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## **President's Report to Annual General Meeting 2012**

It has been a very full year for ISOC-AU.

### **EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

In November 2011 we ran another successful IPv6 Summit in conjunction with the Australian Industry (AI) group with over 100 delegates and a full program. This has shown itself to be a critical event in keeping people abreast of IPv6 adoption within Australia.

Perhaps the biggest highlight of the year was participating in the Internet Society's Global INET and Internet Hall of Fame Inauguration. Treasurer, Paul Brooks, and I attended the event as well as a global chapter leaders workshop where we compared notes with leaders across the globe. It's amazing how many issues we share! It was fantastic, too, for us to be recognised as a founding chapter.

In May we held a business round table event soliciting views in advance of the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12), to be held in December 2012, drawing participants across the industry. In addition to the continuing success of the IPv6 Summit in November, we are pleased with the level of attendance at these events from across the industry.

Last year we saw the depletion of IPv4 addresses, and we again coordinated Australia's contribution to the highly successful ISOC World IPv6 Day in June (see [www.ipv6.org.au](http://www.ipv6.org.au) for our contribution to World IPv6 Day).

In July we ran a business round table in Ballarat to assist the local community of business, not-for-profit organisations and educational institutions to consider the impact of the NBN for the region with the support of the Ballarat Regional Council.

The coming year promises to be as active. We have started planning a series of seminars on a range of Internet issues to be held in both Sydney and Melbourne, and hopefully webcast to our other members. Some of the topics will include Internet security, the 'cloud', NBN in regional Australia and copyright. We will also continue our involvement on cyber-security issues through participation in Government cyber-security awareness activities and in the discussion on the NBN. We have also started a series of 'Meet Ups' with the first held in Sydney in early August.

### **SUBMISSIONS**

We remain active through submissions to government and industry working groups. This last year we made submissions to the auDA Industry Advisory Panel, the ALRC Reference Panel on Copyright, on disability standards, to both the Internet Industry Association and DBCDE on the iCode Review, and to the Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security both in writing and more recently appearing before the

committee. This has been challenging to resource, but the new Policy Committee has enabled a high standard of quality.

## **SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS**

Google has also very generously continued their support of ISOC-AU as a Silver sponsor. Our Enterprise and Foundation members are also valued supporters of ISOC-AU. We also very much appreciate the important in-kind support from Maddocks, Optus, and PPS.

ISOC-AU has been steadily growing its Foundation member class through reaching out to online businesses.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The Directors would like to formally record their gratitude for the work of the Honorary President Narelle Clark, the Honorary Vice President George Fong, the Honorary Treasurer Paul Brooks and the Honorary Secretary Cheryl Langdon-Orr as well as the Immediate Past President Tony Hill. The efforts of Roger Clarke, as Minutes Secretary and Chair of the Policy Committee and Jerry Leeson as Assistant Minutes Secretary should also be acknowledged.

This year we also moved to a program based approach, and set up a series of committees in which we welcome member involvement. These include: Policy Committee led by Roger Clarke, Events Committee led by Skeeve Stevens, Governance Task Force led by Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Fund-raising, Marketing and Promotion(FUMP) Committee led by Skeeve Stevens, IPv6 SIG led by Tony Hill, Skills & Expertise SIG led by Kevin Karp, Accessibility & Usability SIG led by Gunela Astbrink

## **DIRECTORS' ACTIVITIES**

Your Board remains active, giving a range of presentations in many forums on topics from Copyright through to the Internet Standards process and how to participate in it. Indeed, many of these presentations can be delivered for your own organisation or affiliated group – let me know and we'll arrange it.

We saw some personnel changes this year, with Holly Raiche finishing her term as Executive Director, and moving successfully into our new Policy Committee. Sadly we saw the departure of Tony Hill as a Director due to illness, but we welcomed Jon Lawrence as a replacement Director.

Our other areas of focus are on cyber security, and continued involvement with domain name issues, through Director membership of the auDA Board and membership of the auDA policy panels.

We are also involved in international forums through our participation in the United Nations Internet Governance Forum, ICANN's APRALO meetings and many ISOC activities. I also continue to serve as a member of the ISOC Board of Trustees and sit on its Executive, Bylaws, and Audit Committees.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support,

Narelle Clark  
President  
Internet Society of Australia