

**Internet Australia**

**ABN 36 076 406 801**

## **Minutes of Directors' Meeting – Monday, 4 June 2018**

### **1. Roll-Call and Apologies**

Those present: **Greg** Adamson, **Keith** Besgrove (VC), **Paul** Brooks (Chair), **Sae Ra** Germaine (VC), **James** Horton, **Shantnu** Kumar, **Cheryl** Langdon-Orr (VC), **Craig** O'Toole (Treas), **Holly** Raiche, **Peter** Tonoli

Apologies: Roger Clarke (Sec), Fiona Tweedle.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of 6 March 2018 were approved.

### **3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The chair expressed his appreciation of the efforts of board members while he had recently been out of action and indicated that he should be able to give greater attention to IA going forward.

The chair flagged his appearance on the following day before the Joint Parliamentary Committee and the social gathering of members to be held on Tuesday evening in Melbourne.

On NBN he said that much of the NBN's problems arise from it being a two headed beast. After 2020 the construction phase should disappear and NBN should ultimately become profitable going forward, yielding about \$3bn per annum. At some stage it should make a return on its investment but it has been unrealistic of politicians on both sides to expect a commercial return in 10 years for a project of this nature.

The chair and several other board members also flagged recent approaches to them from the office of the Opposition spokesperson on Communications.

### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- The Treasurers report is attached. The Treasurer commented that there was not a lot of income or outgoings in the past few months and we were still comfortably in the black.
- On membership, it was noted that Sae Ra and Craig were working on a revision of the membership system with a view to automating it and being able to provide a regular membership update for the board.
- A brief discussion of potential corporate support revealed that the chair was seeking to get some of our foundation members back to the fold

**Action: The chair to circulate to members a list of the foundation members.**

### **5. POLICY MATTERS**

- Policy committee report (Holly)

Holly indicated that she had little to report at this juncture. We had elected not to submit a second submission on the ACMA NBN rules.

She also advised the board that she had recently been appointed to the board of auDA.

**Action: The chair to send to Holly a link to the JPC issues of new technology in law enforcement.**

- New SIG – Knowledge Bank (Craig/Paul/Cheryl)

Feedback on the first meeting of the new SIG was highly positive. Craig said that, while it took a while to understand what Tim was advocating, once understood it was clear that the initiative was an important one. Essentially Tim is proposing an ecosystem for identity management that will enable people to control what is done with their data. A key step in the development of this ecosystem will be to help government to understand the proposal and to enable Knowledge Bank to act legally. The chair said that the proposal needs a whole lot of further development and that IA should take a lead on this.

James Horton offered to provide board member support to Tim Holbourn in developing the ideas further.

There was unanimous board support for the establishment and support of the new SIG.

- auDA consultation working group (Peter/Keith)

Holly Raiche absented herself for this item.

Peter and Keith gave a brief update on the work of auDA's consultation working group, which is currently considering different approach to new membership structures in response to the recommendations of the Government's review of auDA. These will be taken to a consultation meeting of all auDA members in Melbourne in the first week of July 2018.

The question of the auDA SGM was raised along with the question of whether Internet Australia should vote on questions being put before the SGM. The consensus was that, as an organisation, Internet Australia should abstain from voting at the SGM

- Australian Internet Community Forum (Cheryl/Peter/Keith/Paul) see attached draft of an invitation to the 19 July event.

The board members who are part of the steering committee gave an update on preparations including discussion of the IA proposed invitees. The question arose about providing airfares for members who could not afford to travel to Canberra for the event. The consensus was that IA was not in a position to offer funds for this purpose. The chair said that he would ask ACCAN if they had funds for this purpose.

## **6. RATIFICATIONS**

- ISOC Charter letter

A smaller meeting of interested board members on 29 May 2018 had agreed on the elements of a reply to the Charter Letter. A draft was prepared by Keith Besgrove, based on this discussion together with the comments provided by the Secretary in his earlier emails on this subject. The chair indicated that he wished to amend this draft and he will circulate a further draft response to board members.

## **7. NEXT MEETINGS**

Each Board member is to note that:

- **the 1st MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January, 12:15-14:00, is a potential meeting date**
- **a minimum of 4 meetings will be called**
- **a maximum of 6 meetings will be called**

The following are the dates for the remainder of 2018:

Mon 4 Jun 2018

Mon 2 Jul 2018

**Mon 6 Aug 2018**

Mon 3 Sep 2018

Mon 1 Oct 2018 ? [Problematic – Holidays in NSW, ACT, Qld, SA]

**Mon 5 Nov 2018**

Mon 3 Dec 2018

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### Venue and Joining Instructions

Topic: IA Board Meeting

Time: Jun 4, 2018 12:15 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/710598528>

Or iPhone one-tap :

Australia: [+61280152088,710598528#](tel:+61280152088,710598528#) or [+61871501149,710598528#](tel:+61871501149,710598528#)

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

Australia: [+61 \(0\) 2 8015 2088](tel:+61(0)280152088) or [+61 \(0\) 8 7150 1149](tel:+61(0)871501149) or [+61 18 0079 2488](tel:+611800792488) (Toll Free)

Meeting ID: 710 598 528

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/j/710598528>

## Draft text for participant invitations.

Dear [insert name]

A group of us are meeting in Canberra (on 19 July) to determine how the issues surrounding Internet governance in Australia should best be raised, discussed and debated. We would very much like you to join us at that meeting.

The absence of the Australian Internet Governance Forum (auIGF) has been keenly felt, by government and by the wider Australian Internet community. So much so that in October 2017, the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade officially launched [Australia's International Cyber Engagement Strategy](#). In it, the government noted that Australia is an advocate for a multi-stakeholder approach to Internet governance, and that the government will "Support an annual community-led Australian Internet governance and cooperation forum" (point 5.02, page 61).

At the Canberra meeting, we plan to discuss and agree what an "annual community-led Australian Internet governance and cooperation forum" might look like, and how to ensure such a forum remains sustainable in the longer term. However this Canberra meeting is not, itself, to be a forum for capacity building, or the discussion of internet governance issues.

The meeting will involve about 50 invited participants, including representatives from:

- the Australian Government [Department of Communications and the Arts](#)
- the Australian Government [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)
- [Internet Australia](#)
- [APNIC](#) (Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre)
- [ACCAN](#) (Australian Communications Consumer Action Network)
- [EFA](#) (Electronic Frontiers Australia)
- [auDA](#)

We hope that the key output of the meeting will be a plan for a sustainable national initiative that will – in the future – provide opportunities for the Australian internet community to discuss and address internet governance issues.

More information about this initiative is available at <http://acig.com.au/governance-secretariat/australian-internet-community-planning-way-forward/>. The single-day meeting will take place from 9am on Thursday 19 July, 2018, at Hotel Kurrajong, Barton, ACT.

I'm also happy to discuss any questions you might have.

**If you would like to attend our single-day Canberra meeting, and actively participate in this important work, please RSVP by Reply All email to me (and the group's secretariat) before Friday 15 June.**

[insert salutation and signature block]

Current outgoings;

Catering for Knowledge Banking (KB) event. \$1170  
Misc for KB event \$172  
Audit for previous year. \$2090  
MelbourneIT domain renewal internet.org.au (2 years) \$55  
Travel for chair to Melbourne NBN review \$600 estimate

Current incomings

steady stream of memberships.  
event sponsorship KB event from CommsDay \$2000

Cash position will be around the \$15k mark excluding term deposit. (HEALTHY)

Accounts balances:

Operational Account	\$15,094.19 available	\$15,095.19 balance
SSPA Account	\$191.74 available	\$191.74 balance
Term Deposit Account	\$0.00 available	\$1,870.88 balance