

Meeting Minutes Record of Meeting

Meeting	General Advisory Standing Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Monday 19 April 2021 / 10.00am – 11.00am AEDT	
Location	Teams Meeting	
Present	Madeleine Roberts, Chair Leslie Callaway Ian Halson P R Khangure Jon Lawrence Charles Reis	Michael Dodge (joined @ 10.06am) John Graham (joined @ 10.07am) Sae Ra Germaine (joined at 10.20am)
Also in attendance	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Colin Brown, auDA CPO	Sandra Davey, auDA Director Phil Khoury, CRK Principal
Apologies	Darryl Carlton Steve de Mamiel Paul Marshall Trent Wabbis	Alison Howe (Resigned)

1. Welcome and Introduction

The CEO welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 10.03am.

The CEO noted from the outset, a key element of auDA's stakeholder engagement has included the engagement of governance consultant, Phil Khoury, from Cameron Ralph Khoury (CRK), to undertake a preliminary assessment of the Committee which is to be considered by the Committee at today's meeting.

The CEO provided a brief introduction on new auDA representatives joining the Committee meeting, noting

- Sandra Davey, a Non-Executive Director of auDA, has been invited to participate and support the relationship between the Advisory Committee and the auDA Board.

- Colin Brown, auDA's appointed Chief People and Culture Officer, will provide support to the CEO with all Committees and in particular, next steps following today's discussion from the CRK Report.
- Sonia Joksimovic, auDA's joint Company Secretary, will provide meeting support for the Committee.

The CEO passed the meeting to the Chair, Madeleine Roberts who then invited Phil Khoury to discuss the proposed reforms with the Committee.

2. CRK Presentation

The draft advice from CRK, titled *auDA Advisory Standing Committees "Setting up for Success"*, was taken as read.

Phil Khoury, principal of CRK, noted the establishment of GASC under the Company's Constitution, and that the review of the Committee is to ensure effective support to the Board.

Feedback from the Committee on the report was sought and members noted regular communication with auDA is important and that clarity on the Company's Strategy will help inform the work of the Committee.

The CEO confirmed that going forward Colin Brown and Sonia Joksimovic will be supporting the Committee to ensure effective communication.

Phil Khoury outlined the summary of suggestions for discussion::

- Value of Committees is considerable and critical to auDA's credibility and success;
- Broader role for the Committee is suggested, which includes a more outward facing strategic role;
- Remuneration is being considered; and
- Composition of the Committee to ensure representation of the Internet community (I.e. Consumer, Small Business, Indigenous, etc).

The CEO noted the independence of the Advisory Committee is critical to effective multi-stakeholder engagement and that transparency in the process contributes to building trust.

The Committee discussed the report and provided feedback to enable the report to be finalised

The CEO noted a Committee Charter and Workplan will be developed and presented at the next GASC meeting [**ACTION**] for members to review and contribute.

3. Correspondence from The Holden Retirees Club

AuDA's COO, Bruce Tonkin was invited to update the Committee on correspondence received from The Holden Retirees Club.

The COO outlined the issue with regard to the org.au rule change for sporting or special interest clubs that are unincorporated, and how auDA responded to The Holden Retirees Club.

Several GASC members raised concern from a Public Relations (PR) aspect and noted the Board is to consider a grandfather approach or community focus to not lose domain names.

The Committee discussed the requirements in regard to unincorporated clubs. COO indicated auDA is closely monitoring all new org.au registrations and providing assistance to registrants that may be affected. auDA will conduct a public review of the impact of all the rule changes within 12 months of the launch of the new rules.

4. Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure) Bill 2020

The CEO invited auDA's COO, Bruce Tonkin to update the Committee on the Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure). It was noted new security requirements and positive security obligations are required for organisations running critical infrastructure.

The COO outlined how this amendment will impact auDA, the registry operator, and large registrars.

The COO further noted that auDA has made public submissions regarding the Government's proposed changes to the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act encouraging members of the committee to access these for further review.

5. Stakeholder Processes

The CEO outlined the important role for auDA to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement and invited Bruce Tonkin to update the Committee.

The CEO further noted one of the key opportunities identified by the Board is strengthening communication with stakeholders and that a program for future Community engagement is being led internally by the Company's Chief Communications Officer, Sophie Mitchell, further noting the suggestion of "General Webinars" from the Committee.

The CEO invited members to provide further feedback to support auDA in developing an approach to support effective engagement with multi-stakeholders.

Licensing Framework discussion

A number of matters were raised by the Committee in regard to the introduction of the new Licensing Framework:

Communication

auDA needs to be mindful of the importance of communication when rules change and use multiple channels of information

Introduction of .au

In particular, the Committee noted the importance of communication to support direct registration .au introduction.

6. Meeting Close

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

The CEO thanked all members for their respective time and contribution at the meeting, noting quarterly meetings for the Advisory Committee, would be scheduled in future.

The Meeting closed at 11.20pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Madeleine Roberts

Committee Chair

Date: