

Date: Sept 12, 2024 Meeting opened at: 7pm Meeting closed at: 8.40pm

Held via online (Zoom), not recorded.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by the Chair.

Attendance

Present: John Pane Erica Mealy, Amy Patterson, Paul Ruberry, Ross Floate

Apologies: Kiki Fong Lim

Absent: Rem Sequence, Fahad Ali (having previously resigned as Secretary)

Acceptance of past minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Board meeting of 27/7/24 be accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

Paul Ruberry noted that the minutes' date had been amended and the board agreed to put the amended minutes to vote for approval

Moved: Erica Mealy

Seconded: John Pane

For: Amy Patterson, Paul Ruberry

Abstained: Ross Floate

Against: nil

Motion Carried

Confirmation of Agenda

The Chair confirmed the previously circulated agenda for the Meeting.

Erica Mealy noted communication from Kiki Fong Lim regarding an upcoming volunteer meeting. This was added to Other Business.

New and updated declarations of Interests

Erica Mealy requested clarification as to whether to declare an interest in a grant. The Chair noted that this would be appropriate to add to the register of interests, and Erica indicated that she would do this using the existing register.

Board Summary Report

Member Application Approvals

- The Chair noted that we have one prospective member for August, however no new members for the July reporting period.
- The board discussed the attrition rate of memberships

Project/Campaign Updates

Merch Design

- Ross presented updated designs to the board for approval, noting the changes that had been made taking into account prior feedback.
- The board discussed using multiple variations of the designs for the Redbubble store
- Ross took on the action to populate the designs through the EFA Redbubble store

Mastodon paper for approval

- The Chair outlined the paper's purpose to outline the plan to move forward with participation on aus.social
- The board discussed particulars relating to invoicing and payment for reasons of probity

MOTION: That the EFA proceed with opening a Mastodon account on the aus.social instance

Moved: John. Seconded: Paul

For: Amy, Erica, Ross

Against: nil

Motion Carried

Application Safety Scoring update

- Erica Mealy updated the board on the Application Safety Scoring Project, including the grant application to AuDA.
- Erica noted and thanked Amy Patterson for her support during this process. Amy thanked Erica for her persistence on the project.
- The board thanked Erica for her update, noting the work that had gone into it during a busy time of year

QUT Data Care Partnership initiative

The Chair updated the board on progress of the grant application. If successful, EFA will engage with QUT over a three-year timescale to review research, review reports, and participate in promotion.

Election Score Card

- Kiki Fong Lim was an apology for this meeting.
- The board discussed the Election Scorecard project, seeking clarity regarding the project and its approvals
- The Chair agreed to follow this up with Kiki Fong Lim.

Submissions Update

- The Chair noted there was nothing to report

EFA Outreach/Event/Media Attendance

- The Chair noted there was nothing to report

Update on Risks and Issues

- The Chair noted there was nothing to report

New/updated complaints/compliments

- The Chair noted there was nothing to report

Treasurer's Financial Report

The Treasurer summarised the report, noting the steady trend of small losses which fluctuate month-to-month depending on timing of outgoings. The Treasurer noted that the prior financial year's financials are now complete and have been signed off by the auditor.

Motion: That the August financials be adopted

Moved: Paul.

Seconded: John

For: Erica, Amy, Ross

Against: nil

Motion Carried

Motion: That the audited financials for financial year 2024 be adopted

Moved: Paul.

Seconded: John

For: Erica, Amy, Ross

Against: nil

Motion Carried

ACNC Update

The Treasurer informed the board of EFA's approval for the ACNC, outlining the benefits, and noting that board members can register for the ACNC website. The Treasurer noted that board members have duties under the ACNC, though they do not differ substantially from previously existing duties.

Other Business

AGM Planning

Revised documents are being prepared for the AGM for which the previously-agreed date was Saturday 16 November. The board was asked to review these documents.

Funding opportunities

The Chair discussed in-progress outreach to 1Password. The Treasurer noted that there are requirements under the ACNC to ensure that benefits provided by the EFA are available to all members of the public, not just members.

Preliminary outreach to Mozilla, DuckDuckGo was discussed.

Meeting Close

Next meeting date: 30/10/2024