

Minutes of the of Board of Directors

**14 June 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 Clark, Robert Gregory, Gunela Astbrink.

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

1.2 Declarations of Interest:

Narelle Clark declared an interest in relation to her role as Deputy CEO of ACCAN.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters arising – Narelle Clark noted that her bio on the website had still not been updated. The Chair noted that Ms Clark had not supplied an updated bio. Cheryl Langdon-Orr noted that there were links to each Directors' LinkedIn profiles and suggested that they should be kept up to date.

Ms Clarke noted that in respect of item 4 of the previous agenda, the motion was stated as being passed with one abstention. Ms Clarke stated that this was incorrect as she had in fact voted against the motion. The Chair undertook to amend the minutes to reflect her opposition to the motion.

Action – Ms Clark and other directors to supply updated bio if necessary. The Chair to amend the previous minutes to reflect Ms Clark's vote against the motion.

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

3. Reports and Updates

Chair – The Chair reported on recent activities. Still no real movement in relation to the Data retention regime. Still awaiting news on funding allocations. The Chair noted that the seminar presented to students at Federation University Australia was quite successful. The presenters included The Chair, Chris Disspain and Jon Lawrence. The Chair noted that the format was relaxed but effective and the exchange between the presenters and the attendees was constructive.

A video of the seminar can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ix6byMzXkZw&feature=youtu.be>

The Chair thanked Messrs Disspain and Lawrence for their effective participation in the event.

The Chair encouraged other members of the Board to look at replicating the seminar format in other educational institutions.

Treasurer – The Treasurer reported that the budget was tight but still under control. The Treasurer reported that he was working with the book keeper to improve processes. There had been some delays but this was on track. He also reported that the Budget was being worked on and would be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

The Treasurer and the Membership Officer undertook to catch up to discuss membership renewals.

The Treasurer indicated that documents were available in the organisation's ownCloud server and encouraged all Board members to use the facility.

CEO – The CEO reported on current NBN policy and continued discussion with NBNC Co as well as media comment in respect of the same, consistent with IA's recently passed policy statement on the NBN. The CEO also reported back on a successful participation and presentation at the Broadband for the Bush conference in Brisbane. The CEO noted that there was particular interest in the launch and commissioning of SkyMuster.

Policy Committee – Holly Raiche reported that the Policy Committee was working on a submission to the Productivity Commission in respect of the USO and the potential need to revamp the same in the light of broadband and Internet connectivity becoming an essential part of communications and linkages between communities across Australia and the World.

4. Membership

Jon Lawrence reported that membership renewals continued through the website. The Chair reiterated the point to all board members that it was incumbent on all to keep encouraging both renewals and new memberships.

5. Directors' Representations.

As noted above.

6. Other Business

Robert Gregory asked about the draft budget. The Treasurer indicated that it was underway and was a topic of priority discussion with the Executive Committee.

Mr Gregory also noted the necessity to start forward planning for the AGM in October.

NEXT MEETING:

9 August 2016.