

Date: 24th Oct, 2024

Meeting opened at: 8pm AEDT Meeting closed at: 9.43pm AEDT

Held via online (Zoom), not recorded.

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Delivered by Chair:

### **Attendance:**

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

Apologies: Kiki Fong Lim

Absent: Fahad Ali

Not Present: Rem Sequence

### **Acceptance of past minutes**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Board meeting of 30/09/2024 be accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting

Moved: John                      Seconded: Paul

For: Erica, Ross                  Against:

Not in attendance: Amy

Abstain:

**Motion Carried**

### **New and updated declarations of Interests**

Noted that there was one matter dealt with incidentally.

Details recorded via Register of Interests.

## **Actions from previous meeting**

### **Treasurer's paper on proposed changes to membership cycles.**

Amy noted that changes to the status quo may negatively impact people with tight budgets.

*Paul (Treasurer) to write brief paper on proposed changes/corrections to membership cycles*  
Completed and presented.

**Motion:** That the paper be adopted by the board.

Prop: Paul

Sec: John

In favour: Ross, Amy (with aforementioned caveat), Erica

**Motion Carried**

### **Erica to research how to check a DIN is correct?**

Completed and noted that this is not possible

### **All board members to complete ACNC declarations per Treasurer request**

Completed

### **Ross to follow up with Slack contact re potential discount for licensing**

To apply for a free upgrade to Slack's paid features, we need to complete a form that can only be completed by the Slack instance owner.

Ross to continue to follow this up.

### **John & Erica (20/10) review of Nominations & AGM Agenda for sending out (per AGM Timeline)**

AGM Agenda and other AGM documents have been completed, and will be passed on to Media Coordinator for completion after this meeting

## **Intersessional matters for noting**

### **Acceptance of new member with fee waiver due to financial circumstances.**

The board discussed the recent carried vote to waive membership fees due to financial hardship.

**Motion:** In advance of the Agileware remediation of the website, the board will revisit the details of its policy of assessing applications for members who may be experiencing financial hardship.

Prop: John

Sec: Paul

In favour: Erica, Ross Amy

**Motion Carried**

### **Treasurer's Financial Report**

The Treasurer noted the small amount of time between this meeting and the meeting prior, noting that little has changed. Some membership income has arrived but the sums are small.

**Motion:** That the September financial reports be adopted

Prop: Paul

Sec: John

In favour: Erica, Ross Amy

**Motion Carried**

### **Submitted Agenda Items**

#### **Membership applications approvals**

**Motion:** That the member applications be approved

Prop: John

Sec: Paul

In favour: Erica, Ross Amy

**Motion Carried**

#### **AGM Planning update**

The Chair noted that with the valuable assistance of Erica the necessary documentation has been completed for timely distribution. The Chair thanks Erica for her support and camaraderie over the past year, particularly with the AGM.

### **Public Liability Insurance**

The Treasurer outlined his research into EFA's public liability insurance. The board discussed matters related to this, including liability for merchandise, cover for students, and in person events.

**Motion:** That current public liability insurance policy not be renewed

Prop: Erica                      Sec: Paul

In favour: John, Ross, Amy

**Motion Carried**

### **Election Scorecard**

John will provide an update to the Board once briefed by SC University — awaiting supervisor outreach. However as the election is unlikely until April 2025, it is noted that the pressure on this is reduced.

### **Submissions update — Privacy Law reform- submission and Senate committee appearance**

The Chair discussed EFA's submission to Senate Legal Affairs and Constitutional Affairs Committee on the 11th of October in relation to the privacy Amendment Bill, noting that it was well-received.

### **Complaints, compliments, media**

The Chair noted that there are current complaints being managed under the purview of the Grievance Committee.

The Chair noted that EFA has received media requests from Yahoo Finance, Cyber Daily, The Guardian, and Innovation Aus, largely in relation to reforms to the Privacy Act and security (such matters as cookies, VPNs, and QR codes).

## **Other Business**

### **Agileware remediation update**

The Chair noted that the board would (by the subsequent Monday) receive a response from Agileware regarding a request to provide a change catalogue, as well as recommendations for any other work to be done.

**Director's Insurance**

A question to the board from an incoming member and nominee for the board to whether EFA has Director's Insurance. The board noted that current policies cover the circumstances discussed and that John would ensure this information would be conveyed to the interested party.

**Inbound NDIS query**

The board noted an email seeking collaboration in relation to recent changes to the NDIS and the NDIS portal. Amy undertook to collaborate with an appropriate Disability Support Organisation.

**Meeting Close 9.43pm AEDT**

**Next meeting date:** AGM