

**INTERNET SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

ACN: 076 406 801

DIRECTORS REPORT – as at 30 June 2014

The Objective of the Internet Society of Australia

The objective of the Society is to give expression to the needs and wishes of individuals, groups, or organisations that have a common interest in the viability of the Internet in Australia, so that all Australian users of the Internet may continue to benefit from, and contribute to, its applications, technologies and evolution.

The formal Objects for which the Society was established are;

- 1) to provide broad-based representation of the Australian Internet community both nationally and internationally;
- 2) to provide a service for the benefit of the community generally by enabling individuals, groups, and organisations to use the Internet effectively for communication, collaboration, education, and innovation;
- 3) to promote the availability of access to the Internet for all Australians, and to provide information, assistance, archives, and other relevant resources for Australian Internet users;
- 4) to give expression to the viewpoint of Australian Internet users to business, industry, the government, the media, and society in general, by providing information and promoting education;
- 5) to affiliate with other Australian Internet-focused organisations for co-ordination, collaboration and education in order to further the objectives of the Society;
- 6) to examine, develop, and disseminate the community's understanding of ethical and co-operative standards of usage of the Internet;
- 7) to support, co-ordinate, develop and evolve effective standards of administration of systems and resources fundamental to the functioning and integrity of the Internet, such as addressing, naming, security and connectivity;
- 8) to promote, facilitate, and conduct research relating to the Internet and internetworking; and
- 9) to develop and maintain formal and informal relationships with the international Internet community.

Strategy for Achieving these Objectives

- 1) Advocacy to Government and industry on issues that will impact on access of all to the Internet, including advocacy for access by people with disabilities to the Internet;
- 2) Submissions to Government and regulators on issues that affect access by all to the Internet;
- 3) Membership of and participation in other user groups both national and international, particularly peak groups for Internet consumers and business users, to develop common understandings and projects to promote the furtherance of ISOC-AU objectives;
- 4) Participation in international Internet fora, including the global Internet Society, membership of ICANN, and participation in the Internet Governance Forum.

Principal Activity

The company acts as a representative body for its members on Internet issues, and its principal activities during the year were:

- participating in relevant events
- organising relevant events for members
- liaising with policy-makers in Australia
- preparing policy statements and submissions
- interacting with the Internet Society and other relevant international organisations

Assistance in the Achievement of the Objects

The activities were in direct pursuance of the Objects listed above.

Performance Measurement

The company monitors policy developments and the extent to which they reflect the company’s statements and submissions, and monitors media coverage of the organisation and its activities.

Directors and Their Attendance

See the attached tables.

Contributions in the Event of a Winding Up

The Memorandum of Association at cl.7 stipulates that “Every member of the Society undertakes to contribute to the property of the Society, in the event of it being wound up ... such amount as may be required not exceeding \$1.00”. The total amount that members are liable to contribute comprises the membership at the time multiplied by \$1.00.

Auditor’s Independence Declaration

Refer attached Auditor’s Independence Declaration.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

..... Secretary

..... Treasurer

25 September 2014

Directors

The Directors during the year, and their qualifications, experience and special responsibilities were as follows:

Gunela Astbrink	Director since 2000 BA <i>James Cook Uni</i> GradDipLib <i>UNSW AALIA</i>
Paul Brooks	Director since 2007, Hon Treasurer since 2010 BSc (Hons) PhD Astrophysics <i>UNSW MACS</i>
Narelle Clark	Director since 2002, President since 2011 BAppSc MEng PGDip Mgt, MIEEE M COMSOC
Roger Clarke	Director since 2010, Hon Secretary since 2012 BComm (Hons I) MComm <i>UNSW PhD ANU FACS</i>
Chris Disspain	Director since 2013 BA (Hons) Law
George Fong	Director 1997-2005 and since 2011, Vice-President since 2011 BA (Hons) CNAALaw Barrister (UK), Advocate and Solicitor (SGP)
Robert Gregory	Director since 2008 BInfoTech (QUT) LLB <i>QUT</i> GradDip Intellectual P Law <i>UniMelb</i>
Cheryl Langdon-Orr	Director since 2001, Treasurer 2003-2010, Secretary 2010-2012
Jon Lawrence	Director since 2012 BA (Hons) <i>Open Uni (UK)</i> , MIntRelations <i>UniMelb</i>
Andrew McRae	Director since 1998
Craig O'Toole	Director since 2012 BE Electrical - Telecoms Strand (Hons) <i>UTS</i>
Holly Raiche	Director since 2012 BA MA <i>GWU</i> , LLB <i>UNSW</i> , Solicitor, Supreme Court of NSW

Directors' Meetings

The number of Directors Meetings and number of meetings attended by each of the Directors of the company during the financial year are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Eligible</u>	
G. Astbrink	4	4	
P. Brooks	4	4	
N. Clark	4	4	
R. Clarke	3	4	
C. Disspain	2	3	Elected November 2013
G. Fong	4	4	
R. Gregory	2	4	
C. Langdon-Orr	4	4	
J. Lawrence	4	4	
A. McRae	3	4	
C. O'Toole	3	4	
H. Raiche	3	4	
S. Stevens	1	1	Retired November 2013