Record of Meeting

Meeting	General Advisory Standing Committee Meeting
Date / Time	Thursday 9 March 2023 /9.00am – 11.00am AEDT
Location	via Microsoft Teams
Present	Keith Besgrove, Chair Nadia Moffatt, OAM Dr Paul Harrison Sae Ra Germaine Ajoy Ghosh	Susan Kelso Caroline Greenway Cleo Kerama Andrew Williams Dr Peter Langkamp, OAM
In attendance	Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Colin Brown, auDA CPCO Steph Viljoen, auDA Manager Licensing Framework Compliance & Privacy Officer	Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Sandra Davey, auDA Director
Apologies	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO	

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all members present and opened the meeting at 9.02am.

The Chair noted that due to another meeting commitment, auDA's CEO, Rosemary Sinclair was an apology for the meeting confirming Bruce Tonkin and Colin Brown will provide an update, where relevant.

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 and paid respects to elders past and present.

3. Declaration of Interests

The Chair confirmed from all present, that there were no conflicts of interest to be declared.

Action: Updated disclosures from Nadia Moffatt and Dr Peter Langkamp were noted for the standing register [CoSec, March 2023]

4. Approve the Previous Record of Meeting

The Committee reviewed the draft record of the meeting held 13 December 2022 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct.

5. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on previous meeting actions.

The Chair provided an update on Actions that are completed and those to remain open until meetings and feedback can be progressed.

6. Update from Board Representative

The Committee Chair informed members of his recent engagement with the auDA Board at the 8 February 2023 Board meeting. The Committee Chair noted that the GASC's advice on membership had led to a very lively discussion by the members of the Board. It was clear that this was an issue of great interest to the Board.

It was noted the Committee Workplan was tabled for review, with an opportunity agreed for the Board representatives to have a strategic discussion with members on the most useful issues for the Committee to focus on.

Sandy Davey was invited to provide an update to the Committee, noting the Board's interest in the Membership work, with Management to review the advice and a response to be considered by the Board at its April 2023 meeting.

It was further noted the Board had discussed the advice prepared by the Committee on Internet Governance, which will be further explored.

The Board representative thanked the GASC for their considered work and discussed potential projects for 2023, noting that it is important that any work conducted by the GASC should be timely, relevant, and useful for the auDA board and management.

No further comments or questions were noted.

7. Updated GASC Charter

The Committee noted an annual review of the GASC Charter had been undertaken by the Board at its 8 February 2023 meeting.

The Committee noted the amendments tabled, which were **supported**.

The Committee further welcomed additional Board representation at future meetings.

There were no comments noted or questions raised by the Committee.

8. Review of Committee Workplan for 2023 Focus

Further to the last meeting discussion, the Chair spoke to the tabled 2022 Committee Workplan, noting reflections from today's meeting on agreed subject areas to assist the Committee's future focus will then inform further iterations for the 2023 workplan.

The Committee discussed the following potential projects, to be explored further:

UN Sustainable Development Goals – which Caroline Greenway expressed interest in participating in (for further discussion with Rosemary, Keith and Peter Langkamp to assist the evolution of the GASC Workplan).

The following SDGs were specifically noted by Rosemary Sinclair, as an emerging interest for further exploration by auDA through its Finance & Sustainability Committee:

Goal 4 – Quality Education
Goal 5 – Gender Equality
Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth
Goal 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
Goal 10 – Reduced Inequality

The GASC supported the establishment of sub-committee comprising of the following members, Paul Harrison, Sae Ra Germaine, Andrew Williams and Peter Langkamp to further explore "**Accessibility and Inclusion**" .

[Nadia Moffatt later expressed interest offline in leading this subcommittee exploration, which Keith Besgrove **supported**].

Action: It was noted the Chair would undertake a further iteration of the Workplan in consultation with Peter Langkamp and Rosemary Sinclair for the Committee to consider at its next meeting [Chair, March 2023]

There were no further comments noted by the Committee.

9. GASC Advice to Board (includes Internet Governance and auDA Membership Strategy)

The Chair noted this item had already been addressed under agenda 6.

10. Scholarly article: Healing the Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion: Enabling Human Capability

The Committee noted the Scholarly Article included in the meeting papers, which was taken as read.

The Chair invited Dr Paul Harrison to talk to his observations of the article he provided for Committee review and information.

The Committee members provided and discussed their feedback on the article, which included:

- Building motivation to reduce organisation barriers for inclusion to a range of vulnerable consumers
- Promoting ideas to suppliers to close the gap for regional and remote areas and opportunity to educate better outcomes
- Vendor neutrality and unbiased training
- Digital Literacy focus with consideration of members of community who are vulnerable to enter into the world of digital transformation
- Connectivity Literacy

Action: The Committee **agreed** to write an Academic paper on digital inclusion, to be led by Paul Harrison and discussed with the committee further, which may assist auDA's Public Benefit Program Committee [Committee, June 2023].

It was noted there may also be an opportunity for the GASC to provide advice and support to the auDA's newly established Public Benefit Program Committee.

No further comments or questions were noted.

11. Company Update

The Chair invited auDA's COO to talk to auDA's performance, with the Quarter 4 Report for the period ending December 2022 tabled as read.

The Committee noted key milestones and work planned for 2023 including an open market Registry Tender, released April 2023, to select a provider for the .au registry.

12. Licensing Rules

The Chair foreshadowed a systematic complaint received and its referral to the GASC for consideration under the Company's Constitution.

auDA's Manager Licensing Framework Compliance & Privacy Officer provided a brief overview of the complaint for the Committee to consider.

Action: It was noted the Chair would distribute the matter to the Committee for their review and consideration [Chair, March 2023].

13. Update on 2022 auDA Foundation Grant Recipients

The Chair invited the CPCO to provide an update on the successful 2022 auDA Foundation Grant Recipients, following the public announcement released January 2023.

The Committee noted the successful 15 grant applications for 2022, approved by the Board:

Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Dashboard - Research Project
Accessible Beaches Australia	Making access to beaches and information possible
Cool Australia	Bridging the digital divide for primary school students
Good Things Foundation	Measuring the economic impact of digital exclusion for vulnerable communities
Justice Connect	Connecting older Australians with legal help online
Life Without Barriers	Using digital innovation to enhance sexual safety for marginalised children and young people in rural and remote Australia
Missing School Inc	Connecting Sick Kids to Their School Communities
Monash University	Creating a world first measure of cyber scam risk for people with brain injury
National Justice Project	Tech4Justice
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Digital Transformation of Fit4Surgery Rehabilitation Program
Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital	Monitoring Glaucoma at Home to Preserve Sight
South Australian Council of Social Service	Libraries and Community Centres: The online lifeline for regional South Australia
The Northcott Society	Safety Net
University of Queensland	First Nations Youth Digital Story
Victoria University	How are Australian SME's achieving the UN's SDG Goals through internet technologies and ICT

There were no further comments noted or questions raised by the Committee.

14. Committee Succession Update

The CPCO provided an update on GASC member reappointments, approved by the Board at its 8 February 2023 meeting, as endorsed by the Committee Chair:

1. Andrew Williams for a further three year term (1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025);
2. Peter Langkamp for a further three year term (1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025); and
3. Sae Ra Germaine for a further two year term (1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024).

Action: The CPCO noted, as foreshadowed earlier in the meeting discussion, a Confidentiality Agreement would be distributed to all members for return execution [CoSec, March 2023].

15. auDA 2023 Stakeholder Calendar of Events

auDA's CPCO noted that in lieu of a published calendar of events, members are encouraged to stay informed on auDA's activities by reviewing the Company's website.

It was further noted this agenda would no longer be a standing item.

16. Meeting Close / Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting is scheduled in Sydney, **Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 1.00pm – 3.00pm**.

There being no further meeting, the Chair closed the meeting at 10.25am.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Keith Besgrove
Committee Chair

Date: