

# Candidate information - 2015 AGM

The following individuals are candidates for election to the Board of Internet Australia (Internet Society of Australia) at the 2015 AGM. They are presented in alphabetical order by surname.

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## Keith Besgrove



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I have more than fifteen years experience at the forefront of Australian and international digital economy development policies. I have deep knowledge of telecommunications and information technology sectors, gained as a division head in the National Office of the Information Economy (NOIE), and the Department of Communications. I was responsible for strategic policy advice on all aspects of the digital economy, together with program development and implementation. I developed Australia's cyber security strategies; oversaw the delegation by ICANN of .au administration to auDA and served for many years as an observer on auDA's board; crafted legislation to combat spam and internet gambling; established the Do Not Call Register; and implemented programs to enable adoption of broadband in healthcare and education. In the communications consumer area, I played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) and was responsible for programs to deliver improved broadband services to many regional and remote areas of Australia.

More recently I was responsible for radio spectrum policy including the sale of the Digital Dividend spectrum and renewal of mobile phone licences by the three major carriers. I also developed the Government's first Cloud Computing Strategy and the early stages of data retention and copyright policy, where I offered a voice of common sense which has been lacking in these areas of policy in more recent times. I have lead Australian delegations to APEC, OECD, ITU and ICANN meetings, and was responsible for leading Australia's position on limiting the role of the ITU in internet governance.

I served on the Executive Committees and Audit Committees of the Department of Communication, NOIE and IP Australia. I was also chair of the OECD's Information Security and Privacy committee.

Since retiring in 2014, I have worked with several not-for-profits, including Financial Counselling Australia and Energy Consumers Australia. I am currently the Chair of the Growth Committee for Dragon Claw -- a not-for-profit web-based service for rheumatoid arthritis sufferers. I am also a Research Associate at UTS; an Honorary Fellow at Macquarie University; and a member of the Australian Computer Society's Professional Standards Board.

## **Candidate Statement**

I am seeking election to the board because I can make a strong contribution to the board and to the society.

It is no secret that a free, flexible and open internet is under threat from actions by governments which, whatever their motivations, threaten to stifle innovation. Internet Australia has been successful in raising its profile and building its capacity to have its voice heard by government. But we need to do more if we are to persuade governments to use a lot more common sense in developing regulations that affect our members, and which, if not better thought through, threaten the development of Australia's digital economy.

I will bring strengths to the board of the Internet Society through my knowledge of government; my links with industry and the research sector; my experience on many boards; and my strong track record of regulatory problem solving. I also speak their language and can get our arguments heard.

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## **Paul Brooks**



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Paul Brooks has been a Foundation Member since inception in 1996, a Director since 2007, Treasurer 2010-14, and Vice-President since 2015. Sometimes described as a "Serial CTO", Paul's expertise in telecommunications network design, planning and operation is derived from extensive hands-on experience in Broadband Access and large-scale data networking.

His practical and pragmatic knowledge of communications protocols, leading equipment suppliers, carriers & service providers and the Australian regulatory environment has been forged through consulting projects and executive positions in carriers large and small. He has is one of the few people in Australia with direct experience in wide-scale residential NGN access network deployment and broadband video delivery through his appointment as Chief Technology Officer at TransACT Communications in Canberra, and he has served as CTO for a number of other carriers and start-ups, including Global One, eCOM, and currently as GM Networks & Technology for Trident Subsea Cables, building a new international cable between Perth, Jakarta and Singapore.

As head of the Communications Alliance NBN Taskforce, he lead the telecommunications industry engagement with the early stages of the NBN across multiple parallel workstreams. Within the Internet Society of Australia Paul advised the Commonwealth Government on issues regarding ISP content filtering, and most recently lead the technical analysis of the proposed metadata retention legislation and co-authored the submissions to the current reviews. By bridging the technical, regulatory and policy fields, he helps educate all sides understand the position of the other fields.

Paul is an active participant within the Communications Alliance (formerly ACIF) and the Australian ISP community. Paul is also a Director of the Interplanetary Networking Chapter of ISOC, working on the next generation of Delay & Disruption Tolerant Networking (DTN) Internet protocols. He has a BSc (Hons) in Physics and Computer Science from the University of Adelaide, and a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from the University of New South Wales.

### **Candidate Statement**

Since being privileged to be elected to the Board in 2007, I have worked to improve the visibility of the Internet Society, and our large group of local and international member experts, as resources and trusted advisors to government and policy makers at all levels. During this time the technology has transitioned from dial-up to high-speed broadband, actual deployment of IPv6 has started, IPv4 addresses have depleted, and we have faced increased political and legal challenges on issues such as ISP content filtering, censorship, and industry competitive structure.

Today the Internet and online services are taken for granted by many and underpin much of our economy, so much so that the Internet and “online” has become not just a commercial necessity but also focus for national security concerns. Some of the issues faced locally are global in nature, and are also being addressed in other chapters and by ISOC globally — continued awareness and management of the IPv4/IPv6 transition, and the “hardening” of internet protocols and infrastructure through encryption, digital signatures and other security measures, are examples of these. Other issues, such as the role of the NBN and end-user experiences, data retention, and the future role of the Universal Services Obligation in an online world, can only addressed by the local chapter, looking out for the interests and improving outcomes for customers and end-users of the Internet.

If re-elected to the Board, I will continue to improve visibility and awareness of the Internet Society and our resources as trusted advisors, to educate and advocate to our political leadership on how the Internet works and why it works so well, as well as increasing the capability of the chapter to be effective at steering public policy in Internet-related matters in the right direction.

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## Jon Lawrence



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I'm currently employed on a part-time basis as Executive Officer for Electronic Frontiers Australia and first joined the Internet Society of Australia board in mid-2012, when a casual vacancy arose.

Prior to refocusing my career on the non-profit sector after finishing a Master of International Relations at the University of Melbourne at the end of 2011, I had 17 years of experience working in client relationship and product development roles covering software, domain name, web and email hosting and domain name registry organisations in Australia, the US, UK and Denmark.

I've been an informed observer of the international internet governance world since my first exposure to it in 1999, which is also when I first joined this organisation. I've also been an active member of auDA since that time and am currently serving on the 2015 Names Policy panel, in a personal capacity. In addition to my interests in DNS governance, I've also developed a strong focus on freedom of expression, privacy, resisting unnecessary mass surveillance, and promoting copyright reform, digital literacy and equity of access issues.

I served for nearly three years on the Board of North Melbourne Language & Learning ([NMLL](#)), and was Chair from mid-2013 until early this year. NMLL is a community-based provider of English language and basic life skills to a clientele of predominantly female East African refugees.

This experience, combined with my time on the ISOC-AU/IA Board and my work with EFA, has given me a steep but invaluable learning curve covering all aspects of corporate governance in the non-profit context. I've particularly learned much more about the taxation issues relating to non-profits in Australia than I thought was possible.

## Candidate Statement

I'm a strong and proactive supporter of the recent strategic realignment of Internet Australia.

I served on the recruitment committee that appointed our new CEO and I also formally proposed both the re-branding to Internet Australia and the project to create a Parliamentary Friends of the Internet group.

I've also recently taken on the role of webmaster which has involved a pretty steep learning curve absorbing the peculiarities of the Joomla Content Management System. That's certainly not been without pain, and our new website still has many weaknesses, but I believe this effort will pay off handsomely in the medium to long-term. I've particularly devoted a great deal of effort into implementing our new, soon-to-be-fully-automated membership system.

We have made much progress towards the organisation's strategic goals in 2015 and I'm seeking re-election so that I can continue being a proactive supporter of these goals.

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## Craig O'Toole



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Craig has a passion to create a focus for everyone to be involved and actively improve the Internet. With the ever increasing ubiquity to everyone on the planet, Craig believes that it is crucial that we all see the importance of advancing the Internet, and is excited to live in a time where so many new uses are being found for telecommunications and computing.

## Candidate Statement

I have been on the board of Internet Australia for three years now. In my time on the board, I have seen a greater realisation of the importance of the Internet on our lives throughout Australia.

In my capacity as director I bring to Internet Australia a regional presence, an hands-on and passionate interest in the Industrial internet (IoT), a strong technical understanding on the internet and I am well aligned with driving the vision of Internet Australia. - "I get it".

I am contributing to our projects, including NBN transition report to government and have been working with regional customers in NSW and VIC on implementing and monitoring the challenges in migrating to NBN.

I am currently also placed in the challenging process of the implementing the government data retention for my own business and have represented Internet Australia along with the key players within our organisation. - "I am in it".

I am working on and would like to continue the "long game" of building up Internet Australia as a peak body through:

- building up trust to get funding from industry
- creating niches for us to provide value and build upon
- and taking these to create world-leading projects that benefit Australia and beyond.

With IoT coming up as one of the biggest internet based game-changers, driven by need, economic possibility and enriching, and life enhancing changes to everyone on the planet. I am hoping to position myself to have great involvement in shaping our future out future and see the need for our organisation to perform well in this area.

Personally, I am still pushing the technical boundaries of new products and providing advice on these products so we can provide advice to our membership. I am also "living it" with the development and use of IoT in my own household.

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## Holly Raiche



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I am an adjunct lecturer at the Faculty of Law, UNSW, teaching undergraduate and graduate classes in the areas of telecommunications and Internet law. I am also a Research Fellow at the Cyberspace Law and Policy Centre at the University of NSW, and a Research Associate at the Communications Law Centre.

My other commitments include as Deputy Chair of the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN), Australia's peak body for consumer advocacy in communications.

I chair ICANN's Asia Pacific Regional At Large Organisation (APRALO), and am on the Executive Team of ICANN's At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC).

I have held previous positions as the Project Manager for Consumer Codes and Compliance Officer at Communications Alliance, Communications Advisor to the Australian Democrats party, and as a Policy Advisor at the Communications Law Centre.

I have been a Director of the Internet Society of Australia since 2012, and am currently Chair of the Policy Committee.

## **Candidate Statement**

I have been a member and strong supporter of Internet Australia for almost a decade, and its Executive Director for three difficult years as we weathered the storm of the GFC and its impacts on us. I have used my deep knowledge and experience of the Australian regulatory framework for the Internet to argue in various political and regulatory settings for our goals of an open and accessible Internet for all Australians.

Within Australia, I have participated in many auDA policy panels, representing IA and the views of Internet users. Internationally I have represented Internet Australia in fora including ISOC events in Sri Lanka and the Cook Islands, and as member of APRALO in ICANN and now on the Executive team of the At-Large Advisory Committee to ICANN.

As a member, and now Chair of our Policy Committee, I have been deeply involved in the development of IA policy on the many challenges that face all Internet users under this Government and believe that is an increasingly important role for IA in meeting the challenges to an open and accessible Internet for all.