

Minutes of Directors' Meeting – 4 May 2020
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, Sae Ra Germaine, Geoff Huston, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Holly Raiche

Apologies:

James Horton

2. FORMAL MATTERS

The Board ratified the following decisions made between meetings:

1. Approval of the Board Minutes of 3 February 2020

3. FAREWELL TO A FELLOW BOARD-MEMBER

The Board noted the passing of Board-member Peter Tonoli, and his contributions to the Internet Australia Board and to many other civil society organisations and issues in the Internet freedoms and privacy space.

The Board also discussed possible ways of honouring his work, such as an annual keynote presentation, whether as part of the AGM or as a separate event, or whether it would be better to support the wider commemoration of his work, e.g. in the context of NetThing.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Board noted the Chair's Report regarding:

- **The Board noted** that there were currently 3 vacancies on the Board, and considered whether co-option of one or more Board-members should be considered, and the need to perform checks against the Board expertise matrix, and diversity dimensions such as age.
- **The Board resolved** to hold at least one position open until the AGM.
- **The Board noted** the ICANN decision to block the sale of Public Interest Registry (PIR), and acceptance by ISOC that the sale would not proceed, and welcomes the emphasis on sustaining the administration of the .org domain for the public good.
- **The Board noted** ISOC's Analysis of the 'New IP' Proposal to the ITU-T, and the clash between, on the one hand, the orientation of ITU towards centralisation of power, and, on the other, the ISOC emphasis on 'The Internet is for Everybody' and the need for multi-stakeholder structures and processes to manage and further develop architecture and infrastructure.
- **The Board noted** that NetThing 2020 Steering Committee has set 29-30 Sep as the date, and is looking at a somewhat different format, perhaps using regional hubs to extend beyond a single city (and to pre-counter the risk of being in close-down).
- **The Board noted** Rosemary Sinclair's commencement as CEO of auDA.

The Board noted the Report of the Vice-Chair International (Cheryl).

The Board noted the verbal report of the Vice-Chair Infrastructure (Sae Ra).

The Board noted the Report of the Treasurer (Cheryl).

5. POLICY ISSUES

The Board noted the Report of the Chair (Holly).

- **The Board noted** the potential significance of the ACCAN-coordinated initiative in relation to a joint statement on COVID-19 matters, and the Regional Broadband Charge matter.
- **The Board resolved** that, given that Internet infrastructure was holding up very well, there was no need for an Internet Australia position statement on COVID-19 matters, but that a watch would be maintained for issues that we should address.

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 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 14:00

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