

Minutes of the of Board of Directors

**10 May 2016 – 1.30pm
Via Videoconference**

1. ATTENDANCE:

1.1 Present: George Fong (Chair), Laurie Patton (CEO), Keith Besgrove (Secretary), Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Craig O'Toole, Jon Lawrence, Narelle Clarke, Rob Gregory, Narelle Clark

Apologies: Paul Brooks (Vice-Chair), Chris Disspain, Gunela Astbrink, Holly Raiche.

1.2 Declarations of Interest:

Narelle Clark declared an interest in relation to her role as Deputy CEO of ACCAN. Narelle also asked that her bio on the website be corrected as half of it was missing.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Craig O'Toole, seconded by Cheryl Landgon-Orr. Passed.

3. Reports and Updates

Chair – The Chair reported on recent activities. No real movement in relation to the Data retention regime. Still awaiting news on funding allocations. There will be a seminar/presentation on behalf of IA at Federation University Australia in June.

Treasurer – The Treasurer indicated that we were tracking well but it was important to keep an eye out on membership renewals coming up in June. Rob Gregory asked about trade debtors. The Treasurer indicated that there may need to be some adjustments regarding non-financial members who have not renewed. The Treasurer to follow up with Suzanne Redhead and with the CEO regarding our larger corporate members.

CEO – The CEO continued to pursue new members at corporate level. He suggested that a list of non-financial members be drawn up and phone calls were made by appropriate board members. The CEO reported that he had continued to track the issues of data retention and noted that John Stanton from the Communications Alliance had had some discussions with the AGD but no real progress.

The CEO also reported on several articles in which we had been quoted and we continued to get good coverage and referral from the media. We continue to maintain discussion in public with regard to NBN.

The CEO is working with AuDA in relation to presenting at the AuIGF. He will on our behalf be facilitating a session on digital inclusion. The CEO also reported that he will be presenting at the Broadband for the Bush conference in Brisbane in June.

4. Resolution: Executive Committee resolution of support for chair and CEO for ratification

“The executive affirms its full confidence in the chair and the CEO and recommends that a motion of support for the chair and the CEO be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting. In particular, the executive notes that over the past 12 months the organisation has secured significant additional revenue from memberships, both individual and organisational; our profile and effectiveness has been greatly increased as a result of a well planned and executed marketing and communications policy along with a highly successful government relations strategy; the chair and the CEO have jointly ensured that tight financial management has ensured that the company has remained well within budget”.

The proposed resolution was discussed at length. The board noted sensitivities between certain members and indicated a desire to ensure that board cogency was maintained.

Proposed by Keith Besgrove, seconded by Rob Gregory. For the motion: Keith Besgrove (Secretary), Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Craig O’Toole, Jon Lawrence, Narelle Clarke, Rob Gregory. Against the motion: Narelle Clarke. Motion passed.

5. ISOC Relations: CEO to report on Executive Committee decision

The CEO reported back on discussions held with various members of the global organisation and the Asia Pacific office. There had been an increased level of communications over the last 6 months. The CEO indicated that this was now an important factor in our relationship with the global organisation and Chapters. It was noted that there was a wealth of archival material available online in relation to WSIS.

6. Directors’ Representations.

As noted above.

7. Other Business

The Chair reported that that IA’s vote for the global organisation’s Board of Trustees had been cast as instructed and informed by board discussion. The Chair noted that Narelle Clark would be retiring from the Board of Trustees given that she had served 2 terms. The Chair paid tribute to the enormous amount of work and dedication that Narelle had put into this role and in respect of the difficult and trying assignment as one of 27 members of the IANA-ICANN Transition Working Group. He noted that both roles were pivotal to the welfare of the global Internet and that Narelle was a part of a dedicated group of Australians who represented and participated at the highest of levels. The Board joined in acknowledging Narelle’s work and achievements and gave a vote of thanks for her dedication and commitment.

NEXT MEETING:

14 June 2016.