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President's Report to Annual General Meeting 2014

This past year has been another packed one for ISOC-AU with submissions on copyright, domain names policy, warrants, surveillance, interception, and more. We also participated in consultations on other topics such as deregulation and the looming changes to the International Treaty on Telecommunications. We appeared before the Inquiry into the Telecommunications Interception and Access Act.

In June this year we ran a feedback event subsequent to the Netmundial event and compared notes with other participants and key industry players. We ran another pre-election event in Sydney and contributed strongly to the second Australian Internet Governance Forum where last year's AGM was held.

Your Board remains active, giving a range of presentations in many forums on topics from the myriad of Internet policy issues 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 us know and we'll arrange it.

Our other areas of focus will be on cybersecurity where we continue to participate in the Cybersecurity Awareness Week activities, and our ongoing involvement with domain name issues, through Director membership of the auDA Board and membership of 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, particularly in regional Asia-Pacific matters. I also continue to serve as a member of the ISOC Board of Trustees, and hold a seat on the executive.



ISOC-AU's President testifies before the Senate Inquiry

It has been tremendous to see the combined efforts across the globe of the Internet Society in many forums to ensure the retention of an open Internet. This has led to improved positions held by governments on the standards setting processes and in the various policy forums. A program to create Internet exchanges across Africa has led to tangible improvements in technology adoption and in the affordability of Internet services there.



Rajnish Singh, Craig O'Toole, Holly Raiche, Narelle Clark, Naveed Haq and Jon Lawrence at our pre-election event.

More recently I was appointed to the NTIA IANA Stewardship Transition Co-ordination group which will propose a new (hopefully consensus) model of oversight for the core functions of the Internet away from the US government. The level of commitment and time to this work has led me to say that this will be my last report as President for the time being.

As such, I stepped down as President at the August Board meeting of ISOC-AU. An election was held and George Fong was elected unopposed as the new President. The Vice-President role he previously held has been left

vacant for the time being. As is the normal process of our board, at the first Board meeting following the AGM another election will be held for the executive positions.

The coming year promises to be at least as active. We are planning an open evening of discussion with the AGM in October. We remain committed to pursuing topics such as Internet accessibility, security, the 'cloud' 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, especially with respect to rural and regional availability.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support, and trust you will continue to support my colleague and our new President George Fong.

Narelle Clark
Immediate Past President
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George Fong
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