

## **Minutes of Directors' Meeting – 9 December 2019**

Held by electronic means in accordance with cl.15.2

The meeting commenced at **12:40**

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

#### **1.1 Roll-Call and Apologies**

Present: **Greg Adamson, Keith Besgrove, Paul Brooks (Chair), Roger Clarke, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Holly Raiche,**

Apologies: **Sae Ra Germaine, Geoff Huston**

Absent: **James Horton, Peter Tonoli**

### **2. FORMAL MATTERS**

**The Board ratified** the following decisions made between meetings:

1. Approval of the Board Minutes of:
  - o 10 September 2019
  - o 28 October 2019
2. Sign-up by IA to [Joint Statement on 'Major amendments to encryption laws are a step in the right direction'](#)

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

Cheryl, in her role as IA's Vice-Chair - International, put the position as being that IA endorses a continued, and as needs be enhanced, active and highly participatory focus in the governance matters of ISOC, in particular with the activities of the Chapters Advisory Council and other opportunities.

**The Board discussed**, at some length, ISOC's proposal to sell the Public Interest Registry (PIR), which administers the .org domain.

**The Board determined** that we would summarise a position statement on the matter, for communication to members, and we would communicate our disappointment to ISOC.

**The Board noted** that the focus of the ISOC 20/20 Strategy is very heavily on Layers 0-3, with very little on a global perspective for higher-level and broader issues, such as content, social media and social impact. The higher-level Layers involve crucial public policy issues. These loom large for IA and its members, and for other Chapters and their members, but also, for example, IETF, as evidenced by the subject-matter of RFCs in recent years.

**The Board noted** that Paul and Keith participated in the recent TelSoc AGM, together with discussions with the TelSoc Chair regarding joint events. It also noted that recent IA Directors Anne Hurley and Laurie Patton have joined the Board of TelSoc.

**The Board noted** reports by Paul, Keith and Cheryl on the outcomes of NetThing.

The Board resolved that it considers it very appropriate for IA to continue as 'the spiritual home' of the NetThing event, and as funds administrator.

**The Board noted** multiple Board members' absences between mid-December and late January, and the

possibility that the 3 February 2020 Board date may need to be re-scheduled.

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Cheryl)**

**The Board noted** the Treasurer's Report.

#### **5. POLICY ISSUES (Holly)**

**The Board noted** that a response is being prepared to Labor's Bill re the A&A Provisions, with particular emphasis on aspects not being addressed by other commentators. Debate resumes on 4 February.

Other current or emergent issues include:

- the possibility of an industry levy to support regional and rural Internet access
- the possibility of amendments/extensions to the unsolicited communications provisions, re calls by charities and politicians.

#### **6. NEXT MEETINGS**

**Each Board member is to NOTE IN THEIR DIARY that:**

- **the 1st MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH except January, 12:30-13:45 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 2020:

Mon 3 Feb 2020

Mon 2 Mar 2020 (Labour Day WA only)

Mon 6 Apr 2020

Mon 4 May 2020 (Labour Day QLD, May Dat NYT)

Mon 1 Jun 2020 (Reconciliation Day ACT, WA Day)

Mon 6 Jul 2020

Mon 3 Aug 2020 (Picnic Day NT)

Mon 7 Sep 2020

Mon 5 Oct 2020 (Labour Day NSW, ACT, SA, Queen's Birthday QLD)

Mon 2 Nov 2020 (Recreation Day TAS)

Mon 7 Dec 2020

The meeting concluded at 13:20

Signed as a correct and complete record of the above meeting. Paul Brooks, Chair