

Directors' Meeting – Monday, 3 June 2019

Minutes

1. ** ROLL-CALL AND APOLOGIES

Those present: **Keith** Besgrove, **Paul** Brooks (Chair), **Sae Ra** Germaine, **Cheryl** Langdon-Orr, **Holly** Raiche, **Peter** Tonoli, **James** Horton.

Apologies: **Geoff** Huston, **Roger** Clarke.

2. FORMAL MATTERS

The board discussed the draft letter to the Hon Paul Fletcher, MP on his appointment as Minister for Communications, Cybersafety and the Arts. The draft was generally supported. It was also agreed that letters should be prepared for Kristine Kenneally, Michelle Rowland and Mark Dreyfuss, congratulating them on their shadow ministry appointments.

Action: Holly to prepare drafts for finalisation by the Chair.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The chair reported on recent meetings with Commsalliance, Google and ACCAN. Unfortunately, Google have advised that it is not in a position to fund Corporate membership of IA this financial year.
- The Chair has been invited to attend a meeting of the APAC regional ISOC in Kuala Lumpur in a few weeks. ISOC will defray the travel costs.
- **** NetThing / Australian Internet Community Forum actions taken.** The Executive Committee met on 21 May 2019 and agreed to the following Charter for Internet Australia's administration of funds provided for NetThing. This has now been forwarded to the NetThing Steering Committee. [2019-04 Charter for Internet Australia's administration of NetThing - for finalisation and decision](#)
- The board was briefed on the state of play of the NetThing including that the date had been fixed for 28 October at UTS in Sydney and a deposit on the venue paid directly by APNIC because the arrangements for IA carriage of funding were not in place at that time.

4. OTHER EXEC COMMITTEE MATTERS

**** Treasurer**

- On 16 April Geoff Huston tendered his resignation as Treasurer of Internet Australia.

- The board subsequently agreed to appoint Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Paul Brooks to discharge the role of Treasurer jointly, pending identification of a Treasurer. This was subsequently further agreed to by Cheryl at the 21 May 2019 Executive Meeting.

The Treasurer's report was as follows:

1. We are unaware of any outstanding invoice or payment due *from* the Company to any debtors as at EOM May 2019.
2. the Xero Accounts system (yet to be reconciled for EOM) still shows 1 unpaid Amount *owing* to the Company (as previously and regularly reported) for \$27,500.00 against auDA. The Executive has directed the bookkeeper to reverse this invoice before June 30 2019YE Accounting, and we will pursue the promised amount in 2020FY with fresh invoicing if the promise of funds is reconfirmed.
3. We have had a detailed discussion with the bookkeeper in Orange and are clear on an acceptable method of operations moving forward under a quarterly commitment (noting we report GST Annually and have no other Qtly commitments) and the account activity is very tiny.
 - this will include the development of a 2020 budget based on 2019 Actuals and the usual reporting Qty for the Board and YE of P&L Expenditure to date against budget and actuals etc.,
 - her requirement for more regular data dumps of Membership processing via the Web site will also allow for easier reconciliation(s) and this should be done now with a 1/7/2018 to 30/5/2019 Report ASAP then a full June month after EOM fo facilitate Year End. This Membership data should be created Qtly for future Qtrs going forward.
 - We have instructed the bank to email all future statements directly to the bookkeeper.
 - We will be creating a set of Standard Procedures for future Treasurers to work with so that there is both a clear job description for the role of Honorary Treasurer and clear expectations between the Bookkeeper and our passing parade of volunteers.

Cash at Bank in Bendigo Accounts as at 1130 AEST 03/06/2019

Accounts:

1. INTERNET SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

BSB / Account Number
Account Name

Available
Balance

[633 000 / 119 839 538](#)
[Operational Account](#)

\$7,848.52
\$7,848.52

[633 000 / 119 867 455](#)
[Term Deposit Account](#)

\$0.00

\$1,880.25

2. INTERNET SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

BSB / Account Number

Account Name

Available
Balance

633 000 / 121 058 150

Card Access Statement Account

\$620.33

\$620.33

**** Membership**

It was agreed that we need to take action to follow up on previous meeting agreements to chase up organisational and individual lapsed members

Action: Peter Tonoli agreed to work with Shantnu to progress this issue.

**** Secretary**

- The Secretary advises that he will be absent overseas 27 April to 3 Jul. He draws to attention that this encompasses 3 possible Board dates, 6 May, 3 Jun and 1 Jul, when he is unlikely to be able to do Agendas and Minutes

International

Cheryl reported that she had provided material in response to several ISOC questionnaires relating to Chapter performance. Despite this, the Australian chapter was still listed on the ISOC website as being in “pre-rejuvenation”. She hoped that things would turn around in our future relationship with ISOC in the lights of changes in ISOC personnel with whom we would be dealing.

**** Technical Infrastructure**

Other Admin Matters

5.DISCUSSIONS WITH NOTICE

6. POLICY ISSUES

Jon Lawrence (policy committee member) is having a look at the PJCIS inquiries with submissions due 1 July (the Abhorrent Violent amendments to the Criminal Code and the Access and Assistance Act - we made submissions to both and, at the least, should resend

them. In discussion, Holly indicated the need for us to make some form of submission to ensure that we will then be called upon to participate in the subsequent review processes.

The Department of Communications is likely to pick up where they left off with a review of Consumer protections - Part C

An emerging issue is that Australia was a signatory to the 'Christchurch Call' - about a rethink of the Open Internet - and how to balance the obvious security concerns with the principles of a free and open internet.

7. EVENTS

Fiona Tweedie tendered her resignation as events coordinator on 13 April 2019 and the position remains vacant. The board agreed not to fill the casual board vacancy at this stage.

The board discussed the following three events that are impending for the second half of calendar 2019:

- Roger Clarke is planning an event canvassing security of consumer goods in the context of the Internet Of Things, following his attendance at a Consumers International Forum on this subject on 2 May in Portugal. Likely timeframe is September/October 2019. See also <https://www.internetsociety.org/resources/doc/2019/the-economics-of-the-security-of-consumer-grade-iot-products-and-services/>
- Holly Raiche is discussing potential joint seminars with ACCAN on the Christchurch Call. Likely timeframe is August 2019.
- Keith Besgrove, Peter Tonoli, Paul Brooks and Cheryl Langdon-Orr have been participating in the Steering Committee for the NetThing which is now scheduled to take place at UTS in the last week of October 2019.

8. SIGs

No discussion.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Keith Besgrove mentioned that he has been appointed to the Nomination Committee of auDA following the 2018 review of auDA and the subsequent changes to auDA's constitution. A public announcement to this effect is expected soon. Members of the Nominations Committee are also the Governing Members of auDA under the new constitution.

10. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the board should meet again on the next scheduled date which is Monday 1 July 2019.

In the Secretary's continued absence, Keith Besgrove volunteered to prepare an agenda and to also take minutes.