

Date: Nov 20, 2023 Meeting opened at: 8:06 pm AEDT / Meeting closed at: 9:57 pm AEDT
Held via online (zoom), not recorded.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by the Chair.

2. Attendance

Present: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Kiki Fong Lim, Craig Lawton

Apologies: Jean Dinco

Absent: Nil

3. Acceptance of Past Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the board meeting of 12 September 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Fahad Ali Seconded: John Pane

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Amy Patterson

Against: Nil

Abstain: Kiki Fong Lim, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Craig Lawton

Motion Carried

4. New and Updated Declarations of Interests

No new or updated declarations or risk mitigation were brought to the attention of the Board.

Details recorded via Register of Interests.

5. Member Application Approvals

No new membership applications were received.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

Paul Ruberry: Presentation of October reports. Our finances tend to be fairly consistent. We have a trickle of income from membership and donations, as well as regular bills, eg. for contractors. Treasurer has a financial delegation limit of \$500.

Aim to send out financial reports with sufficient time.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted

Moved: Paul Ruberry Seconded: John Pane

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Craig Lawton, Kiki Fong Lim

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve payment for insurance renewal with CGU (\$730)

Moved: Paul Ruberry Seconded: Kiki Fong Lim

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Craig Lawton, Kiki Fong Lim

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve payment of invoice for Media Coordinator

Moved: Paul Ruberry Seconded: John Pane

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Craig Lawton, Kiki Fong Lim

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

7. Welcome to the Board

The Chair offered a welcome to incoming Board members and offered an opportunity to introduce themselves.

8. Contractor Review

Kiki Fong Lim raised the need to have a framework for our communications and marketing plan.

Action: Kiki to review as part of Board's operational matters.

9. Strategic Plan 2023/2024

The Chair presented a draft of the Strategic Plan 2023-24.

There are a range of tasks that can be conducted in parallel or sequence with planning for our 30th birthday. Work needs to start on that as soon as possible.

Other goals relate to growing and retaining membership, organisational uplift, Board governance, and rebuilding the EFA presence/brand, transitioning to the new Board, and business-as-usual activities.

The first six months of the year will involve tidying up front-of-shop, backend, and processes, so that the organisation can run in a much more effective manner.

Motion: The Board considers the draft Strategic Plan 2023-24 for feedback and consideration over the next week.

Moved: Erica Mealy Seconded: Craig Lawton

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Craig Lawton, Kiki Fong Lim

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Motion: The Board to hold a strategic planning day in January.

Moved: Erica Mealy Seconded: Craig Lawton

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Craig Lawton, Kiki Fong Lim

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

Motion: The Board to delegate responsibility for EFA 30th Birthday planning to a committee chaired by the Secretary and consisting of John Pane, Amy Patterson, and Kiki Fong Lim.

Moved: Erica Mealy Seconded: Craig Lawton

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Craig Lawton, Kiki Fong Lim

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

10. Board Transition

Kiki Fong Lim: a general concern regarding Google surveillance; this does not align with our organisational goals and becomes a risk that we need to manage. The mitigation strategy is that any assets created within Google must be exportable and operational in any other system in the case that we need to migrate.

There is also a view to migrating away from Fastmail.

Action: A resolution regarding email service migration is to be circulated by flying minute.

Motion: To amend the signatories on all Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc accounts

[Redacted] as follows:

- Addition of John Pane and Ross Floate
- Retention of Paul Ruberry
- Removal of Justin Warren and Amy Patterson

Moved: Paul Ruberry Seconded: John Pane

For: John Pane, Fahad Ali, Paul Ruberry, Erica Mealy, Ross Floate, Amy Patterson, Craig Lawton, Kiki Fong Lim

Against: Nil

Abstain: Nil

Motion Carried

11. EFA Statement of Solidarity

Secretary recused from discussion on this item.

Kiki Fong Lim: Thanks to Amy for her resilience in bringing the issue to the Board. Communication in Gaza now completely shut off based on Internet Society Pulse data. All Board encouraged to read the statement.

12. Date of the Next Meeting

Action: Secretary to survey Board regarding regular timings for upcoming meetings.

13. Meeting Close

The meeting was declared closed at 9:57 pm.