

EFA Board Meeting 16 March 2021

Minutes

Meeting opened 7:38pm AEDT

Attendance

Present: Lyndsey Jackson, Justin Warren, Rita McIlwraith, Matt Watt, Angus Murray (guest), Michelle Meares (from 7:42pm), Richard Prangell (from 8:03pm)

Apologies: Kathryn Gledhill-Tucker, Carley Tonoli, Daniel Lindley

Minutes of Meeting held 16 February 2021

Motion: That the minutes of the board meeting of 16 February 2021 be accepted as a fair and accurate recording of the meeting.

Moved: Justin Warren

Seconded: Rita McIlwraith

Passed unanimously.

Declaration of Interests

- Matt Watt declared that he is involved in GovHack, which also put in a submission on the proposed Data Access and Transparency bill.
- Angus Murray declared that he assisted with the drafting of the Australian Privacy Foundation submission on the Data Access and Transparency bill.
- Lyndsey Jackson declared that she is acquainted with one of the applicants to the Program Coordinator position. [Applicant name excluded from the minutes to protect their privacy].

Policy Update

Angus thanked Justin for his assistance drafting recent submissions.

Angus updated the Board on the functioning of the Policy team, and highlighted the need for greater rallying of people to get them involved in developing policy and writing submissions.

Angus was given a standing invitation to attend the beginning of board meetings to keep the Board updated on Policy matters.

Angus expressed his support for the EFA Talks series and was looking forward to them starting up again.

Chair Report

Carley Tonoli has resigned due to a need to focus on other priorities. The board thanked Carley for her support during what was a particularly difficult year for her. The board looks forward to welcoming her more active involvement in EFA again at some point in the future.

Due to Carley's resignation, the position of Secretary is now vacant. Justin Warren elected unopposed to the position of Secretary until a more suitable person can be found.

There are now two casual vacancies on the board. Candidates to fill them will be sought through personal networks.

Lyndsey will provide some instruction on website operations to interested board members next week.

Use of Slack as a communications mechanism appears to be working well and will be continued.

Treasurer Report

Motion: That the board accepts the financial reports as a true and fair statement of the organisation's financial position.

Moved: Justin Warren

Seconded: Matt Watt

Passed unanimously.

Membership Team

Matt updated the board with current membership numbers and trends.

EFA Talks

Rita updated the board on the logistics of the new EFA Talks structure. Dates for upcoming talks have been set, and guests are being confirmed.

Actions Progress

Registered Body Status

Still incomplete. Requires a physical address. Richard to send a copy of the required forms to Justin.

Task Coordinator

Applications received and will be triaged with selected applicants interviewed. Rita, Richard, and Justin to coordinate.

Bank Account Access

Due to Carley's resignation, new forms will need to be filed with the bank. Justin to coordinate.

Patreon Account

There is a dormant EFA account that Richard has attempted to reclaim but Patreon need further evidence to re-assign it. Richard to inform Justin of what details Patreon require.

Lyndsey to add Justin to appropriate email groups/permissions to be able to send information to Patreon.

Other Business

Election Year Activities

Michelle to plan a series of activities for this year given it is likely to be an election year. A party policy scorecard was suggested as one potential activity.

Public Interest Litigation

The idea of public interest litigation was discussed. The logistics required is substantial and no easy and tractable target presents itself at the moment.

Next Meeting

20 April 2021 at 7:30pm AEDT

Meeting closed: 8:43pm AEDT

Actions Register

Tracking progress on actions assigned at previous board meetings.

Action No.	Description	Responsible	Due By
2020-03-24	Setup EFA as Australian Registered Body with ASIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical address required. Richard to identify one. Richard to pass forms to Justin	Richard Prangell	2020-11-17 2021-02-15 2021-03-16 2021-03-31
2020-09-21	Task Coordinator Position Candidates to be interviewed.	Rita McIlwraith	2021-04-02
2021-01-21.01	Justin to remove Carley from bank account authorisation, keep Lyndsey .	Justin Warren	2021-04-10
2021-01-21.02	Role for volunteer policy team coordinator to be advertised.	Kathryn Gledhill-Tucker	2021-02-15 2021-03-30
2021-03-16.01	Richard to send Patreon request details for reclaim of dormant EFA account to Justin .	Richard Prangell	2021-03-30