Minutes – AICF Teleconference Planning Committee Meeting

Planning committee meeting about an Australian Internet Community Forum (AICF). Teleconference, via Zoom.

3:00pm – 4:00pm, Tuesday 24 July, 2018.

Present:
- Sandra Davey (Independent Chair)
- Michelle Scott Tucker, ACIG (Independent Secretariat)
- Annaliese Williams, DCA
- Hannah Brown, DCA
- Liam Nevill, DFAT
- Keith Besgrove, Internet AU
- Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Internet AU
- Paul Wilson, APNIC
- Pablo Hinojosa, APNIC
- Lyndsey Jackson, EFA
- Alister Paterson, auDA
- Genevieve Mati, auDA
- Peter Tonoli, EFA
- Paul Brooks, Internet AU
- Andrew Maurer
- Samantha Dickinson

Apologies:
- Parris Burtenshaw, DCA
- Liz Williams, auDA
- Sylvia Cadena, APNIC
- Sandra Raub
- Bronwyn Mercer
- Helena Qian

Canberra Workshop

The Chair commended the Steering Committee for the successful Canberra workshop of 19 July. Over 50 people from a significant cross section of the Australian Internet Community participated in discussions and contributed to critiquing and revising the draft plan. The latest version of the plan, and other documents produced during the workshop, are available on the shared Google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sFVnpsGFcc6kxoGnFLADVVJs2wo-FCOV

Chair and Secretariat Roles

The Chair noted that funding for the Chair and the Secretariat had been provided only up until this point and that the Secretariat would stand down on 26 July 2018, after finalising the last few administrative arrangements.

The Chair noted that she would be happy to continue as Chair and discussed the sensitivities of a paid chair role. She offered to provide pro bono chairing services in the short term if the group agreed that, during that short-term period, she could seek donor funding for a paid chair role for the longer term. The group discussed whether or not continuing with a paid Chair was appropriate, with views expressed for and against. The group also discussed whether or not Vice Chairs were required, to assist with the workload. Again, views were expressed for and against. The Chair agreed to continue in the role at least until the next teleconference.

The group discussed the Secretariat role, and DCA agreed to provide secretariat support in the short term (for a month or so) until a decision could be made about scoping, funding and sourcing a secretariat service.

Funding Sources

The group discussed possible funding sources. auDA noted that it was willing to contribute, DFAT noted that it could possible provide some in-kind support and limited financial support. DCA noted that funding would be available for an event, rather than for the event planning process. The

Chair noted that funding may also be available from a handful of industry players, and has created a document on the shared drive about possible funding sources.

Next Steps

The Steering Group agreed to form a sub-committee to examine funding and sponsorship. The sub-committee members are: Keith Besgrove, Samantha Dickinson, Andrew Maurer, Adam Mulcahy, Lyndsey Jackson and Paul Wilson.

DCA agreed that the DCA Secretariat would prepare a draft activity timeline, for the Steering Committee to review at its next teleconference.

While 'Phase 1' comes to a close with the finalisation of the current funds from DFAT, and with 'Phase 2' still somewhat dependent on funds to be sourced from elsewhere, the group agreed it will be important to maintain the momentum in the short term while it collectively bridges the gap. During this interim phase, the group will focus on the sponsorship/partnership proposal and on compiling a list of potential sponsors, partners, patrons and seed funders.

Other Business

The steering group reiterated and affirmed its collective thanks and appreciation to DFAT for the seed funding for this first phase, to Linux and DCA for providing travel support funding and to the Chair Sandra Davey and Michelle Scott Tucker (from ACIG) providing the Secretariat in particular, whose planning, preparation and leadership of the steering group were instrumental in achieving the excellent engagement from such a wide range of stakeholders in the workshop in Canberra last week.

Actions Arising

Shared drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sFVnpsGFcc6kxoGnFLADVVJs2wo-FCOV

Committee Members

- Review and contribute to the document on the shared drive about possible funding sources.

Funding Sub-Committee Members:

- Examine funding and sponsorship opportunities, for discussion by the Steering Grou at it s next meeting.

Chair:

- Send email of thanks to the Canberra Workshop participants, attaching the Draft plan v2.0 and outlining possible next steps.

- Arrange and convene the next Steering Group meeting.

Secretariat:

- Finalise administrative arrangements and hand over to DCA.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 14 August, 2018 (teleconference, via Zoom, to be convened by the Chair)