

Record of Meeting

Meeting	General Advisory Standing Committee	
Date / Time	Tuesday 3 December 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 * Sae Ra Germaine * Caroline Greenway (<i>joined at 11.13am</i>)	Andrew Williams * Susan Kelso * Ajoy Ghosh * Cleo Kerama * 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) *
Invitees	Shelley Golden, auDA GC *	
Apologies	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Dr Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO (and incoming CEO effective 1.1.2025) Sophie Mitchell, auDA CCO Peter Elford, auDA Director (and Committee Rep) <i>*Attendance online</i>	

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all members present noting apologies and opened the meeting at 11.04am.

The Chair confirmed a quorum was present and introduced auDA's General Counsel to the Committee.

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, if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared.

Action: The Company Secretary advised that there were interest changes only, confirmed from Nadia Moffatt, Dr Peter Langkamp and Ajoy Ghosh to be updated on the register [CoSec, December 2024]

No other updates or conflicts were noted by the Committee.

4. Approve the Previous Record of Meeting

The Committee noted the record of meeting from the 10 September 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.

The Chair invited the Company Secretary to provide a status update on actions either completed or on the agenda.

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

The *GASC Observations following the auDA Board Membership Workshop* held 28 August 2024, was tabled as read.

The Chair noted the workshop observations were emailed to the auDA Board Chair, following the last GASC meeting.

Dr Paul Harrison provided an overview on the reflections from those GASC members who attended the workshop.

The Paper included proposed recommendations for consideration, noting and discussing the following:

- **The Value Proposition for both auDA and Members** – i.e. how auDA benefits from its members and what the next phase is for auDA as part of its strategic planning process.
- **Target Audience and Member Engagement** – diversification of the member base, beyond demographics e.g. social and cultural capital and importance to define this, to assist auDA developing tangible objectives of the membership program.
- **Differentiating between Stakeholder and Member** – appropriate distinction as stakeholder often have different goals, compared to members.

The Committee discussed the reflections for the auDA Board to then consider in developing further its ideas around the role of the membership program in supporting the objectives of auDA's Strategic Plan.

Dr Harrison noted value-based organisations have responsibilities to target different customers and confirmed that the Committee is prepared to do more work on this topic, as and when appropriate.

The CPCO noted the tabled Observations have been included in the meeting papers at the auDA Board's upcoming December 2024 meeting.

7. Internet Governance Update

The Internet Governance Update was tabled as read, with the Chair inviting Caroline Greenway to provide an update on the further advice drafted for the auDA Board to consider auDA's role in Internet Governance.

The Committee noted the updated draft builds on the GASC's earlier advice and proposes options for broadening and deepening already auDA's successful engagement in internet governance. The advice focuses on civil society aiming to identify and expand consideration to other stakeholders currently underrepresented in auDA's internet governance related work; including growing the next generation of Internet Governance leaders/experts.

The Committee discussed current barriers to civil society engagement and the tabled recommendations to identify this under-represented stakeholder group and assist inclusive and respectful participation.

The Committee noted targeted investment and potential collaborations in early career researchers and professionals is critical, to assist the next generation of internet governance experts who will shape the future of the internet.

auDA's Internet Governance and Policy Director commented on the success of both auIGF and APIGA Australia to expand the multi-stakeholder model and build a younger cohort of people interested in internet governance.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Caroline Greenway and Sae Ra Germaine for their contribution to the tabled iteration.

Action: The paper to be finalised and distributed to auDA's Board Chair in December 2024 [Chair, December 2024]

8. Reflection from auIGF October 2024 Forum

The Chair invited Board Representative, Sandra Davey and auDA's Internet Governance and Policy Director, Jodan Carter to provide feedback from the Australian Internet Governance Forum (auIGF), *formerly known as NetThing*, held October 2024.

The Committee noted auDA was the principal Sponsor and discussed key learnings from the event to assist 2025 planning, including consideration of perhaps holding APIGA first and the auIGF.

The Committee recognised the strong role auDA is already playing in internet governance. The Committee noted the importance of gathering the Australian multi-stakeholder community together, to hold interactive and participative internet policy discussions to build a foundation for robust and visionary government, industry and community decision making in Australia and contribute more broadly to global policy making.

Dr Peter Langkamp to recommend an Event Management Company who may be able to assist auDA in 2025 planning.

9. Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion Research Update

The Committee noted there was no further update from Dr Paul Harrison on the Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion Research.

It was requested that this topic remains as a standing agenda, to assist the research and public policy issue to be progressed.

10. Review of Previous Workplan Correspondence to GASC from auDA Board Chair

The Chair coupled agenda items 10 and 11, noting the *Workplan Correspondence to GASC from the auDA Board Chair*, dated 31 January 2024, had been re-tabled for the Committee to reflect on areas of advice progressed during the calendar year.

Ajoy Ghosh suggested the following new policies that may be of interest for GASC to provide on advice on:

1. Reforms to Australian's 2024 Cyber Security Bill, noting specifically introducing legislative changes for Limited Use and developing standards for IOT devices; and
2. Age Verification with Australian to ban under-16s from social media.

auDA's Internet Governance and Policy Director noted auDA has submitted a response to the inquiry into the *Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 [Provisions]* which includes Digital Identity, Cyber Security and Privacy Reform (which also targets consumer issue laws).

It was noted clarity will be provided by the auDA Board after its February 2025 Board meeting, to assist future workplan focus for the Committee.

11. 2024 Committee Workplan Review

The Committee noted the 2024 Workplan, which was discussed [*previously with agenda 10*].

12. 2025 Meeting Calendar

The Committee noted the following approved 2025 Meeting dates:

- Wednesday 5 March 2025 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm
- Wednesday 18 June 2025 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm
- Tuesday 9 September 2025 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm

Action: It was noted calendar invites for the approved 2025 meeting dates, will be issued by the Company Secretary [CoSec, December 2024]

13. Any Other Business

No other Business was noted.

14. 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 and online, **Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 11.00am – 1.00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.59pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Keith Besgrove

Committee Chair

Date: