

Record of Meeting

Meeting	General Advisory Standing Committee	
Date / Time	Tuesday 10 September 2024 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm (AEDT)	
Location	Hybrid (in person): Melbourne auDA Boardroom, Level 19, 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne and online via Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Present	Keith Besgrove (Chair) Dr Peter Langkamp, OAM Nadia Moffatt, OAM (<i>arrived at 11.06am</i>) Sae Ra Germaine Caroline Greenway	Andrew Williams Susan Kelso Ajoy Ghosh Cleo Kerama (<i>joined at 11.02am</i>) Dr Paul Harrison
In attendance	Jane Smith, auDA's CPCO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA CoSec Jordan Carter, Internet Governance and Policy Director	Sandra Davey, auDA Director (and Committee Rep) Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO (<i>joined at 11.20am</i>)
Apologies	Peter Elford, auDA Director (and Committee Rep)	

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all members present noting apologies and opened the meeting at 11.01am.

The Chair confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land upon which the Committee was meeting, including members attending remotely and paid respects to elders past and present.

3. Declaration of Interests

The Chair confirmed from all present, with an interest change noted from Sae Ra Germaine.

The Company Secretary advised that an interest update from Nadia Moffatt had been received, confirming there was no conflict of interest to be declared.

Dr Peter Langkamp provided an update to his interests, confirming there was also no conflict of interest to be declared.

No other interest changes or conflicts were noted by the Committee.

Action: Update the Declaration of interest change received from Nadia Moffat and Dr Peter Langkamp [CoSec, September 2024]

4. Approve the Previous Record of Meeting

The Committee noted the record of meeting from the 19 June 2024, which was **resolved** as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on the actions arising from the previous meeting.

6. Reflection on GASC Membership with auDA Board August 2024 Workshop

The Chair invited Dr Paul Harrison to provide feedback on the auDA Board Membership Workshop held 28 August 2024.

Susan Kelso, Sae Ra Germaine and Nadia Moffatt were invited to also share their observations.

The Committee discussed the auDA Board Membership Workshop, querying the history of auDA's Membership Strategy, which was noted.

auDA's CPCO informed the Committee that auDA's Members and Community Engagement Manager will incorporate the discussion from the Workshop into the Company's Strategic Planning process.

The GASC **agreed** that a collective record from the workshop is to be progressed to position final advice to the auDA Board.

Action: Draft a short narrative summarising the outcomes from the auDA Board Membership Workshop [auDA CoSec, Paul Harrison & Susan Kelso, September 2024].

7. Internet Governance Update

The Committee noted an updated paper on Internet Governance for the GASC to discuss and consider in response to finalising advice to the auDA Board.

The Committee noted the updated paper builds on GASC's earlier preliminary draft to both broaden and deepen auDA's successful engagement in Internet Governance.

The Chair invited Caroline Greenway to provide key highlights from the updated paper which remains focused on the role of civil society and forms the basis to identify and expand consideration to other stakeholders currently underrepresented.

The Committee discussed the tabled recommendations, which seek to assist auDA review the current internet governance stakeholder map and gain insight into why

some stakeholders are either missing and/or have become disengaged, to then identify solutions to encourage and support sustained engagement.

The Committee discussed the important role of education to then foster and support the next generation of internet governance experts and leaders, which is crucial to ensuring continued growth and sustainability of the internet ecosystem.

The Chair invited auDA's Internet Governance and Policy Director to provide an overview of auDA's initiatives to support the next generation of internet governance experts.

The Committee noted auDA's initiatives with the academic sector suggesting this should not be limited to universities only.

The Chair agreed further specificity was required before the updated paper could be finalised for submission to the auDA Board.

Action: It was **agreed** the sub-committee consisting of Peter Langkamp, Sae Ra Germaine, Caroline Greenway would meet to finalise the advice for the auDA Board to consider [GASC Subcommittee, December 2024]

8. auIGF Governance Update

The Chair invited auDA's Internet Governance and Policy Director to update the Committee on the auIGF Forum (*formally known as NetThing*) to be held in Melbourne 28-29 October 2024.

The Committee noted the Draft Program and Draft auIGF 2024 Policy Position Paper included in the meeting papers for review and information.

9. Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion Research Update

Dr Paul Harrison informed the Committee that the Grant Application lodged with ACANN, as part of the next steps regarding Scholarly Article: Healing the Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion was unsuccessful.

It was noted an avenue to seek funding with auDA Foundation's 2024 Community Grants Program will be explored and reported at the next meeting.

The Chair agreed to retain *Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion Research* as a standing agenda item.

10. Future Scenarios Project 2024

auDA's CPCO was invited to update the Committee on the internal timeline for the development of the Company's draft 2026-2030 Strategic Plan, following the Future Scenarios Project 2024 discussed at the last meeting.

The Committee noted the appointment of a new CEO is pending and asked that GASC be provided an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft 2026–2030 Strategic Plan, prior to it being published in April 2025 for external consultation.

The Chair requested an update be provided at the December 2024 meeting.

Action: auDA’s incoming CEO to be invited to the December 2024 GASC meeting [CoSec, December 2024]

11. 2024 Committee Workplan Review

The Updated 2024 Committee Workplan was noted.

12. Any Other Business

No other business was noted.

13. Meeting Close / Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed there were no further comments or questions from the Committee.

The Committee noted that the next meeting is scheduled in Melbourne with members encouraged to participate in person, **Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 11.00am – 1.00pm.**

Nadia Moffatt advised due to an interstate commitment, she would be attending the December 2024 meeting online.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.11pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Keith Besgrove
Committee Chair

Date: