

EFA Board Meeting 20181105

**Attendance:** Shaun, Lachlan, Peter, Liam, Angus, Stuart, Justin, Lyndsey

**Apologies:**

**Acceptance of previous meeting's minutes.** Moved Lyndsey, Seconded Peter

**Abstain:** Lachlan

Passed on voices

**Declarations of Interest** None

## **Actions/General Business**

1. Angus Murray reported to the Board on the work of the Policy subcommittee this year. The Access and Assistance Bill, the Queensland Human Right's Bill and the "charity gag bill" took most of the discussion. The submissions and lobbying around the Access and Assistance Bill have been successful in so much as the joint committee has listed two more hearings. Expect this to be rammed through over Christmas while everyone is in a stupor. The Copyright Online Infringement Bill unfortunately passed and is now law. There was no enquiry, fast moving, website blocking is the main goal. QLD now has a HR Bill 2018, Human Rights Act, includes a right to privacy, education and health care, putting it one step ahead of Victoria's. Charity Gag Bill has stagnated - some orgs - like EFA - take or have taken cryptocurrency in the past. This can be hard to prove where it's from. Probably would need to be checked under that gag bill.

Angus suggests three main ideas/actions:

- "Let's have a federal enforceable Human, Digital and Cultural rights bill" (now that there is one in Vic, ACT, before QLD parliament, NT tried to get one)
- state based meet ups for people to see each other f2f and talk about the issues
- discrete talking points for each issue so that people can speak to the issues intelligently and on the same page as the organisation. Is good for media, is good for people talking to other people about the issues or the organisation. The board agrees – where the labour comes from is the question.

## 2. AGM

- Election will be done using opavote.com, with a [Scottish STV counting system](#). This is the default for our type of election and was recommended by Justin.
- Proxying email needs to be sent out. Proxy for votes during the AGM, not the Board Election. Board Election will be done electronically, so no proxy needed. (Lachlan TODO)
- Melbourne University is the venue, room for 10-12 including board members. Need to be at venue on time as we have no security and no ability to keep door open.
- Lachlan to work on membership lists and CiviCRM to confirm membership list.
- Lyndsey to write the Chair's report
- All to send Lyndsey dot points on what they did this year.

## 3. Previous minutes.

The last board meeting had a discussion about the language used in the minutes as published previously. Changes were made and accepted by the board. Moved Peter, Seconded Justin, passed on voices.

4. Previous PGP/GPG key is considered a write-off. Peter will make a new one that can be co-signed by board members, hopefully preventing this issue happening again.

## 5. Financial Report

We are hoping that the audit will be complete before the AGM, but it may not be possible. The Financial report should have a financial year, then a July-October section for reasons of transparency.