

Minutes from the EFA Board meeting, 2017-10-15. Start time 7pm

Attendance: Jon Lawrence, Lyndsey Jackson, Lachlan Simpson, Peter Tonoli, Liam Pomfret, Stuart Greig, Katherine Phelps, Richard Burnleigh, Shaun Hadrill

Absent: Alex Schlotzer

Summary and Notes of the minutes, not necessarily in order. The full notes (minus guff) are below as an addendum.

- Minute taking didn't start until Lyndsey was elected chair. Before that the discussion was mostly friendly and/or procedural.

Positions

- Lyndsey Jackson was elected Chair
- Katherine Phelps was elected Vice Chair
- Shaun Hadrill was elected Treasurer
- Lachlan Simpson was elected Secretary

Previous Minutes

- were accepted 4-0-4 (for-against-abstain)

Declaration of interests

- Lachlan, Liam and Richard are members of the Pirate Party Australia
- Liam is on the board of Australian Privacy Foundation
- Peter is on the board of Internet Australia
- Stuart and Peter are Demand Class members of auDA

Other

- Katherine was asked to perform the procedural role of the chair because Lyndsey was on the road and participating by phone
- Jon and Shaun are meeting to arrange the books on 2017/10/16

Jon's report

- The EFA has a \$500-\$600 debt to an intern from last year that hasn't sent through appropriate details for payment.
- The EFA gets roughly \$3000/qtr in kind support from Facebook in the form of free advertising, this brings in roughly 2 volunteers per day

Agenda Motions:

1. "That Angus Murray be given the Board's written approval to represent and present himself as an official representative of EFA."

Motion is carried (8-0-0)

This was ammended to include that Angus keep the board informed of all such opportunities.

2. That the board remains consistent with the standards it has set itself concerning transparency, and that meetings are conducted on IRC or some form of text sharing software such that all proceedings can be made readily available to the membership.

This was discussed. Katherine mentioned Loomio. The board agreed that the Systems team would look into our options and report back at the next board meeting.

3. That at least three auditors are put forward for the board to consider for the role of auditing our accounts

Shaun and Jon are to put forward a list of three auditors for the next Board Meeting.

4. "That since we have a board position free which will not be decided by a

membership vote, therefore in all fairness and transparency to our membership we compile a list of all agreeable nominees for said board position and make that list available to members for comment before conducting our own vote."

Motion fails (5-3-0)

5. "That we communicate to the membership articulating the Boards priority actions for 2017"

- After discussion, this was discarded for a number of reasons, primarily that this is the exact role of the board, aka strategy.

6. "That we communicate our thanks to David Cake, Andrew Pam for their efforts in supporting EFA over many years, Angus Murray, Daemon Singer for their energy in being Board members."

Motion carried (8-0-0)

7. "That people be coopted to the board tonight"

Motion carried (5-3-0)

8. "That David Cake be coopted to the board"

Motion fails (4-4-0)

9. "That Justin Warren be coopted to the board"

Motion carried (4-2-2)

Other Business

- Lyndsey will reach out to Justin Warren
- Lyndsey, Katherine and Jon will draft a press release
- Meetings are traditionally the second Monday of the Month, 5pm Perth time.
- Meetings are to be fortnightly until transition happens.

Meeting Closed, 21:12 (AEDT)

19:17:37 From Lachlan : Lyndsey is nominated and elected un opposed as Chair

19:17:45 From Lachlan : (minutes in progress)

19:20:13 From JonLawrence : Acceptance of previous Minutes. Moved: Lyndsey, Seconded: Shaun. Carried on voices.

19:20:16 From Peter Tonoli : I abstain

19:20:22 From Liam Pomfret : Abstain

19:20:25 From Lachlan : acceptance of minutes - moved by Jon seconded by Shaun

19:20:28 From JonLawrence : Yes from Katherine & Shaun

19:20:28 From Lachlan : I abstain

19:22:29 From JonLawrence : Vice-Chair. Peter nominated by Lyndsey. Katherine nominated by Peter.

19:23:13 From JonLawrence : Treasurer: Shaun nominated by everyone?

19:23:55 From JonLawrence : Secretary: Lyndsey nominates Lachlan. Seconded by Richard.

19:24:23 From JonLawrence : Shaun elected Treasurer unopposed. Lachlan elected Secretary unopposed.

19:36:45 From JonLawrence : Vice-Chair vote: Lyndsey abstain.

19:38:03 From JonLawrence : My internet is gone crapola

19:38:33 From JonLawrence : It's really up to Lyndsey to decide. There's not a clear precedent that I can remember.

19:39:03 From Lachlan : Lyndsey has called for people to say yes or no to

Katherine's nomination

19:39:29 From Stuart Greig : Yes to Katherine
19:39:30 From Lachlan : Yes to Peter
19:39:31 From Shaun Haddrill : yes the Katherine
19:39:36 From Richard Burleigh : Yes to Katherine
19:40:37 From Katherine Phelps : Katherine votes for Katherine. :)
19:40:55 From Peter Tonoli : Peter has voted for Peter, just because
Katherine voted for Katherine :-)
19:41:20 From Liam Pomfret : I vote for Peter.
19:42:06 From Lachlan : Katherine wins 4 to 3 as the Vice Chair
19:43:27 From Lachlan : Lyndsey asks that Katherine - as Vice Chair -
finishes chairing the meeting due to Lyndsey being on the phone
19:43:34 From Lachlan : it's agreed without protest
19:44:24 From Lachlan : item 5: Declaration of interests :Lachlan has
nothing to declare
19:45:34 From Peter Tonoli : I am a Director of Internet Australia
19:46:08 From Richard Burleigh : I am: Demand class member of AUDA, member
of Pirate Party (past candidate)
19:46:14 From Liam Pomfret : I'm a board member of the Australian Privacy
Foundation. Currently head of their technical committee.
I'm a member of Pirate Party Australia. I'm currently part of their Dispute
Resolution Committee.
19:46:23 From Peter Tonoli : Oh, and I'm a Demand Class member of auDa
19:46:41 From Stuart Greig : Demand class member of AUDA also
19:46:45 From Lachlan : Lachlan is also a member of PPau and a former
candidate
19:52:19 From Lachlan : Jon: Angus and he met with Terry Butler and spoke
about how to raise issues with the ALP policy dev team
19:52:29 From Lachlan : meeting with Shaun tomorrow to do the books
19:52:38 From Lachlan : A number of new mmmbers including one at 200
19:52:56 From Lachlan : Notmyface campaign seems to be the way to go -
citizens not suspects not the fave
19:53:09 From Lachlan : NSW bar association meeting on facial recog is
postponed
19:53:16 From Lachlan : Jon has the notmyface domain
19:54:26 From Lachlan : Jon is paid up to date, but there's a 500/600 debt
to Yvette (an intern EFA had last year)
19:54:37 From Lachlan : That's a super debt apparently
19:55:09 From Lachlan : There's a historical leave stuff that's a little
confused in the systems, Shaun and Jon will work this out tomorrow
19:55:59 From Lachlan : fundraising - Jon has a friend who is a designer
may help out
19:56:13 From Lachlan : Eway refunds may be coming in from last year
19:57:04 From Lachlan : pushing recurring donations for more funding
19:57:12 From Lachlan : life members are close to the top of that list
19:57:23 From Lachlan : Lachlan questions the strategy of hitting up life
members
19:58:11 From Lachlan : Jon notes that when we move to the new structure
that is an opportunity to speak to life members
19:59:05 From Lachlan : There's an ad up on Facebook for volunteers
(Lachlan: what's the cost)
19:59:17 From Lachlan : this is getting about two voluteers a day
19:59:42 From Lachlan : Lyndsey in other business would like to talk about
community management
20:00:16 From Lachlan : Jon: FB ads cost \$0
20:00:33 From Lachlan : Which is a good deal. That's roughly \$3000/qtr
20:02:03 From Lachlan : We are up to the motions
20:02:21 From Lachlan : motion 1: "That Angus Murray be given the Board's
written
approval to represent and present himself as an official
representative of EFA."
20:02:34 From Lachlan : Q: is this a one off, or a continual?
20:02:41 From Lachlan : Peter reads the email
20:03:38 From Lachlan : Lyndsey moves that it's indefinite until rescinded

by the board. Katherine seconds it

20:03:55 From Lachlan : Jon notes that Angus has been on policy committee for a few years

20:04:24 From Lachlan : Peter asks for the condition added that all opportunities are told to the board

20:04:41 From Peter Tonoli : Aye

20:04:44 From Lachlan : Aye

20:04:45 From Liam Pomfret : Aye

20:04:46 From Richard Burleigh : Aye

20:04:50 From Stuart Greig : Agreed

20:04:55 From Katherine Phelps : Yes

20:05:08 From Shaun Haddrill : yes

20:05:17 From Lachlan : Lndsey: Yes

20:05:36 From Lachlan : motion 2: That the board remains consistent with the standards

it has set itself concerning transparency, and that meetings are conducted on IRC or some form of text sharing software such that all proceedings can be made readily available to the membership.

20:07:37 From Lachlan : Katherine mentions loomio

20:08:36 From Lachlan : The board asks the Systems team look at options that aren't Zoom. There will be a report on progress in the next meeting.

20:09:46 From Lachlan : Systems team to provide timeframe at the next board meeting

20:10:01 From Lachlan : motion 3: That at least three auditors are put forward for the

board to consider for the role of auditing our accounts

20:10:41 From Lachlan : Jon has someone that specialises in NPO stuff for auditors

20:10:53 From Lachlan : Shaun and Jon will put a short list together tomorrow

20:11:01 From Lachlan : Everyone is in agreement

20:11:23 From Lachlan : motion 4: That since we have a board position free which will

not be decided by a membership vote, therefore in all fairness and transparency to our membership we compile a list of all agreeable nominees for said board position and make that list available to members for comment before conducting our own vote.

20:13:41 From Lachlan : <there's confusion about the motion>

20:13:57 From Lachlan : Lyndsey mentions that David Cake and Justin Warren are both nominated

20:14:40 From Lachlan : Jon - this is putting a coopted board membership to a membership vote

20:14:50 From Lachlan : Motion is well intentioned, but is creating work that isn't necessary

20:15:30 From Lachlan : Katherine is concerned that we are rushing into this board cooption

20:16:29 From Lachlan : Jon also mentioned that this motion might be doubling up on issues that are already addressed in the RoA/RoI etc

20:16:47 From Lachlan : Lyndsey notes that there is a lot of work in front of us, and that this will slow down the process.

20:17:01 From Lachlan : Lyndsey thinks we should just vote tonight

20:18:35 From Lachlan : Liam: While there is some uncertainty to the transition. There is favourability toward the transition within the membership. We should get another member on the board asap to help us in that transition.

20:19:02 From Lachlan : Katherine: we have functioned for a long time without a full board

20:19:26 From JonLawrence : David is not a lawyer.

20:19:32 From Lachlan : we need a lawyer on the board as soon as possible

20:19:46 From JonLawrence : We can also hold an email vote at any time.

20:19:51 From Lachlan : Lyndsey calls for a vote on the motion 4

20:21:04 From Lachlan : motion 4 is moved by: Katherine

20:21:54 From Lachlan : motion 4 is seconded by: Richard

20:21:54 From Stuart Greig : Yes in favour
20:21:54 From Lachlan : Lyndsey calls for a vote
20:21:54 From Katherine Phelps : Aye
20:22:05 From Peter Tonoli : Nay
20:22:05 From Liam Pomfret : Nay
20:22:05 From Lachlan : Lyndsey votes against
20:22:05 From Lachlan : Nay
20:22:05 From Richard Burleigh : Aye
20:22:07 From Lachlan : Nay from lachlan
20:22:29 From Shaun Haddrill : No from me, happy to vote tonight
20:23:01 From Lachlan : motion 4 goes down 5-3
20:23:18 From Lachlan : motion 5: That we communicate to the membership
articulating
the Boards priority actions for 2017
20:24:13 From Lachlan : motion 6: That we communicate our thanks to David
Cake,
Andrew Pam for their efforts in supporting EFA over
many years, Angus Murray, Daemon Singer (anyone
else? I feel that I've forgotten someone) for their energy
in being Board members.
20:24:47 From Lachlan : (motion 5 was taken as an obvious role of the board
and not necessarily in need of a vote)
20:24:54 From Lachlan : (as it's stratgy)
20:25:52 From Lachlan : motion 6 moved by: Liam
20:26:00 From Lachlan : motion 6: seconded by Lyndsey
20:26:05 From Lachlan : Lyndsey calls for the vote
20:26:10 From Lachlan : unanimsly carried
20:29:13 From Lachlan : motion 7: let's coopt someone tonight.
20:30:01 From Lachlan : motion 7 was moved: Peter second: Lyndsey
20:30:31 From Peter Tonoli : The motion to vote for a cooption of a member
at this meeting.
20:30:43 From Richard Burleigh : Nay
20:30:46 From Lachlan : Yes
20:30:50 From Stuart Greig : Nay
20:30:51 From Katherine Phelps : Nay
20:30:51 From Lachlan : Lyndsey: Yes
20:30:55 From Peter Tonoli : Yes
20:31:05 From Shaun Haddrill : yes
20:31:10 From Liam Pomfret : Aye
20:31:18 From Lachlan : motion is carried 5-3
20:32:35 From Lachlan : motion that David Cake is coopted to the board
20:32:57 From Lachlan : Shaun is happy to nominate David
20:33:16 From Richard Burleigh : I also vote for David
20:33:53 From Lachlan : second: Richard
20:33:58 From Stuart Greig : Aye
20:33:58 From Lachlan : (moved Shaun)
20:34:02 From Richard Burleigh : Aye
20:34:02 From Liam Pomfret : Nay
20:34:05 From Lachlan : Lyndsey calls for a vote
20:34:09 From Lachlan : Lyndsey: No
20:34:11 From Katherine Phelps : yay
20:34:12 From Shaun Haddrill : yes
20:34:14 From Lachlan : Lachlan: No
20:34:24 From Peter Tonoli : Nay
20:34:33 From Lachlan : motion is lost 4-4
20:35:51 From Lachlan : Motion that Justin Warren be coopted to the board.
Moved by: Lyndsey
20:37:35 From Lachlan : seconded by: Liam
20:38:05 From Lachlan : Lyndsey calls for a vote
20:38:08 From Stuart Greig : Nay
20:38:10 From Katherine Phelps : No.
20:38:10 From Lachlan : Lyndsey: yes
20:38:10 From Liam Pomfret : Aye
20:38:10 From Richard Burleigh : I abstain

20:38:12 From Lachlan : Lachlan: yes
20:38:19 From Peter Tonoli : Aye
20:38:27 From Shaun Haddrill : I abstain
20:38:43 From Lachlan : vote is carried 4-2-2
20:39:39 From Lachlan : Lyndsey will reach out to Justin Warren to let him know that he has been coopted to the board
20:41:08 From Lachlan : Other Business
20:41:19 From Lachlan : The question is asked about strategy for 2017/2018
20:41:41 From Lachlan : Jon notes that now we are Melbourne heavy, we should get everyone in the room for a day
20:42:44 From Lachlan : Lyndsey offers to facilitate strategy consultation with Katherine and others offline, since we don't have much in front of us at the moment
20:43:51 From Lachlan : Plus there are a number of factors - there's incorporation, as well as issues within the digital realm. There are national and international priorities.
20:45:09 From Lachlan : Lyndsey: Press release out by Wednesday: Katherine Jon and Lyndsey to coordinate, Lyndsey will talk to David tomorrow
20:46:12 From Lachlan : Liam notes: facial recognition is probably the easiest to be proactive about
20:46:23 From JonLawrence : ...and encryption
20:46:50 From Lachlan : Email Katherine and Lyndsey with your suggestions and we will discuss it all via email
20:46:56 From Shaun Haddrill : I like to proactive approach
20:47:10 From Shaun Haddrill : *the
20:47:38 From Lachlan : Short to the press, detailed to the membership
20:48:02 From Lachlan : Liam has a couple of other members
20:48:05 From Lachlan : gah
20:48:12 From Lachlan : couple of other things he wanted mentioned
20:48:39 From Lachlan : the member discuss email list - seems some members are not aware that the member's discuss list exists
20:48:42 From Lachlan : we should let people know
20:48:48 From Lachlan : Other point was fundraising
20:49:08 From Lachlan : one way forward to this end is to get a crowd fund specific campaigns
20:49:22 From Lachlan : we want to raise X to do Y now for cause Z
20:49:39 From Lachlan : instead of hitting up the life members
20:50:28 From Lachlan : Crowd funding campaigns take time to run. Could be done by an intern?
20:50:35 From Lachlan : (that was by Jon)
20:50:59 From Shaun Haddrill : Sorry folks, I'll need to leave the meeting early, gotta get kids to bed. Looking forward to seeing the minutes.
20:51:00 From Lachlan : Jon notes that he has been promoting the email list in every communication
20:51:09 From Lachlan : Shaun, noted, thanks
20:51:22 From Shaun Haddrill : a very productive first meeting of the new board!
20:52:44 From Lachlan : Richard raises ththat he is a fundraiser by trsade
20:52:52 From Lachlan : and we wont get it done tonight
20:55:05 From Lachlan : Jon is opting in all members to News but not to discuss
20:55:18 From Lachlan : apparently we can opt peope into discuss
20:55:25 From Lachlan : (legally)
20:55:42 From Lachlan : someone mentions that signing up to the org is opting in
20:55:43 From JonLawrence : Ideally, we'd want to tell people we're doing it...
20:55:53 From Lachlan : I feel more comfortably
20:56:04 From Lachlan : I feel uncomfortable about it, tbh
20:56:30 From Lachlan : Liam notes that younger people are moving away from Email, suggests teh PPau's forum based approach
20:56:45 From Liam Pomfret : (see <https://discuss.pirateparty.org.au/>)
20:56:53 From Lachlan : Lyndsey, having previously noted that she's interested in membership stewardship and community engagement

20:56:57 From JonLawrence : that's Discourse, right?
20:57:02 From Liam Pomfret : Yes
20:57:11 From Lachlan : agrees and thinks that a number of fora might be used
20:57:55 From Lachlan : Stuart asks what we can do wrt to the transition given that we've not discussed it at all tonight
20:58:08 From JonLawrence : That was Peter, I think...
20:58:10 From Lachlan : Lyndsey is suggesting that the next meeting be a good place to do that from
20:58:14 From Lachlan : Jon - thanks, noted
20:58:17 From Lachlan : Peter said taht
21:00:14 From Lachlan : Lachlan: what level of memberships do we now have, what will they be going forward?
21:00:36 From Lachlan : Jon: membership wont change much, except Organisations wont be seperate members
21:01:06 From Lachlan : Liam: maybe an associate member without voting rights (free, for students?)
21:03:10 From Lachlan : Lyndsey: moving this forward, since this is now strategy. Back to the intent of Peter's motion (question). Governence committee will need to be reconvened
21:03:30 From Lachlan : Policy team this week too
21:05:03 From Lachlan : motion that the governence team reconvene asap and that we reach out to the membership before the end of the wek
21:05:05 From Lachlan : week
21:05:32 From Lachlan : Jon has expenses coming up that he will need approval for
21:06:05 From Lachlan : Lyndsey: presume there is a process for keeping reciepts, staying in touch with the Treasurer to make sure that we are solvent
21:06:57 From Lachlan : Currently the Treseaurer has a \$250 authority limit
21:07:44 From Lachlan : Shaun currently doesn't have access to teh accounts, but that's on Commonwealth Bank
21:08:20 From Lachlan : Jon: Read only access to Xero is available, peter has it. Lachlan says yes please? I will email Jon to this end
21:09:02 From Lachlan : Peter, Liam and Jon are working on there being more than one person with access to all accounts (financial, social, systems)
21:09:09 From Lachlan : Next meeting
21:09:27 From Lachlan : Second Monday of the month at 5pm Perth Time
21:09:50 From Lachlan : There will be a doodle poll
21:10:00 From Lachlan : Wednesdays are bad for Liam due to teaching
21:10:19 From Lachlan : Meetings to move to fortnightly due to the amount of work to be done
21:10:50 From Lachlan : Jon: weekly meetings with executive
21:10:59 From Lachlan : no longer than fortnightly with Chair
21:11:44 From Lachlan : Lyndsey proposes a fortnightly meeting until the transition happens
21:12:30 From Lachlan : Lyndsey closes the meeting