be amended to to reflect the motion agreed at that board meeting:

*The Board was advised **Foundation** membership invoices have not yet been sent. While there was a consensus on an increase in membership fees from \$250 to \$500 **for what is now named Organisational membership**, it had not been formally ratified by the board. The Board agreed:*

Motion (proposed Cheryl Langdon-Orr, seconded Craig Ng):

- Existing **Foundation** members would be billed to July 2016 at \$275 (\$250 Membership + \$25 GST).
- New **Organisational** Members would be billed \$550 (\$500 Membership + \$50 GST).
- A letter would be sent to existing **Foundation** Members that 2016/17 fees would increase to \$550 (\$500 Membership + \$50 GST).

The Minutes were accepted as amended (Proposed Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Seconded Gunela Astbrink)

3. Executive Reports/Updates

3.1 **Chair** – The Chair provided a brief report on activities relating to data retention. An outline of the funding discussions was given and noted that ISPs had been asked to submit their funding grant requests to AusIndustry. There were no clear timelines on when funding would be provided and how much would be provided to each provider. IA has continues to be active on the ISP-SIG.

The Chair also outlined the pending requirements of ISPs to comply with the new TCP code. The Chair also outlined the submission by The CEO, Vice Chair and Chair to the Senate Select Committee on the NBN.

<http://parlview.aph.gov.au/mediaPlayer.php?videoID=296132>

At 10:46:47

Further discussion on his was deferred to the CEO and Vice Chair.

3.2 Treasurer – The Treasurer provided written reports (attached)

Some late items were also reported, including 2 confirmed Bronze memberships which had clearance by the potential members to be invoiced.

The Treasurer indicated that he was working through and scrutinising submitted directors' expenses for payment. These would be presented to the executive committee.

Jon Lawrence reported that a number of membership transactions had gone through the web portal and that there was a possible under-reporting of membership fees in the financial reports. Jon undertook to talk to the bookkeeper and follow through on the reporting mechanisms to treasurer.

The Treasurer was congratulated for his first and comprehensive report :-)

3.3 CEO – The CEO has regularly reported on his activities. The Chair requested the Board to review the regular correspondence for the CEO. CEO reported on Creative Content Australia. He has been trying to meet with the CEO of CCA Graham Burke. We have raised concerns about site blocking technology in public media. We are seeking a response to those concerns.

The CEO outlines the presentation made to the Senate Select Committee. Particular reference made to the Vice Chair Paul Brooks in terms of the comprehensive technical answers given to the Senate Select Committee in respect of the technical aspects of the various technologies available to the NBN.

Points made were in relation to the ROI of various technologies over 30+ years. The CEO also advised the committee in relation to our role and relevance to the national community.

Data retention – the CEO outlined that the next challenge is to lobby for an early review. Clear concerns expressed by members of the ISP-SIG indicate short to medium term challenges to implementation under the current regime which will impact on the effectiveness and utility of data retention in its current form. The CEO indicated that it would be useful to get more information and case studies from smaller regional ISPs.

Gunala Astbrink suggested that these issues and others more broadly should be encapsulated in a list of key election points that IA will want to pursue in the coming Federal election.

Action point supported and sponsored by CEO and Vice-Chair – go to members and give them a voice on issues to include on the IA list of key election points.

The Vice-Chair also suggested that we should recruit expertise from both the membership and the Board.

The CEO suggested that the Executive Committee could be expanded to include the Chair of the Policy Committee and the election of another Vice Chair representing international issues (Cheryl Langdon-Orr, given her prominent role at both ALAC and in ICANN)..

The Immediate Past President Narelle Clark indicated that she understood that she would be included as a member of the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President. The Chair indicated that this was not his understanding and would review previous correspondence and minutes/resolutions on the matter.

3.4 Vice Chair – The Vice Chair reported on recent activity on both data retention and the submission (and follow up) to the Senate Select Committee on the NBN.

4. Draft Communications Policy v2 – The Ceo reported that at the direction of the Chair, he had drafted an updated version of the Communications Policy to reflect current practices. The Immediate Past

President Narelle Clark expressed concerns about the redraft. The Chair directed the meeting to take up any and all concerns and amendments to the CEO so that another draft of the policy could be developed based on those concerns and brought to the next meeting.

5. Appointment of other Vice Chairs – The Chair outlined the previous process of of the board of considering the appointment of one or more additional Vice Chairs as the amended constitution now allows. The Chair pointed out that the Board had at the last extended meeting, agreed and concluded that an insufficient case had, at that time, been made out for such an additional appointment. Concerns were raised about whether such an appointment could be made beyond the first meeting after the AGM.

The Chair and board member Robert Gregory undertook to review the Constitutional position. Subject to this, a circular resolution would be developed for consideration by the Board and subject to confirmation that this was within Constitutional structures.

6. Directors' Representations – The Chair noted that the period since the last meeting had continued to be a busy one for most all board members.

6.1 National Representations

6.11 – Senate Select Committee on the NBN – The Chair noted that significant previous discussion on this event had already taken place in the meeting.

6.2 – International Representation – discussion took place in respect of both the ICANN meeting in Marrakesh and The NTIA- IANA transition and the progress thereof

It was noted that several members of the board had significant roles in relation to these activities. Narelle Clark has had a key role on the transition working group. Chris Disspain is a member of the Implementation Working Group.

The Chair noted in particular the pivotal role that the Immediate Past Chair Narelle Clark had played in the working group tasked with developing the transition process and undertook to apprise the members and wider general community of this significant and important contribution.

Gunela Astbrink also outlined her representation on the IGF APAC cross country committee on ICANN.as a part of APROLO

eg <https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/At-Large+Captioning+Pilot+Project>

Cheryl Langdon-Orr asked that Gunela Astbrink's work on ICANN also be acknowledged.

7. Strategic Discussion

7.1.1 – IANA Transition – The board agreed to develop information papers for the members in order to formulate an Australian position on the transition process. Narelle Clark to assist in providing links and information as she can.

7.2.2 – NBN Policy consideration in the light of current rollout policies – Further discussion to pursued on the management list. CEO to develop draft policy in the light of current developments. The Vice-Chair indicated that this would be an important opportunity to organise face to face meetings in every state. The Chair undertook to talk to the Events Committee about putting an implementation strategy around this.

8. Events

8.1 - Presentation to IT Students at Federation University Australia – possible opportunity for a Round Table event/F2F? - Th Chair declared a conflict of interest as Deputy Chair of Federation

University Australia. He outlined an opportunity for IA to present to students of this University at the end of May. The Chair suggested that this might also be an opportunity to organise a Face to Face meeting of the Board, in Ballarat, and a possible meeting with organisations such as NBN Australia as well as State and Federal Government organisations relevant to IA's activities. The Chair undertook to refer and sponsor this to the Events Committee.

10, Next Meeting – The Chair apologised for the meeting running overtime and thanked all board members of their accommodation of the Chair's personal circumstances over the last 3 months. The Chair and CEO undertook to maintain the original schedule of meetings.

Next meeting (proposed as per published schedule) - 11th April 2016 at 12:30pm.
